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## FOUNDER'S DAY 2024

### Neal McCoy headlines festival and concert

By **CHUCK FITTS**  
Rains County Leader staff

The City of Emory Tourism announced the Founder's Day Concert and Festival will be held on Saturday, May 4, in Sandy Creek Park.

The day kicks off with the Lions Club Pancake Breakfast from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in the park.

The Pavement for Paws 5K race starts

8:30 a.m. at the Rains County Courthouse.

The festival will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and will include a bounce house, obstacle course, petting zoo, face painting, splash pad, food trucks, carnival games, music by DJ Calvin and vendor booths.

The Emory VFD will hold a chicken roast starting at 11:00 a.m. at the fire station.

This year's concert will feature Neal McCoy with Josh Ward opening. Gates for the concert will open at 6:00 p.m. and the open-

ing act starts at 7:00 p.m.

Tickets for the concert are \$25 in advance or \$40 at the gate. Advanced tickets to the concert can be purchased from [www.outhousetickets.com](http://www.outhousetickets.com).

For information or to sign up for the 5K race, contact Jayde Sustaie at 903-413-8002 or [rockitwellness@gmail.com](mailto:rockitwellness@gmail.com).

For more information about the festival and concert, contact Leah Drown at 903-473-2465 extension 112.

## RAINS COUNTY

### Bridge replacement, right-of-way mowing top commissioners court agenda

By **CHUCK FITTS**  
Rains County Leader staff

The Rains County Commissioners Court will consider replacement of another county bridge during the regular meeting on Thursday, April 25, at 10:00 a.m. in the Rains County Courthouse.

In the agenda released on Monday, April 22, the commissioners will consider the replacement of a bridge on County Road 2420 at a cost of \$167,807.

The court will discuss hiring Double S Tractor for the first round of mowing the right-of-ways at an estimated cost of \$35,000.

Other items that the commissioners are scheduled to discuss include quotes for pest control, replat of two lots in the Northwood Annex South and replat of a lot in the Corner Acres subdivision.

The regular meeting of the Rains County Commissioners Court is open to the public.

## Four of a kind



The Rains Lady Cat softball team honored four seniors during Senior Night on Thursday, April 18. The four seniors honored with their parents are (clockwise from bottom left) Lynzee Hague, Cambree Oakes, Lauren Foster and Anna Tanton.

Leader photos by **CHUCK FITTS**

## RAINS AMATEUR RADIO ASSOC

### Emory Tailgate Hamfest at fairgrounds

By **CHUCK FITTS**  
Rains County Leader staff

The Rains Amateur Radio Association will host Emory Tailgate Hamfest on Saturday, April 27, at the Rains County Fairgrounds.

Gates will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and admission is \$5 for adults, while children 17 and under will get in for free.

Volunteer Exam (VE) testing will begin at 9:30 a.m. and all classes will be available.

Door prizes will be given away during the event. Every admission will include a ticket with additional tickets available for \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

There will be food concessions and vendor tables will be set up. Some participants could be selling equipment as well.

For more information about the event, contact David Frost at 903-408-0365 or email at [rara.w5ent@gmail.com](mailto:rara.w5ent@gmail.com).

## SPOTLIGHT

### William Douglas follows family tradition of running a business

By **JUDY KRAMER**  
Rains County Leader contributor

William's Pets and Supplies opened March 30 at 400 E. Lennon Drive in Emory. The owner, William Douglas, says he has anything you can imagine at the store including hamsters, rabbits, fish, lizards and tarantulas as well as cages, fish tanks, bedding, food and toys.

"I have been around animals all my life through family and through friends who own zoos," said Douglas. "I have some monkeys and a baby lemur at home as well as Sulcata Tortoises who can live 150 years and can weigh 200 pounds. I also have a bird farm with Cocka-

toos." A friend of mine in Killeen owns a drive-through safari and I have spent time there too."

According to [www.bing.com](http://www.bing.com), lemurs are wet-nosed primates that are endemic to the island of Madagascar. They have a pointed snout, large eyes, and a long tail. Sulcata tortoises (*Geochelone sulcata*), also known as the African spurred tortoise, are unique pet tortoises to care for. They are one of the largest tortoise species in the world and are often seen in zoos and conservatories. Cockatoos are a group of 21 parrot species with distinctive crests and curved bills. They are native to Australia, Indonesia and nearby islands.

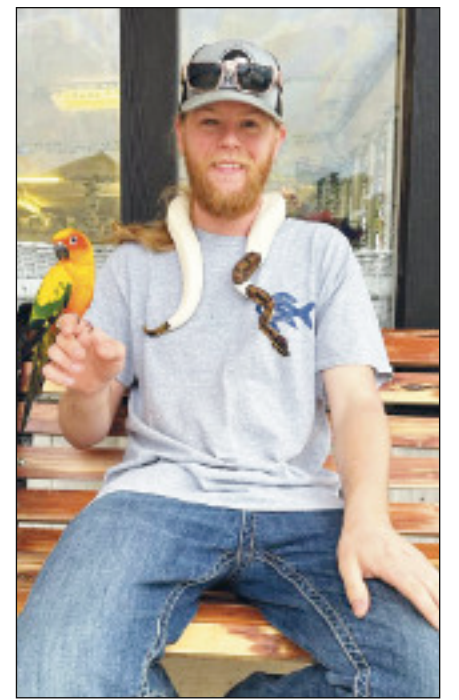
Douglas is a veteran vendor at Canton First Monday Trade Center where he sells birds. He also has experience as a manager at Petco in Greenville. He considers owning his own shop "living the dream." He plans on adding another room to the shop in a few months where his mother will do animal grooming. He is proud of his family's history of owning businesses and has a picture in his shop of his younger self with his great-great-grandfather in front of his first feed store in Arkansas.

Douglas was born in Garland and went to school in Bonham. Half of his family has lived in Fannin County and half in Rains County, so

he spent a lot of time going back and forth between the two locations before moving to the local area. His hobbies include pretty much anything outdoors.

Melba Wiley, Judge Linda Wallace's Administrative Assistant, is Douglas's grandmother. She remembers how she trusted him to hold a newborn puppy when he was very young.

"I bred dogs for many years," said Wiley. "I do not sell people puppies with children under five. But he was the exception – gentle. He would walk around for hours with a chicken egg in his hand. He was funny. He is ambitious."



Douglas



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## Rain Report

Sat., Apr. 20 ..... 2.01 in.  
Total for April ..... 4.13 in.  
Year to date ..... 17.30 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

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

### Rains County Democratic Party Meeting

The Rains County Democratic Party meeting will be held on Thursday, April 25, at 5:30 p.m. at the Rose Community Center, 239 E. Quitman Street in Emory.

### Am. Legion Dinner Sat., April 27

Rabb Brothers Memorial American Legion Post #156 will offer a dinner with desserts and drinks on Saturday, April 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.

### Miller Grove Cemetery Annual Memorial Service

The Miller Grove Cemetery association will hold its annual Memorial Service on Saturday, May 4, at 10:30 a.m., at the Miller Grove Community Church (formerly Miller Grove

Methodist Church). Johnny Darrow will be the speaker and the Calk Family will provide the special music. Following the service there will be the traditional dinner on the grounds. Come for fellowship and food and greet old friends and meet new ones.

### Dougherty Cemetery Memorial Day May 5

The Dougherty Cemetery Association will meet on Sunday, May 5, at 11:00 a.m., on the cemetery grounds under the pavilion. After a devotional and business meeting, there will be dinner on the grounds under the trees. If you are unable to attend, donations may be mailed to Dougherty Cemetery Association, 1736 W FM 2795, Emory, TX 75440.

### Lone Star Cemetery Annual Meeting May 5

The annual meeting of the Lone Star Cemetery Association will be held on May 5, at 2:00 p.m., at the Point Community Center. A large turnout would be great, but if you are unable to attend, donations are always welcome to keep the cemetery maintained. Donations may be mailed to: Lone Star Cemetery Association, Box 141, Point TX 75472

### Lynch Cemetery Meeting May 11

The annual Lynch Cemetery meeting will be held on Saturday, May 11, at 10:00 a.m. Old and new business will be discussed. Donations will be gladly accepted.

## BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

# Tips for Door-to-Door Sales Season

Warmer temperatures have arrived. That means door-to-door sales season is upon us, and solicitors have started hitting the pavement. Whether they are marketing solar panels, landscaping services, alarm systems, handyman work, asphalt paving, and even charitable organizations, keep in mind there are good and bad players out there. Door-to-door salespeople will typically solicit in East Texas neighborhoods through the end of September. Better Business Bureau Central East Texas (BBB) urges consumers to make smart and safe decisions when answering the door to a salesperson.

"Many legitimate companies use door to door sales to generate revenue," Mechele Agbayani Mills, President and CEO of BBB serving Central East Texas said. "However, there are bad players out there, so it's important to be on the lookout for companies who use high pressure sales tactics, arrive in unmarked vehicles, do not have company branded materials and require cash payment, as they could be unscrupulous individuals who may want nothing more than to line their pockets."

If visited by a door-to-door sales representative, BBB advises the following:

### Research the company with BBB

Visit [bbb.org](http://bbb.org) to review the company's BBB Business Profile to find out more about their marketplace performance. Consider customer reviews, complaint history, and overall company history. If it is difficult to find information on the company, consider working with another company. Remember, always look for the BBB seal. It's the Sign of a Better BusinessSM.

### Deal with local companies

Not only is this beneficial for our local economy, it also helps ensure that the company is accessible should you need them to return to fulfill a warranty or for other reasons.

### Read and understand contracts before signing

Get transaction details, including verbal promises in writing. Include start and completion dates in the contract. Never sign any contract that has blank spaces.

### Pay with a credit card

Take advantage of the consumer protections provided by using a credit card. Never pay in full (unless the job is completed), and never pay in cash.

### Remember the "Three-Day Cooling-Off Rule"

The Federal Trade Commission's Three-Day Cooling-Off Rule gives consumers three days to cancel purchases of more than \$25 that are made in their home or at a location that is not the

seller's permanent place of business. Always get a receipt. Remember, there are purchases which cannot be cancelled under the three-day rule, such as the sale of insurance or farm equipment, and sales made entirely by mail or telephone with no other contact between buyer and seller. By law, the company must give consumers a refund within 10 days of receiving the cancellation notice.

### Seek at least three bids

Getting several proposals from prospective contractors based on the same specifications, materials and labor needed to complete the project gives you a better idea of what reasonable price is. Homeowners should discuss bids in detail with each contractor and ask questions about variations in pricing. Keep in mind, the lowest-priced contractor may not be the best deal. Go to <https://www.bbb.org/get-a-quote> to get a bid from a business you can trust.

### Be wary of high-pressure sales tactics

A reputable seller will give you time to think through the deal and make an appointment to return at a later date. If they don't want you to do any research on them or their product or service, you may want to spend your money elsewhere.

### Be Safe

Never invite anyone you don't know into your home. If the salesperson refuses to leave and/or if you feel threatened, call the police immediately.

It's also important to note that some cities do require a permit and may have other door-to-door solicitation regulations, such as the use of "No soliciting" signs. Check your city website for information.

Go to [BBB.org](http://BBB.org) to look up online marketplace business profiles, file a complaint, or write a customer review. Visit BBB Scam Tracker to research and bad behavior.

**ABOUT BBB:** The Better Business Bureau has empowered people to find businesses, brands and charities they can trust for over 110 years. In 2022, people turned to BBB more than 250 million times for BBB Business Profiles on more than 5.3 million businesses and Charity Reports on about 12,000 charities, all available for free at [BBB.org](http://BBB.org). Local, independent BBBs can be found across the United States, Canada, and Mexico, including BBB serving the Heart of Texas which was founded in 1950 and serves 105 counties across Texas.

## Term vs. "Perm": Which is right for you?

If you have anyone who depends on you financially, you almost certainly need to consider life insurance. But which type? Term or permanent? Term insurance provides coverage for a specific amount of time, usually 20 years or less.



BRANDON ROBERTS  
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It's generally quite affordable, which may make it a good choice for young families starting in their careers.

Permanent insurance, such as whole life or universal life, will last as long as you keep paying the premiums. It is more expensive than term because it's meant to last one's lifetime and the premiums can help build cash value and provide other

benefits. So, when deciding which type is right for you, you'll need to evaluate cost and the length of time you may need coverage. You might also consider your investment preferences. Should you buy the term policy and use the cost savings to invest the difference? Or should you buy permanent insurance and build tax-deferred cash value?

There's no one right answer or strategy for everyone, so you'll want to weigh all the factors. But whether it's term or permanent, make sure you have the coverage you need to protect yourself and your loved ones.

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## 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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# 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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### A Better Balance

We have many students who are involved with our school's sports programs.

We also have many students who are academic representatives for Rains ISD.

UIL competition encompasses a wide array of programs.

As a RISD grandparent I'm very proud and supportive of the students who are working hard to achieve their goals!

Life is a competitive sport.

Some folks are really into sports, athletics.

Others choose to be more academically aware in life

I'm not anti sports, I'm pro Academics.

I along with many other people would love to see a better balance in the newspaper reporting on Athletics and Academics pertaining to Our RISD student achievements.

What has happened to the RISD student journalism articles in the Rains County Leader.

I'm looking forward to reading about Our students success in a broad range of programs

RISD High School Debate Team recently placed in a UIL competition held in Pittsburg, Texas. Great job students

RISD FFA students went to competition in San Antonio where they participate in a broad range of activities

Floral design is a new addition to the FFA programs

RISD had students winning competitions in floral design with a fancy belt buckle awarded to the winners

These are only a few examples many people might not be aware of in student achievement within RISD

I'm looking forward to a better balance in student achievement reporting.

Marvin Henson Point, Texas

CITY GIRL

What does it all mean?

By Linda Brendle

Pastor Jason is taking us through Ecclesiastes in a sermon series titled "Life After Eden." Ecclesiastes was written by Solomon who succeeded his father David as King of Israel.

Throughout his reign, Solomon became world famous as the wisest man who ever lived and also the richest. And yet he wasn't satisfied. In the book of Ecclesiastes, Solomon recorded his personal search for the meaning of life.

ing was found in something else.

I look forward to hearing Solomon's final conclusions in the rest of the series, but in the meantime, I spent some time thinking about Solomon's dilemma.

I remember reading "The Fisherman and His Wife" when I was a kid. It's a German fairy tale first published by the Brothers Grimm in 1812. It's about a very poor fisherman and a very dissatisfied wife.

Another search for meaning was released in 1965 in the form of "Satisfaction," a song written by Mick Jagger and Keith Richards of the Rolling Stones.

The Stones will kick off their latest tour on April 28 with their greatest hits including "Satisfaction." I guess they're still looking.

In what now seems like a past life, I spent some time as an insurance agent. I can't say that I found much satisfaction there, but I had a sales manager who continually tried to encourage his sales staff with uplifting stories and words of wisdom.

I've used a lot of different terms as I've pondered the stories of Solomon and others - meaning, satisfaction, happiness. Are they all the same thing? Not really.

Romans 15:13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Linda Brendle writes a weekly column for Believers' Baptist Church. She is a published author and also writes about caregiving, faith, and family on her blog at http://www.LifeAfterCaregiving.WordPress.com.



LINDA BRENDLE Leader Correspondent



Photo courtesy RHS Journalism Department

Pictured are Samuel Baird, Nataleigh Sheffield, Piper Besherse and Cameron Fouse.

Students receive 15 total medals in the UIL Academic Competition

From RHS staff reports Rains High School Journalism Department

The University Interscholastic League (UIL) Academic events recently took place at Chisum High School on April 3, in various categories such as Literary Criticism, Headline Writing, Ready Writing, Current Events, Science, Feature Writing, and Editorial Writing.

Rains High School emerged from the UIL District as a notable contender, with several students securing high rankings and comments from UIL Judges. Among the highlights, Sarah Roberts received second place in Literary Criticism, securing a spot to advance to the Regionals.

Other achievements include James Hill and Colby Crawford securing third place in Headline Writing and Ready Writing, respectively, with both advancing to Regionals.

In addition to academic categories, Rains High School students did phenomenal in speaking competitions, with notable mentions including Nataleigh Sheffield securing third place in LD Debate, thereby qualifying for the Regionals, and Cameron Davis securing sixth place in Persuasive Speaking.

Overall, Rains High School demonstrated impressive knowledge and skills as many of the students have not competed in these categories in previous years. Fortunately, many of the competitors are not seniors and will have ample time next year to grow their abilities for future UIL contests.

2024 UIL District Winners

Sarah Roberts - Literary Criticism, 2nd Place, Advancing to Regionals; Halle Dunn - Literary Criticism, 4th Place, Alternate to Regionals; Wyatt Cook - Number Sense, 4th Place, Alternate to Regionals; James Hill - Headline Writing, 3rd Place, Advancing to Regionals; Colby Crawford - Ready Writing, 3rd Place, Advancing to Regionals; Kade Sustaire - Current Events, 4th Place, Alternate to Regionals; David Springer - Science, 5th Place; Samantha Houchins - Feature Writing, 4th Place, Alternate to Regionals; Halle Dunn - Editorial Writing, 5th Place; Piper Besherse - Editorial Writing, 6th Place; Halle Dunn - Prose, 5th Place; Cameron Fouse - Persuasive Speaking, 6th Place; Piper Besherse - Informative Speaking, 6th Place; Nataleigh Sheffield - LD Debate, 3rd Place, Advancing to Regionals; Samuel Baird - LD Debate, 4th Place, Alternate to Regionals.

15 medals; 4 Regional Qualifiers; 5 Alternates to Regionals

Best Beverages for Bulletproof Health



"Just Brew It."

- Anonymous

In every area of life there is great benefit in cultivating good habits. This is especially true when it comes to our health.



JODY DYER Typewriter Weekly

I recently discovered some fascinating material from Dr. William Li. Dr. Li is a Harvard trained medical doctor most famous for his book Eat to Beat Disease. His classic treatise on self-healing through nutrition is a fantastic read.

Stem cells (adult stem cells) are special cells that have the ability to develop into various types of cells in our bodies, as needed. Stem cells can generate healthy cells to replace diseased, dysfunctional, or injured cells.

Mentioned first, and an obvious consideration, is WATER. Without adequate water, the functioning of our bodies is hampered.

On the top of our list is GREEN TEA, an amazingly beneficial drink. Green tea is packed with phytochemicals - plant-based bioactive compounds produced by plants for their protection.

Next on the beneficial beverage list is COFFEE, my favorite. Coffee is loaded with chlorogenic acid. Chlorogenic acid is a biologically active dietary polyphenol that is anti-inflammatory, good for your metabolism, and helps activate your health defenses.

A recent study from the UK and published in the journal Annals of Internal Medicine, highlights the massive benefits of drinking coffee. 171,000 participants aged 50-60 were monitored for over nine years.

mortality. My goodness - drink coffee every day. It's good for you!

Our next healthy beverage is a treat - HIGH FLAVANOL HOT CHOCOLATE. This is not the sugar-laden hot chocolate that you find on most grocery store shelves.

To make healthy high flavanol hot chocolate (flavanols are super healthy antioxidants), you will probably have to make your own. Here is a simple recipe. Mix and heat until bubbling 2 cups whole milk, 2 tablespoons cacao powder, and 2 tablespoons maple syrup.

Enjoy these best beverages for bulletproof health!

JODY DYER is a columnist, author, and former teacher. Described by some as a Renaissance man, he is a baseball fan, coffee roaster, and accomplished feral hog trapper.

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Savor the Flavor Tuesday, May 7, 2024 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wildflower Wedding and Event Venue 1466 South Hwy 19, Emory, TX 75440

# Sheriff's Report

The Rains County Sheriff's Office took the following reports of activity during the week of April 15-20:



MICHAEL HOPKINS  
Rains County Sheriff

## Arrests

**4-15:** Joyce Tanner, East Tawakoni. Assault/family violence, \$3,000 cash/surety bond; criminal mischief greater than or equal to \$100 less than \$750; \$1,000 cash/surety bond.

**4-16:** Valorie Funk, Point. Harassment of public servant, \$150,000 cash/surety bond; probation violation, \$150,000 bond; burglary of habitation, \$150,000 cash/surety bond; possession of a controlled substance PG 1 greater than or equal to 1 gr. less than 4 gr., \$25,000 cash/surety with bond conditions.

**4-16:** Iona Goggans, Grand Saline. Bond forfeiture/theft of property greater than or equal to \$750 less than \$2,500, \$5,000 cash only bond.

**4-16:** Mistie Hasten, Mineola. Possession of a controlled substance PG 1 less than 1 gr.; (bond forfeiture), \$50,000 cash/surety; bail jumping and failure to appear felony, \$15,000 cash only bond.

**4-17:** Marcelo Flores, Emory. Duty on striking fixture/Hwy, Landscape greater than or equal to \$200, received PR bond.

**4-17:** Jason Young, Emory. Bond forfeiture/assault family/household member previous conviction, \$6,000 cash bond.

## Calls

**4-15:** Hwy. 69 near PR 5169 Broken down vehicle that will be picked up in the morning; Rains County sheriff's office (SO) lobby Male states he was assaulted; N first St. Female outside yelling at a child; FM 3299 Abandoned dog; Emory Vet Alarm call; S 1st St. lift assist; CR 3381 Welfare check on a 13-year-old female; Clark Dr. Medical assist 58-year-old female; SO Female reporting a forged title; CR 4252 Medical assist male having extreme back pain that caused him to fall; CR 1475 Livestock in the roadway;

PR 5451 Medical assist female in kidney failure needing to go to the emergency room; Elaine St. Point PD out on a follow up; CR 1495 Medical assist male has been sick and female wants him checked out; N first St. Medical assist 73-year-old male fell; FM 514 Livestock near the roadway; FM 514 Caller states a woman stated she was with CPS but did not have any ID; Briggs Blvd. Deputy out on a paper service; CR 1626 Deputy out on a paper service; PR 7709 Caller states she wants her Jeep back; Pine St. Female states a brown pit bull attacked her dogs; SO Female wants to have a male in the jail to be issued a criminal trespass warning; CR 3150 Male states his neighbor's goats are on his property; Hwy. 69 Reckless Driver; CR 1275 Male states his wife fell and her face is bleeding; CR 1425 Female states her neighbors are shining a red light on her barn; Tawakoni Tr. Female wants to speak with a deputy that responded to her medical call last week; Hwy. 69 Hunt Co. advised they are looking for a stolen gray Charger that was last seen heading towards Emory.

**4-16:** FM 513 Female wants to file a report on harassment; Ravine St. Male states his 85-year-old father with dementia is trying to leave; Ravine St. Emory PD out on a follow up; Smith Cir. Elderly being harassed on the phone; Hwy. 69 Deputy out with an abandoned vehicle; CR 4220 Dog at large; FM 2946 Female wants to speak to someone about bags of trash in her vehicle; CR 1605 Female stated her family is harassing her; Club Park Welfare check; Pierson crossing Medical assist 50-year-old male hurt his back; CR 1610 Female reports damages to her vehicle and threats made to her; CR 3380 Male wants a deputy to come calm down a situation with his daughter; Point Max's Package Store Warrant service; CR 1605 Female states her dad is intoxicated and fell; FM 779 Medical assist male with chest pain; Rhodes Dr. Welfare check on two children; Abbingdon Walk Apts. caller locked her keys on her vehicle; Hwy. 69 Motorist assist; W Lennon Dr. Alarm call;

S Texas St. Female states two teens showed up at her home drunk and took off in a vehicle.

**4-17:** CR 2370 livestock near the roadway; Industrial Blvd. Alarm call; Hwy. 19 Livestock in the roadway; CR 2365 Animal at large; SO Female is receiving concerning texts; SO office Female wants to know if she can move out alone at 17 years old; Locust St. Female states there is a male laying in the ditch and she doesn't know if he is breathing; Elizabeth Way Someone tried to break into female's home; E Lennon Dr. Male on a property he is criminally trespassed from; Duffy St. Deputy out on a paper service; CR 3335 Deputy out on a paper service; W Quitman St. Medical assist caller states he needs help getting his wife to the hospital because she can't feel her left side; CR 1626 Deputy out on a paper service; 911 hang up; CR 1275 Deputy out on a follow up Hwy. 69 Medical assist child with a possible broken leg; PR 5350 Medical assist elderly female is having a seizure; E Quitman St. Two-vehicle accident, unknown injuries; Clark St. Vehicle ran over caller's dog; CR 3025 Livestock in the roadway; W Lennon Dr. Warrant service; Duffy St. Deputy out on a paper service; CR 3150 Male states that his neighbor's goats are tearing up his property; PR 5501 Female reports her neighbors are causing issues; SO Female reports her son is missing and was last seen in Wood Co. with his girlfriend; PR 5501 Deputy flagged down by a vehicle; Briggs Blvd. Suicidal 19-year-old male; CR 1421 Animals being stolen and starved; Hwy. 16 One-vehicle accident, female states she is not injured; E Lennon Dr. Alarm call; Ravine St. Medical assist 18-year-old with extreme mouth pain; CR 3831 Male reports a truck pulled onto his property; FM 275 Male states he is in the emergency room and his neighbors called to let him know someone may be breaking into his home.

**4-18:** CR 4250 Male laying in the road; SO lobby Male states he has been assaulted and thinks his jaw may be broken; CR 1625 Deputy out on a paper service; Hwy. 69 Female is eight months

pregnant and can not stand up; Emory Pd Female wants to speak with an officer about a dog; Hwy. 69 Reckless driver; Egret Cir. Medical assist male keeps passing out; CR 3202 Environmental call; FM 514 Livestock in the roadway; SO lobby Female is having some issues and wants to speak with a deputy; W Quitman St. Medical assist female with high blood pressure; Wells St. Caller states there is a little boy in the roadway with no clothes on looks to be about four years old; CR 1626 Deputy out on a paper service; N Texas St. Animal at large; CR 1503 Lift assist; CR 1220 Caller states her car is locked with the engine off and a 3-year-old is sleeping in the backseat; W Lennon Dr. Male possibly taking lawnmowers; FM 514 Deputy out on a paper service.

**4-19:** FM 2946 Livestock in the roadway; Littlefield Dr. Medical assist female having an allergic reaction; FM 514 Livestock in the roadway; Ave. B Medical assist 68-year-old female has fallen; SO call Male has some questions about a restraining order; Lake Fork Dr. Caller needs help with a juvenile; N Texas St. 911 hangup; PR 7330 Welfare concern for a male and his neighbors; East Lennon Dr. Deputy out on a follow up; S Texas St. Deputy out on a follow up; PR 5501 Medical assist male bleeding from surgery site; CR 1540 Female has questions about the property owner threatening

to remove her from the home; CR 3237 Medical assist female stated she needed an ambulance and then hung up; PR 5402 Medical assist male with high blood pressure; Hwy. 19 Debris in the roadway; W Lennon Dr. Emory PD out on a motorist assist; Dairy Queen Two people harassing the employees; Sandy Creek Park Kids swimming in the creek; CR 4370 Dog showed up that has been shot several times; W Lennon Dr. Deputy out with a motorist assist; Rains County jail Deputy requested for an inmate who is tearing up clothing; CR 1425 Female states someone is shooting the side of her building.

**4-20:** Whataburger Male in a black SUV acting aggressively; CR 1315 Report of someone walking in caller's backyard; Roberts Rd. Medical assist 83-year-old sick female; CR 3374 Possible gas leak; S 1st St. Tree in the roadway; Hwy. 69 Tree fell on the guard rail and is on the shoulder of the road; Hwy. 19N Huge pothole near the guard rail; CR 2470 Deputy removing a tree limb from the roadway; CR 2220 Debris in the roadway; Hwy. 276 Tree blocking the roadway; SO 45-year-old female with chest pain; Hwy. 19S Caller states while coming into Rains Co. someone shot their window; CR 3190 Caller is receiving threats on Facebook and they want her address; Pierson St. Keys locked in a vehicle; SO call Female is four months pregnant

and having abdominal pain; Fish Point Rd. Medical assist 85-year-old female not feeling well; CR 1629 Welfare concern on a two-week-old baby with a bruise; Hwy. 69 One-vehicle accident, unknown injuries; FM 2795 Possible gas leak; PR 7328 Female states her boyfriend is intoxicated and refuses to leave; N Locust St. Medical assist female having trouble breathing; Bent Tree Motel Male is refusing to leave; SO lobby Male reports his social security number was stolen; CR 3030 Female wants to file a report for her son because he is being harassed; CR 4510 Caller states his fence was damaged; Locust St. Point PD out on an open door; CR 1605 Medical assist 52-year-old female recently had heart surgery and is not feeling well; W Quitman St. Medical assist female feels like she may pass out; Pecan Dr. Medical assist 66-year-old female fell and possibly hit her head; CR 2420 Male states his truck is fully engulfed in flames; CR 3030 Teenage girl sitting in the middle of the road; Smith Cir. Male states someone hit his mailbox; CR 3202 Male states the trash the neighbor is burning stinks so bad he can't go outside; W Lennon Dr. Confused male needs ride to Best Western; E Lennon Dr. Possible serious bug bite; Hwy. 19S Abandoned vehicle; FM 2946 Civil issue.

## STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

### Early voting underway in local elections

Early voting began Monday, April 22 for municipal, school board and various bond elections. It ends on April 30 with Saturday, May 4 being election day. What is on the ballot depends on where you live.



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There are various ways to learn what is on the local ballot. One way is by going to the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/nhbyhnyu>. This takes you to the Texas Tribune's election center, where voters can type in their address to find out what is on their ballot.

Additionally, most local newspapers and county election websites post notices of local elections.

### Book-banning law gutted by appeals court

The key provisions of a law signed by Gov. Greg Abbott requiring booksellers to rate books for sexual content were gutted after the full 17-member court 5th Circuit Court of Appeals declined to reconsider an earlier decision, the San Antonio Express-News reported. The vote was 9-8 to let the earlier decision stand.

A group of independent booksellers joined with book associations to challenge the law, passed in the 2023 regular legislative session. The booksellers contended the law violated the First Amendment and would cause considerable harm to their operations. One owner said the law already has caused a chilling effect and resulted in lost orders.

"The damage to us is mitigated by the fact we don't have to review every book and rate every book that we've sold to the school library," Valerie Koehler, owner of Houston's Blue Willow Bookshop and a lead plaintiff, said of the court's decision. "But the damage has been done in terms of the libraries across the entire state have changed their policies in a way that makes it hard for new books to get in."

State Rep. Jared Patterson, R-Frisco, sponsored the bill and disagreed with the court's decision.

"It's incredibly disappointing that a majority of the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals sided with book vendors who push pornography on unsuspecting children in our public schools," he wrote in a statement posted on social media.

### Tax-free holiday for emergency supplies coming up

A wide range of emergency preparation supplies will be exempt from sales tax April 27-29, the Austin American-Statesman reported. The total cost of the items must be less than \$75 for most items on the list, such as batteries, first aid kits, flashlights, tarps, and fire extinguishers. Higher amounts are allowed for portable generators (less

than \$3,000) and emergency ladders and hurricane shutters (less than \$300).

Supplies that do not qualify for tax exemption include face masks, cleaning supplies, gloves, toilet paper and tents.

For a complete list of what qualifies for tax exemption and what doesn't, go to the state comptroller's website: <https://tinyurl.com/2c6fn4kp>.

### \$100K daily fine for state temporarily halted

A \$100,000 daily fine levied against the state for failing to implement fixes to the state's foster care system ordered by a federal judge was temporarily halted by the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals, the Statesman reported.

U.S. District Judge Janis Jack levied the fines last Monday after finding the state Health and Human Services Commission repeatedly failed to fully investigate abuse allegations in the foster care system.

Jack issued a 427-page ruling that listed dozens of cases where mistakes or delays in investigations resulted in children going without treatment for physical and sexual abuse.

Houston attorney Paul Yetter, who has represented the plaintiffs since the case was filed in 2011, condemned the state's appeal.

"Rather than certify safe, timely investigations of reports of child abuse and neglect, the state seems determined to avoid responsibility," Yetter wrote to the Statesman in an email Tuesday.

day. "This appeal sends a terrible message to Texas children that state leadership just doesn't care about their safety."

The stay means the fines will not be levied until the 5th Circuit Court considers the merits of the state's appeal.

### Auto insurance continues to spike in Texas

Auto insurance rates in Texas rose an average 25.53 percent in 2023, according to the Texas Department of Insurance. It's largest annual increase in at least a decade and more than double average increases across the country, according to the Express-News.

Among the factors driving the increase are increased prices for new and used vehicles; increased costs of labor and parts; and the volume of accidents in Texas. The number of serious injury crashes in 2022 was up 18.5 percent from 2019, while the number of vehicle traffic fatalities increased 23.6 percent.

Ware Wendell, executive director of the consumer advocacy group Texas Watch, recommended that customers go to the Office of Public Insurance Counsel's website to compare policies from different companies. That website is [opic.texas.gov](http://opic.texas.gov).

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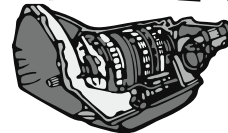
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# Obituaries

## David Allen Maxwell

1949 – 2024



Mr. David Allen Maxwell, 74, died on April 10, 2024, at his residence in Alba. He was born on July 13, 1949, in Peoria, IL, to Eugene L. and Clara Lowe Maxwell. On December 10, 1976, he married Frances Lucille "Toodie" Davis in Dallas. He had lived in Alba since 1995. He loved fishing, riding motorcycles, and harassing the waitresses at the local cafes. He was a truck driver, mechanic and also a fishing guide on Lake Fork for several years. He was a member of the Patriot Guard Riders. He also owned and operated Maxwell's Roadside Café, at Lake Fork.

He is survived by sons, David Maxwell and wife Jess of Chilton, WI, Steve Maxwell and wife

MaeRean of Chilton, WI, and Tim Westervelt and wife Lisa of Alba; daughter, Melissa Williams of Tyler; two sisters, Barb Bolander and husband Joe of Washington, IL, and Peggy Maxwell and partner Shoupie of Morton, IL; thirteen grandchildren; nineteen great-grandchildren; and numerous other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife of 41 years; son, Richard Westervelt; brother, Gene "Butch" Maxwell; and sister, Donna Wright.

A memorial service for David will be held at a later date under the direction of his friends and family.

## David L. Griggs

1961 – 2024

David L. Griggs, 63, died on Thursday, April 11, 2024 in Mesquite, at home surrounded by his wife and children. He was born on February 9, 1961, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, to Jimmy and Pat Griggs.

Mr. Griggs worked in construction in the Dallas area, working mostly with sheetrock. He enjoyed working with his father. He was loved by his family and loved his family and wanted what was best for them.

Mr. Griggs is survived by his wife, Star; sons, Clint and David of Seagoville, and Dusty of Mesquite; his daughters, Sky of Denison, and

Justice and Destiny of Mesquite; grandchildren, Ashton and Adrian of Mesquite; mother, Pat Griggs of Oklahoma City; step-mother, June Jones of Emory; brothers, Ricky and wife Mona of Silverwood, Mich.; Randy and wife, Lorie of Alba; sisters, Kaye Ross and Debra Jenkins of Oklahoma City; first wife, Brenda Griggs of Mesquite; and many nephews, nieces, and family and friends.

He was preceded in death by grandparents, Robert and Opal Ingram, and Arthur and Arvie Holy; father, Jimmy Griggs; father-in-law, Rick Johnson; and brother-in-law, Richard Jenkins.

## Charles "Charlie" Kimberlin

1944 – 2024



Graveside services for Charles "Charlie" Kimberlin, 79, of Lone Oak, were held on April 17, at Hall Cemetery, under the direction of Bartley Funeral Home, Lone Oak.

Mr. Kimberlin died on April 14, 2024, in Greenville. He was born on May 27, 1944, in Des Moines, Iowa, to Charles Hobert and Mary Magdalene Thompson Kimberlin. He was the oldest of his four siblings and was known in his younger years as "Butch" or "Boogie." His family moved to Texas in 1951. He married Janet Waldrum in 1960 and they had five sons and one daughter.

He has been with Diane Maples for the last 32 years and he gained an additional family of one son, and two daughters; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Mr. Kimberlin is survived by his children, Kenny Kimberlin of Lone Oak, Stacy Kimberlin of Greenville, Julie Rackler and husband Jimmy of Greenville, Mark Kimberlin of Lone Oak, Mike Kimberlin and wife Stephanie of Caddo Mills, Charles "Chuck" Kimberlin and wife Kim of Caddo Mills, Jeri Butler of Quinlan, and Barbara Brown and husband Kenny of Quinlan; 24 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren; sister, Tammy Jones and husband Joe Bill of Lone Oak; brother-in-law, Jean King and wife Susan of Lubbock; sister-in-law, Gabby King Visalla of California; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers; one son; and a grandson.

## Jim Edd Moore

1945-2024



Jim Edd Moore, 78 of Greenville, passed away on April 19, 2024. He was born on April 25, 1945 to his parents Henry Spurgeon Moore and Dimple Lorene Green in Greenville, Texas.

Married for 54 years to his devoted wife, Mary Paula Moore, Jim Edd showed an unwavering love and commitment to his family. He was always there to help and support them. This was not only extended to his family but to friends as well. He was always willing to lend a helping hand and his door was always open.

His professional pursuits began in the 1980s with the opening of his automotive business, J&R Auto Supply in Emory, Texas. He was a "Jack of all Trades" and could build just about anything. Tim Northcutt, who has worked for Jim Edd since he was sixteen, is now the owner of the business. He will continue the legacy of hard work and integrity as Jim Edd has taught him. He also enjoyed searching for antiques and restoring them to their former beauty. He could be found in Canton selling his beautiful treasures.

Jim Edd found joy in the simple pleasures of life. He had quite a fondness for seafood, especially enjoyed with family and friends. He cherished walking daily with his Club Lake friends to aid in his exercise goals. He would do this daily, walking three miles. Jim

Edd also had a special place in his heart for cats. His feline companions brought him such joy over the years.

Jim Edd is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Mary Paula Moore; daughters, Shelley Moore and Teresa Hokanson; Amber Middleton and (honorary son) Jake, and honorary son, Tim Northcutt and wife Tracy; grandchildren, Justin Nichol and Baxter Chaney, Elliza Nichol, Ian Middleton and wife Olyvia; brother, Charles H. Moore and wife Betty Jo; numerous nieces and nephews; his beloved 15 year old kitty companion, Jolene Moore; along with a host of loving relatives and friends.

Jim Edd is preceded in death by his parents; brother, Davey "Goose" Moore, and his all time favorite feline, Cody.

A visitation took place on Tuesday, April 23, 2024, from 6pm to 8pm at Lynch Funeral Service in Greenville, Texas. A graveside service was held on Wednesday, April 24, 2024 in the Prairie Valley Cemetery in Campbell, Texas.

Family has requested donations to be made to:

Prairie Valley Cemetery Assoc.  
P.O. Box 9273  
Greenville, Texas 75404

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## THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY

### Witch-hunting Texan makes curtain call

by Barte Haile

Martin Dies, fire-breathing founder of the House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC), came out of retirement on Apr. 26, 1952 to run for Texas' new at-large congressional seat.

After graduating from law school in 1922, Dies joined the family law firm in Orange. During two recent terms as an East

Texas congressman, his father had opposed U.S. involvement in the First World War. Following in dad's footsteps, the son won election to the House of Representatives in 1931 and at age 30 became the youngest of the 435 members.

Even in the depths of the Depression, Rep. Dies had his differences with the New Deal. For example, his cure for unemployment was the mass deportation of six million aliens instead of government-sponsored work programs. By 1936 the staunch conservative emerged as the leader of the "Demagogues' Club," a caucus of 75 House Democrats increasingly critical of the policies of the Roosevelt administration.

Two years later, Dies revived his anti-alien theme with a resolution that urged a sweeping investigation of all foreigners. The xenophobic proposal coincided with the concern of New York representatives over published reports of Nazi summer camps in New Jersey and on Long Island. The result was the creation in May 1938 of the House Un-American Activities Committee, known simply as the Dies Committee.

At the start of his controversial crusade to stamp out sedition, the chairman announced the discovery of a Bolshevik plot to assassinate the president. FDR had nothing to fear, however, because the Texan

promised to crush the conspiracy.

Skeptics tried to keep Dies on a short leash by limiting the HUAC appropriation to a measly \$25,000, but the clever congressman stretched his committee dollars by cutting the budget to the bone. He dispensed with the usual staff, acted as his own legal advisor and retained volunteer investigators.

Dies' initial targets were the New York Nazis, United Mine Workers president John L. Lewis, the Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO) and left-wing infiltration of the movie industry. The Hollywood fiasco left egg on the chairman's face after child star Shirley Temple was accused of consorting with French radicals.

Dies turned his attention to the sit-down strikes that had paralyzed the auto plants in 1937. Union militants were condemned as communist troublemakers, while Michigan governor Frank Murphy was castigated as a fellow traveler for refusing to break the strike.

Murphy was not only a Democrat up for reelection but also a personal friend of the president. "I was very much disappointed," Roosevelt remarked in a prepared statement chastising Dies, "because a congressional committee charged with the responsibility of investigating un-American activities should have permitted itself to be used in a flagrantly unfair and un-American attempt to influence an election."

Dies moved on to the hearings which became the HUAC trademark – the parade of repentant reds, mostly ex-members of the Communist Party, who pleaded in public for forgiveness. The staged testimony always featured unsubstantiated finger-pointing at the sinister subversives supposedly responsible for the witnesses' fall from political grace.

Despite deeply divided opin-

ions on Dies' methods as well as his motives, he attracted a large following. When Morris Sheppard died in 1941 during his twenty-eighth year in the U.S. Senate, he eagerly entered the race to pick a replacement.

The competition was stiff, but preliminary polls gave Dies a fighting chance against Gov. W. Lee O'Daniel, Congressman Lyndon B. Johnson and Gerald Mann, football hero turned attorney-general. Dies' oratorical eloquence, which caused John Connally to rate him "one of the best stump speakers I ever heard," kept him within striking distance before fading in the stretch to finish a distant fourth.

Dies then raised his biggest ruckus ever by demanding the dismissal of 3,800 federal employees as alleged threats to national security. After a painstaking inquiry by the justice department, less than one per cent – 36 to be exact – were actually let go. But the zealot's scattergun strategy had done irreparable damage to the reputations of the rest.

Dies retired rather than risk losing to a strong challenger in his bid for an eighth term. Then, after a seven-year hiatus, he won the brand-new at-large seat against token opposition.

Witch-hunting was again all the rage in Washington when Dies returned in 1952, but not for long. Two years later, the Senate cracked down on Joseph McCarthy for his unscrupulous conduct, and the anti-communist hysteria gradually subsided.

In the faint hope of succeeding Sen. Price Daniel, who gave up his seat for the governorship, Martin Dies rolled the dice one last time in 1957. A victory by perennial loser Ralph Yarborough shattered his Senate dream and ended the witch-hunter's career on a sour and disappointing note.

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### Believer's Baptist Church

By Linda Brendle

There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God.

Ecclesiastes 2:24

This week's sermon from Ecclesiastes was titled "Food Gifts Make Bad gods." Solomon's pursuit of satisfaction, meaning, and longevity in man's toil led him to reflect on the benefits of wisdom over folly as well as his vexation about leaving all his work and gain for another. He hit rock bottom expressing a hatred for life until he realized that the things of life are momentary gifts from God meant to be enjoyed in the moment but not to provide his soul's true longing.

The Church Praying will meet on Wednesday,

April 24 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

The regular Members' Meeting will be held April 28 at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

The next 55+ Fellowship Lunch is Tuesday, May 7, at noon in the Fellowship Hall.

On Sunday, May 19, KIDZ Church will share the catechism questions they have learned as well as a song during morning worship. At 6:30 p.m. we will have a hymn sing and testimony service.

Mark Your Calendar for June 10-15, for the Student Ministry World Changers. Pre-teen Camp will be June 27-29 and Family VBS will be July 22-24.

The Asking for a Friend podcast Episode #186 is titled "More on Congregationalism." The link is available at www.bbcmemory.org.

### Bright Star Baptist Church

By Glenda Galyean

And there came a writing to him (Jehoram) from Elijah the prophet, saying Thus saith the LORD God of David thy father, "Because thou hast not walked in the ways of Jehoshaphat nor in the ways of Asa king of Judah..."

II Chronicles 21:12

Our Wednesday evening services are very good! You would think that it was a Sunday morning service. Sharon Grills sang the special before Pastor Andrew Grills' informational message from I John titled "What Every Christian Needs."

Our Sunday morning service was very good and we welcomed our visitors and members. Our congregational singing, led by Dan Turk, is very uplifting. God has blessed us with a lot of talent and humble hearts. We were blessed by two specials from Sharon Grills and Dan Turk. Bro.

Andrew's message was from II Chronicles and was titled "Elijah's P.S. (post script)". Elijah had already been gone for several years. Such a wonderful message! We were very excited to welcome a lady into our membership.

It's here! Our next Youth Night is this Friday, April 26. Come join the fun and fellowship at 6:00 p.m.

Our next ladies meeting is April 28 at 5:00 p.m. Our spring revival will be May 13-16. Bro. Jimbo Seaton will be the preacher. Come expecting a blessing.

Please see our Bright Star Baptist Church Facebook page.

Jesus' greatest gift is available to all who will accept it. Come join us Sunday.

Enjoy your family, and have a safe week.

### Country Baptist Church

By Donna Boughton

What a terrific day to be in church. The rain ended, and those who had been held captive inside were ready to get out and enjoy a time of worship and fellowship.

Our services began with Jake Frazier leading us in a well-loved hymn then dismissing us to our classes.

Donna Jones led our children's class in a lesson about disobeying God. They learned that Jonah made a huge mistake when he failed to follow God's direction choosing to run away instead. They used paper sacks with pictures of whales, and the mouths of fishes on the outside, then placed a picture of Jonah inside. We can never out run God.

Our adult class was taught by Janice Burk, Joel Frazier, Courtney Frazier, and Kelsey Frazier. Each of them brought out our need to wear the full

armor of God and to be ready to stand up for Jesus, even when we sustain attacks from others for our testimonies.

Worship services were full of congregational singing and specials by Pastor Mike Frazier, Benny Thompson and Kelsey Frazier. We always have such an enjoyable time singing praises to our Lord and sharing our testimonies of how God continues to work in our lives. We have these special services on the third Sunday of every other month and each time we always come away from them full of love and appreciation for all God does for us.

Immediately following our services, we enjoyed a wonderful time of good food and fellowship.

With all the many ugly things we are experiencing in life, find a church and be in services next week. It will lift you up and give you a boost for the week.

### Emory Baptist Church

By Ronnie Witt

Several people gathered for Family Fun Night on Saturday night. It is always a good time of food, fellowship and board games. On Sunday morning, the message from Luke was titled "The Good News About Bad News." It concerned Jesus' message to the crowds that the poor, hungry, and those who weep are actually blessed because they can find their needs met in Christ. In the evening service, Bro Chris Henderson shared a message from Hebrews titled "You Gotta Have Faith!"

It was a busy week around EBC's campus. Several VBS workers went to the Hunt Baptist Association's VBS training and preview event. Vacation Bible School at Emory Baptist will be

June 10-14, but we are already hard at work getting ready. Online registration will open in May. Senior Adult Lunch and Game Day is Thursday, April 25, at noon in the fellowship hall. Bring a dish to share and enjoy the potluck meal and games around the tables.

Looking ahead to next week, join us Sunday night for the New Member Fellowship and Pie Social at 6:30 p.m. The evening will start off with the April business meeting, and will finish with fellowship and some of the best homemade pies around. National Day of Prayer is coming up on Thursday, May 2. Join us on the covered front porch at noon to pray with others for our churches, city, county, state, nation, and world.

### Emory Methodist Church

By Mary White

Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

II Corinthians 5:17

Rev. David Banks continued his series The Blueprint of Grace: "Restoration & Reconciliation" (Justifying Grace) with scripture text taken from John 21. David spoke on how we all have scars and each scar has a story. Each mark and old wound is part of the blue print of our lives. Jesus ask Peter three times if he loved Him and Peter replied yes. Then Jesus said feed my sheep. Sometimes we have to be asked several times to really get the picture. We all make promises we can't keep and it takes a season of asking for forgiveness before we can move on. Lord you are the only one who can make things right and make our lives whole.

This Thursday, April 25, at 10:00 a.m. we go to Senior Suites. It is a great time of fellowship and singing. May 2 will be National Day of Prayer.

AA Meetings are in the fellowship hall every Tuesday and Thursday at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday at 12:00 noon.

Pray for Jerry Pierce family, Ginger Smith, Fred Worley and April English.

Anniversary wishes go to Daryl and Mary Nixon.

Have a great week and be kind to one another.

### SAVVY SENIOR

## Healthy Travel Tips for Older Travelers

Dear Savvy Senior, What tips can you offer retirees with health issues who are planning some trips? We've been looking forward to traveling again after staying home the past few years, but my husband has a heart condition and some back problems that worry me.

Concerned Wife

Dear Concerned, A dream vacation can turn into a real nightmare if you get ill or injured while you're away and aren't prepared. Before setting out, here are some tips to help ensure a safe and healthy trip for you and your husband.

Get prepared: Before you go, talk with your doctor about your travel itinerary and what precautions you need to take before traveling. You should also have your doctor's contact information with you when you travel, as well as a list of the medications you're taking in case you need emergency medical care while you're away.

It's also a smart idea to locate health clinics or urgent care facilities near the areas you're visiting. Your hotel can help you with this or a simple internet search can identify nearby health care services. If you're traveling abroad, the U.S. consulate or embassy in the countries you're visiting (go to step.state.gov to enroll your trip) is a

good place to get a referral. Or use the International Society of Travel Medicine's directory at [ISTM.org](http://ISTM.org).

If you're traveling outside the U.S., you also need to find out the health conditions of the country you're visiting and what, if any, vaccinations and/or preventative medications are recommended. See [CDC.gov/travel](http://CDC.gov/travel) or call 800-232-4636 to get this information.

Check your insurance: If you have private health insurance or a Medicare Advantage plan through an HMO or PPO that covers in-network doctors only, check your plan to find out what's covered if you need medical care when traveling outside your geographic area.

Beneficiaries that have original Medicare are covered everywhere in the U.S. But if you're traveling abroad, you won't be covered outside the U.S. and its territories except in rare circumstances, although some Medicare Advantage plans and some Medigap supplemental policies do provide limited coverage. Most private health plans don't pay health care costs outside the U.S. either. Be sure to check.

Many retirees traveling abroad purchase travel insurance with medical coverage, which may cover expenses if you cancel the trip, need to be treated while traveling or need to be evacuated for medical care. Make sure the policy will also cover your preexisting medical conditions. To shop and compare policies visit [Travellnsurance.com](http://Travellnsurance.com), [InsureMyTrip.com](http://InsureMyTrip.com) or [SquareMouth.com](http://SquareMouth.com).

Organize your medications: Make sure you have a sufficient supply of medications to last the entire trip.

If traveling by air, you need to pack your medicine in your carry-on bag, so if your checked luggage gets lost or misdirected you won't be without. It's best to keep your medications in their original containers to get through airport security without delays. It's also a good idea to bring along a note from your doctor that explains why you take these medications, especially if syringes or other medical supplies are involved.

For airport security requirements visit [TSA.gov](http://TSA.gov) - click on "Disabilities and Medical Conditions." You can also call TSA Cares at 855-787-2227 prior to traveling with questions about screening policies, procedures and what to expect at the security checkpoint.

Maximize technology: Keep a list of your medications and other important health and medical information handy on your smartphone so you can easily access and share it with emergency health care providers when you're traveling. Some good apps that can help with this are Backpack Health ([BackpackHealth.com](http://BackpackHealth.com)) and Capzule ([Capzule.com](http://Capzule.com)).

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

For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty life handed down to you from your ancestors, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. 1 Peter 1:18-19 (NIV)

# Church Directory

**Bright Star Baptist Church**  
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Two miles west of Alba on FM 2795, 1-1/2 miles N. of US 69  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.  
Pastor: Bro. Andrew Grills 903-638-1170

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Sunday School 9:00 a.m.  
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.  
Wed. Night Youth 5:30 p.m.  
Wed. Night Service 6:30 p.m.  
Pastor: Robert Burns II Church: 903-473-3238

**Pilgrims Rest Baptist Church**  
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Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
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Worship Service 10:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Eve. Service 7:00 p.m.  
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[www.pointchurchofchrist.org](http://www.pointchurchofchrist.org)

**County Line Baptist Church**  
Bro. Wayne Darty  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Night 7:00 p.m.  
nursery available  
HWY. 275, 3 miles south of Miller Grove  
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**Calvary Baptist Church**  
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11:00 a.m. Worship  
6:00 p.m. Worship  
Pastor: Jimmy Jarrett  
Hwys 515 & 779, 2-1/2 Miles East of Emory • 903-474-9463

**Daugherty Baptist Church**  
2 miles west of Hwy 19N on FM 514  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.  
Pastor Joe Pierce  
903-259-1147 & 903-259-0348

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Rev. Michael Ledesma  
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903-473-5116  
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**Freedom Church of God**  
10830 FM 514  
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Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.  
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Church 903-473-2457

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Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.  
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9:45 a.m. .... Sunday School  
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Morning Worship 10:30am  
Evening Worship 6:30 pm  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
 Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Guardianship for the person and estate of Jessica Brittell were issued on April 17, 2024, in docket number G-66, pending in the County Court of Rains County, Texas, to Dala Brittell. All persons having claims against the estate, which is presently being administered, are required to submit them, within the time and manner prescribed by law, and before the estate is closed, addressed as follows:  
 Representative,  
 Guardian of JESSICA BRITTELL  
 c/o: Matthew R. Holz  
 409 JD Franklin Drive  
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 DATED April 22, 2024  
 By /s/Matthew R. Holz  
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 Bid Date and Time: May 20, 2024, 5:00 p.m.  
 Judge Linda Wallace  
 Rains County Judge  
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 167 E. Quitman St., Suite 102  
 Emory, Texas 75440  
 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 of or before the published date and time of May 20, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. To be opened at the regular Commissioners Court scheduled for May 23, 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.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**IN THE ESTATE OF MELVIN JOHN SHUMATE, DECEASED**  
 Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of MELVIN JOHN SHUMATE, Deceased, were issued on February 22, 2023, under Cause No. 3233, pending in the County Court of Rains County, Texas, to DENNIS MELVIN SHUMATE.  
 All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.  
 c/o: **Edgar J. Garrett, Jr.**  
**Attorney at Law**  
**1109 Main Street**  
**Commerce, Texas 75428**  
 DATED 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024  
 /s/ Edgar J. Garrett, Jr.  
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# Sports

## RAINS LADY CAT SOFTBALL & WILDCAT BASEBALL

### Lady Cats roll to district title, Wildcats suffer first district loss

By **CHUCK FITTS**  
Rains County Leader staff

The Rains Lady Cat softball team secured the District 12-3A title as they finished district undefeated, while the Rains Wildcat baseball team suffered their first district loss.

The Lady Cats hosted the Lady Buffaloes for the final game of the regular season on Thursday, April 18. They scored seven runs in the fifth inning to beat Lone Oak, 10-0.

Senior Cambree Oakes pitched five innings, allowed four hits and struck out nine batters. Junior Presley Kilgore finished the game with two hits in three at-bats, two RBIs and a home run.

On Friday, April 19, the Wildcats jumped out to an early lead and held on for the 6-0 victory over the Chisum Mustangs.

Senior Shawn Robertson finished the game two-for-four, with two runs scored and a RBI.

Senior Nick Bowman pitched six and a third innings, allowed one run while striking out 12 batters.

The Wildcats allowed four runs in the third inning and were held scoreless in a loss to the Edgewood Bulldogs, 4-0, on Tuesday, April 23.

Robertson pitched five and two-third innings, allowed four runs, walked three and notched six strikeouts.

The Rains Lady Cats finish the regular season at 12-0 in District 12-3A and 25-5-1 overall. The Rains Wildcats move to 10-1 in District 12-3A and 21-5-1 for the season.

The Rains Lady Cats will open the Class 3A playoffs with a best of three series against the Bonham Lady Warriors this weekend at Commerce High School. Game one is scheduled for Thursday, April 25, at 5:00 p.m. with game two on Friday,



Leader photo by **CHUCK FITTS**

**Rains Lady Cat Lynzee Hague (1) comes up throwing** during the 10-0 district win over Lone Oak on Friday, April 18.

April 26, at 5:00 p.m. If needed, game three will be played on Saturday afternoon, April 27. The Wildcats will wrap up the regular season in Edgewood against the Bulldogs on Friday, April 26, with the District 12-3A title on the line.

## RAINS FISHING TEAM

### Rains anglers will fish at state tourn.



Contributed photo

Rains anglers Spencer Lovell and Gage Cook show off their 14.77 lbs. catch that secured them a fifth place finish at the THSBA Regional Championship at Lake Tawakoni on April 13. They, along with Jared Bagley, Daniel Alvarado, Trent Kirby and Ty Kirby, qualified for the THSBA State Championship to be held on May 18 at Lake Palestine.

## RAINS TRACK & FIELD TEAM

### Three Lady Cats qualify for state meet

By **CHUCK FITTS**  
Rains County Leader staff

Three Lady Cat athletes qualified for the UIL State Track & Field Championship after placing at the Region 2-3A Track meet in Whitehouse on Friday, April 19.

Senior Jasey Campbell won the silver medal in high jump after clearing five feet, four

inches.

In the pole vault event, sophomore Elizabeth Roan won the silver medal, while senior Amanda Rimby brought home a bronze medal for the Lady Cats.

The top two competitors from each event will compete at the UIL State Track & Field Meet on May 2-4 at Myers Stadium in Austin.



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