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## Calm after the storm



Leader photo by TREY HILL

An angler enjoys a little tranquility while fishing on the flooded shoreline of the Sabine River just below the Iron Bridge Dam. Several storms passed through the Rains County area bringing with it lightning, hail and strong winds. Some residents recorded over seven and a half inches of rain during the Friday-Sunday period.

### Severe storms pass through Rains County leaving damaged roads, toppled trees

By **CHUCK FITTS**  
Rains County Leader staff

Severe storms rolled through Rains County on Friday, April 26, and Sunday, April 28, causing power outages, flooding and downed trees.

The National Weather Service (NWS) out of Fort Worth placed the county under a tornado watch on Friday afternoon and evening after the storm system moving through the state had produced ten tornados near the cities of West and Corsicana.

Strong winds in Rains County caused a tree to fall on an SUV traveling on US Hwy. 69 on Friday afternoon. There were no injuries reported from the wreck.

Another tree was reported to have fallen on a power line on RCR 2220 knocking out power to the area.

The Rains County Sheriff's office stated that a power outage caused the 911 system in the county to go out on Friday afternoon, but it was quickly repaired.

The City of Emory reported that a lightning strike to the city's water tower damaged

the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system. The SCADA system monitors the water levels of the tower and has since been repaired.

Rain totals from the storm added to wet conditions to cause flooding of several county roads including RCR 2420, RCR 2460, RCR 2365, FM 275 and FM 779.

Another storm system rolled through on Sunday morning bringing more rain and gusty winds causing a tree to fall on RCR

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### FOUNDER'S DAY 2024

## Founder's Day 2024 set for Saturday

By **TREY HILL**  
Rains County Leader staff

City of Emory employees are making final preparations for the Founder's Day Festivities and Concert, which will be held on Saturday at Sandy Creek Park. This year's festivities include games, a bounce house/obstacle course, a petting zoo, face painting, and a DJ. Other special events include a pancake breakfast, a chicken roast, and a 5K fun run. The busy day will conclude with a concert by Neal McCoy and Josh Ward.

The Emory Lions Club will host its annual pancake breakfast at the park beginning at 7:00 a.m. Proceeds will go towards the Lions Club scholarship fund.

Runners will gather at the courthouse square in preparation for the Pavement for Paws New Favorite 5K. The run will start at 8:30 a.m., and proceeds will go towards New Favorite Day.

At 11:00 a.m., the Emory Volunteer Fire Department will begin serving chicken for its annual chicken roast fundraiser. The chicken will be served at the Emory Volunteer Fire Station located on Hwy. 69. Proceeds from the fundraiser help offset operational costs and provide needed firefighting gear for its members.

The park will buzz with activity from 9:00

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### LAKE COUNTRY NEIGHBORS

## Savor the Flavor changes date, location

By **TREY HILL**  
Rains County Leader staff

The annual Savor the Flavor event, hosted by Lake Country Neighbors, has changed in both time and location. It has been rescheduled to Tuesday, May 7, and will now occur at the Wildflower Wedding and Event Venue on Hwy. 19 south. However, despite these changes, the evening will still be filled with fantastic food and fun activities, as always.

Sample the best restaurants and caterers from Rains County and the surrounding area. Those serving at this year's event include Blazin' Pizza, Bluebonnet Bistro, Brookshire's, Chayitos Taqueria, CK's Asian Cuisine, Dos Charros, Fusion in the Woods, Jacky's Pub, KTz Espresso Kafe, Local Fork Restaurant, Maximum Nutrition, Taste of

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### RAINS COUNTY

## Commissioners approve bridge replacement, mowing

By **CHUCK FITTS**  
Rains County Leader staff

The Rains County Commissioners Court approved replacement of a bridge, mowing of right-of-ways and discussed road ownership during the regular meeting on Thursday, April 25.

Commissioners were presented with a bid to replace a bridge on County Road 2420. Construction will cost around \$168,000 and is not expected to begin until November of this year.

The replacement of the bridge was unani-

mously approved with funds for the work to come from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

With a tractor being repaired and persistent rain in the county, the Road & Bridge Department asked the court to pay \$35,000 to Double S Tractor to mow right-of-ways in the county to allow the county department to catch up. The motion was unanimously approved by the court with funds to come out of Maintenance & Operations (M&O) contingency funds.

During the departmental reports, the court discussed ownership of roads that exist in

both the City of Emory and the county, including where city maintenance ends and county maintenance begins.

Later, officials from the City of Emory came to the courtroom and at the end of the meeting, discussed with commissioners records of ownership of the two roads in question. Commissioners agreed to work closer with Emory on all roads shared by both entities.

The court looked over a proposal for pest control services for county buildings. They

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### RAINS ISD

## School board hires Nicks as superintendent

By **CHUCK FITTS**  
Rains County Leader staff

The Rains ISD Board of Trustees unanimously hired Joe Nicks as the new superintendent of Rains ISD during a special meeting on Tuesday morning, April 30.

Nicks had been named the lone finalist for the position in a press release from the district on April 10.

Nicks will replace Jennifer Johnson, who had retired as superintendent of the district on December 21, 2023 after five years.

Nicks was the Assistant Superin-

tendent of Academics at Kaufman ISD. He previously served as high school principal at Canton High School and Lamesa High School.

During the special meeting, the board unanimously approved a motion to offer Nicks a three-year contract to be superintendent of Rains ISD.

Trustees unanimously approved a motion to remove interim superintendent Jim Dunlap as an authorized financial signatory for the district and to add Nicks as a signatory.

Dunlap had served as interim superintendent for the district since

December of 2023 as Arrow Educational Services, Inc. conducted the search for a new superintendent.

The last item on the agenda saw the board members unanimously approve to pay employees for April 8 as the school was closed due to the solar eclipse.

All trustees were present for the special morning meeting.

The next regular meeting of the Rains ISD Board of Trustees is scheduled for Monday, May 13, at 6:30 p.m. in the boardroom of the Rains ISD Administration building.



Leader photo by CHUCK FITTS

Joe Nicks signs a contract making him superintendent at Rains ISD



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### Rain Report

Fri., Apr. 26 ..... 3.28 in.  
Sun., Apr. 28 ..... 1.38 in.  
Total for April ..... 8.79 in.  
Year to date ..... 21.96 in.



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

## 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.

## Younger workers must balance financial priorities

If you're a younger worker, you've got tremendous personal and professional opportunities ahead of you. But you will need to make some key decisions — especially about your financial priorities. For starters, consider your debts. You'll want to prioritize paying down student loans to avoid late fees and other problems. Enrolling

in autopay can help you stay current with your loan and possibly earn a rate reduction. You may also have short-term savings goals, such as a wedding or a down payment on a home. For these goals, you may want to save money in a low-risk, liquid account that protects your principal. Finally, even though you may be decades away from retirement, saving for this goal should still be a priority. If your company offers a 401(k) or similar retirement plan at work, try to put in whatever

you can afford — at least enough to earn an employer's matching contribution if one is offered. Prioritizing these goals, and striving to meet them with the appropriate solutions, can certainly be challenging. But as a young worker, you have the greatest — and most irreplaceable — asset on your side: time. So, make the most of it. This content was provided by Edward Jones for use by Brandon Roberts, your Edward Jones financial advisor in Emory at 903-473-1592.



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## MY TAKE ON TECH

# Captcha Technology

Early on, it was fast and easy for anyone to create a free web-based email account using several companies that provided that (such as Yahoo, Hotmail, Outlook, and Gmail). That ease of account creation appealed to spammers who found ways to automate the process of creating many new accounts for the purpose of mainly sending out spam emails. Multiple automated account creation became a big problem for free web-based email providers because the automated bots creating free accounts clogged their systems with countless email accounts being created for the purpose of sending spam. As a result, these email providers got a bad reputation because they were being associated with spam email generation rather than legitimate human email users. They were in danger of having all their outgoing emails completely blocked by other email providers who wanted to protect their users from a mountain of spam. They had to act.



JOHN KELLY  
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Professional

Spammers were able to generate hundreds or even thousands of free email accounts in a very short period by using computers to simulate individual users creating individual email accounts. How could systems differentiate human account creators from automated "bot" account creators so that the automated creators could be blocked? Being able to remotely distinguish between a human and a computer is a throwback to Alan Turing pondering this back in 1950 when he wrote about computers and intelligence. The question then was if you were sitting at your computer and carrying on a conversation with something at the other end, could you, a human, determine whether that something was another human typing back to you or a computer reading your words and responding as if it was human.

To help determine whether a person using a website is a real human or a smart machine, something called a captcha was devised. Captcha stands for "Completely Automated Public Turing test to tell Computers and Humans Apart." (A great bit of trivia that nearly no one knows!) Most of the time you may see a captcha as a set of letters or numbers that look somewhat mangled, as if they had gone through a fun house mirror. The reason that the characters look mangled is because anything easily identified by humans would be easily identified by computers. So, by twisting and mangling the characters, it makes it harder for a computer to decipher it.

A captcha is used to try and make it difficult for a computer to sign up for things, enter blog entries, vote for things, post on social media, or create accounts in an automated fashion without human intervention. A captcha can be anything that a human should be able to do or see that a computer should have trouble understanding and carrying out. I've seen one instance where you are displayed a picture of an animal, and you must type what that animal is. Other examples out there abound.

The worst captchas for me are the ones that show a matrix of many tiny photos and you have to identify the ones containing a bicycle or other object for example. On a large monitor that is not too bad, but on a smartphone, it can be very difficult to see the microscopic picture detail. Also captchas can be difficult for people with handicaps who may not be able to solve them at all. With so many people with smart phones today, verifying humans by sending them a text message with a code is becoming more common, but does create privacy issues as well (regarding your phone number). Telling humans apart from machines remotely will likely continue to be an issue for a long time, if not forever. I think Alan Turing would be amazed where technology is today when it comes to the Turing Test to see if one is a person or machine. Artificial intelligence improvements will likely make things more difficult to determine who is a human being and who is a powerful computer pretending to be human. Verification by sending emails or messages to users trying to sign up or log in may somewhat replace traditional captcha technology in the future. But systems will likely always need to have the entity at the other end of the line answer the all-important question, "Are you human?" John can be reached at john2645@mytakeontech.net.

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## STORMS

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4480. More flooding of county roads caused excessive damage to bridges forcing the closures of RCR 1150 and RCR 1307. The excessive water in area lakes set new water level highs for Lake Tawakoni and Lake Fork according to the United States Geological Survey

(USGS). The USGS gauge at the spillway of Lake Tawakoni gave a provisional depth report of 439.82 ft. on April 30. Based on 24 years of data, the lake's median depth is 437 ft. and the last record high was 439.46 ft. in 2016. Lake Fork's depth reached

403.96 ft. on April 27 according to provisional data from the USGS gauge at the dam. The median depth for the lake, based on 25 years of data, is 402.77 ft. while the last record high was 403.93 ft. in 2016. On Tuesday, April 30, Texas Governor Gregg Abbott issued a disaster declaration for 29 Texas counties impacted by severe storms and flooding, but Rains County was not included. Rains County Emergency Management encourages county residents to report damage to homes and businesses from storms to the Texas Department of Emergency Management at <http://damage.tdem.texas.gov>. The information provided using the self-reporting survey helps officials identify resource needs.

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Sharing Information

After receiving my proof, information was provided giving me an explanation from the RCL as to why academic accomplishments were no longer available for readers to gain knowledge of student achievements. In early January 2024 RISD started their own school newspaper and no longer provides news stories to the RCL. Public Education is under assault by voucher fever. Any and all achievements should be shared with Our Local Newspaper Readers who don't have kids, grandkids or great grandkids attending RISD campuses are made aware of the awesome job our students are doing! Public Education needs strong support and assistance from a more diverse group of concerned people who will put in the effort sharing Our Students Achievements in RISD. The Voucher movement is very active in Rains County and surrounding counties. Fortunately we have had some more support from our Republican State Representatives in Rural School Districts. Their support will be crucial to keeping Public Education, Public and not private!

Marvin Henson Point Texas

## COURT

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agreed to take no action on the item to allow local providers to submit similar bids for services. Commissioners unanimously approved the replat of two lots in the Northwood Annex South and the replat of lots in the Corner Acres subdivision. Rains County Judge Linda Wallace was not present so Commissioner Mike Willis presided over the regular meeting. The Rains County Commissioners Court scheduled their next meeting for Thursday, May 9, at 10:00 a.m. in the courtroom of the Rains County Courthouse.

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a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The vendors, bounce houses, and petting zoo will be ready to welcome visitors of all ages. This is a day for Rains County and the surrounding communities to come together, have fun, and create lasting memories. The concert venue will open at 6:00 p.m. The opening act will begin performing at 7:00 p.m.

## SAVOR

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East Texas, and Ya Ya's Cupcakes and Bakery. Tickets are \$10 and available at the door. By attending this event, you're not just treating yourself to a delightful evening but also contributing to the Lake Country Neighbors' 501(c)(3) charity. Your support has helped provide scholarships to graduating seniors in the Lake Fork area, host a luncheon for veterans each year, and make many other charitable contributions.

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CITY GIRL

# Kitty can still be entertaining

By Linda Brendle

After a couple of serious columns, I wanted to share something lighter. Although she doesn't provide the writing material she did when she was a kitten, at nine years old Kitty still provides a line or two now and then.

One thing she hasn't outgrown is her interest in the great outdoors. When I open the front door, she likes to sit by the storm door and gaze out, dreaming of her days of chasing lizards and climbing trees. And we still have to be careful when going in and out because, if she's not napping somewhere, she sometimes tries to sneak out. In fact, she made it onto the porch twice in the last couple of weeks, although she never made it onto the ground.

The first time she became so interested in sniffing the steps that I walked up behind her and picked her up. When she was younger, she would have dashed between the steps and continued her olfactory investigations out of my reach. But this time she submitted to being carried until we were almost inside. She struggled and hissed a bit but never hit me with tooth or claw. In the next escape, she never made it past the porch. I was watering flowers so all I had to do was block the steps and shoo her back inside while David held the door open.

She still finds lots of ways to create mischief inside. As any cat person knows, cats have a knack for finding places to hide where they can't be found. I had one cat who could disappear all day and, despite hours of searching, could remain undiscovered until dinner time. After several years, the mystery was finally solved when we moved the bed and discovered a rip in the dust cover on the bottom of the box springs. She must have spent hours in her little hidey hole, giggling as we called her name and opened every closet and cabinet door.

Kitty has never gone to those lengths, but she does love to hide under the bed – or she did until recently. All cat owners also know that dreaded sound

that announces to imminent appearance of a hair ball. One morning David heard that sound and, after some investigation, decided she had made her latest deposit under the bed. I checked it out and found that it was out of reach, so I began removing the things that were stored under there.

Now, before I write this next part, let me say "don't judge." Keep in mind that my vacuum cleaner is too big to fit more than about six to eight inches under the bed, and it's kind of a pain to put on the attachments, so the items I pulled out were covered with dust and Kitty fur. And the amount of fur that was on the carpet could have been spun into yarn for a sweater for David or could have built two more cats. I got out the attachments spent the next hour lying on the floor next to the bed sucking up cat hair. I'm sure I left enough for a knit cap, but when my arms began to ache, I decided it was good enough for under the bed.

I haven't put anything back under the bed yet. My plan is to buy enough under-bed storage containers to completely fill the space so there will be no room for Kitty. That may not be necessary, though. Since I disturbed her nest, she has shown no interest in going back. Instead, she has found a couple of new hiding places. One is under the rocking chair where David lays his jeans that are not dirty enough for the laundry. The chair is against the wall and the legs of the jeans hang over the front providing cover from prying eyes. The other is a cubbyhole on the bottom level of a built-in bookshelf. It's in a corner and hard to get to, so it has remained empty – until now. At least it's too small for her to leave a hair ball without having to lie in it, and fur removal should be fairly simple.

Her most interesting venture is a new game she invented called "Betcha can't catch my tail." Several years ago, I wrote about how she sometimes sits on the back of the love seat where I sit to write. She likes to look out the window behind me, and sometimes to make it more interesting she scoots her bottom down until she's sitting on my shoulder. Then she proceeds to whop me in the face

with her tail. To be so fluffy, that thing packs a pretty good wallop. She also likes to lie on the end table next to me to watch the outside world through the window. Lately, if my arm is on the armrest or within reach as I use my mouse, she starts banging her tail against my arm. I playfully grab at her tail, and she seems to like it – except if I get hold of it and wave it in her face. Then she gets pretty vocal. But if I stop, she starts hitting my arm again.

One last Kitty story. I've written before about the triangle between her, David, and her stuffed elephant. She's not very interested in toys, but she loves that elephant – and she shares it with David. If he's sitting on the couch watching TV, she brings it in and drops it at his feet. And at night when we're lying in bed reading before turning out the lights, she brings it in and drops it beside him. Occasionally, she includes me by dropping it between us, and on rare occasions she drops it on me – but only after I'm asleep. But as I wrote this column, she brought it to me.

David was across the street visiting with Charles. I heard her coming and knew from the tell-tale chirping noises she was making that she was carrying the elephant. To my surprise, instead of looking at the empty couch where David should be, she jumped up on the end table next to me. She dropped the elephant and it missed the table, but her intentions were obvious. She put her front feet on the arm of the love seat and looked at me as if to say, "You may pet me." And I did. She looked pleased and then went elsewhere to do whatever cats do when we're not watching.

She and I have a rather complicated relationship. I think it's an ongoing competition over who's the alpha female in this house. She's cuter and has sharper claws, but I'm older and bigger. Still, we seem to have worked out a détente – and she's still entertaining enough to provide some good writing material.

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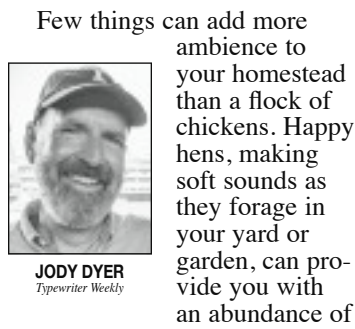
# Cluck Old Hen – Chickens in Springtime



My old hen's a good old hen  
She lays eggs for the railroad men  
Sometimes eight sometimes ten  
That's enough for the railroad men

Cluck old hen cluck and sing  
Ain't laid an egg since late last spring  
Cluck old hen cluck and squall  
Ain't laid an egg since late last fall

Cluck Old Hen – Old-Time banjo & fiddle tune – mid 1800s.



JODY DYER  
Typewriter Reddy

Few things can add more ambiance to your homestead than a flock of chickens. Happy hens, making soft sounds as they forage in your yard or garden, can provide you with an abundance of fresh eggs to enjoy each morning. Springtime is a good time to consider raising some chickens.

Some time ago, a dear friend of ours contacted me for advice on purchasing chickens. She was ordering baby chicks and wondered if I had any thoughts on breeds that were preferable. Being a "chicken person" I did and do. What follows are these same thoughts, now put to paper (if you are new to nurturing poultry, consider visiting YouTube to get an education on chicken raising before ordering chicks or buying full grown birds). Here are my chicken thoughts...

I like the old standard dual-purpose breeds. They tend to be solid egg layers, but can also be put in the pot, if you are so inclined. These breeds typically lay brown eggs. Think of them as good all-around farm or ranch chickens.

First up we have **Barred Rocks** (one color variety of the Plymouth Rock breed – showing beautiful dark gray and white barred plumage). Barred Rocks are an all-time popular

favorite, described as steady, reliable chickens. Developed in England in the 1800s, they are considered by some to be the ideal American chicken. One of my favorite chickens in years past was an old Barred Rock hen with an injury to her face. I called her *Scar-Head Lois*.

Next, we have the **Black Australorp**. Imported into the U.S. from Australia in the 1920s, these chickens are known for their superior heat tolerance. They are one of the very best egg layers. Known to be quiet and gentle, they are wonderful birds.

Another breed known to be heavy layers are **Rhode Island Reds**. Developed in Rhode Island in the early 1900s, they are one of the most famous and popular breeds. These birds can be a bit feisty and are sometimes mean to the other chickens, so if you have a mixed flock, it is a good idea to limit the number of Rhode Island Reds for optimal peace in the henhouse.

**Buff Orpingtons** are another breed worth considering. These golden colored chickens were imported from England in the 1800s. They are large quiet birds and can be quite broody, so make good setters and mothers.

For variety, consider including some **Ameraucanas**. These chickens, derived from the Araucana breed in the 1970s, lay blue and green tinted eggs. They make a nice addition to any flock.

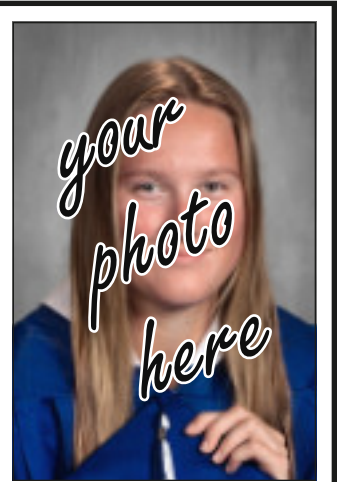
When ordering baby chicks, I strongly suggest that you order female birds (don't order unsexed or you may get all males). Also, I would recommend getting chicks vaccinated. You will have the option of requesting that your chicks be vaccinated for Marek's disease (very common in chickens and highly contagious) and Coccidiosis (a common deadly disease caused by a parasitic infection).

You may want to add a rooster to your small flock but consider your neighbors (and yourself) before doing so.

Roosters crow a lot at dawn. If you live near grouchy neighbors who like to occasionally sleep in, you might have a problem. With a rooster, you will enjoy fertilized eggs (and if hens are broody, more baby chicks), but without a rooster your eggs will be just as nutritious and tasty. Roosters can be aggressive, so consider this before you buy. I like to order three or four males, and then cull them later, keeping the most amiable rooster and eating the rest.

One more thought. Chickens need good names, and I think vintage old lady names are most appropriate for hens. Here are some good names if you need inspiration: *Lois, Mavis, Evelyn, Phoebe, Amelia, Edna, Vera, Ethel, Etta, Fern, Ruby, Eunice, Phyllis, Sadie, Cora, Eleanor, Ida, Hazel, Edith, Ophelia, Vivian, Mabel, Winifred, Opal, Harriet, & Nellie*.

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## FISHING REPORT

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department released the following information for Lake Fork and Lake Tawakoni taken on May 1:

**Fork:** Good. Water Stained; 60 degrees; 0.67 feet above pool. Lake Fork flood gates are

open which can make the bite tough. The best bite has been on shaky heads and Carolina rigs on main lake points and secondary points in 5-8 feet of water. Squarebill crankbaits are catching a few in the same areas. Frog bite is slow over flooded

grass. Yum dingers are fair at the edge of the grass 2-4 feet. The crappie fishing on Lake Fork has been great this week if you find the right areas and patterns to fish. The spawn is coming to an end and the black crappie are beginning to load up on certain bridges and docks. If you search you can find some big schools of keeper size black crappie.

**Tawakoni:** Great. Water lightly stained; 68 degrees; 1.95 feet above pool. Lake Tawakoni continues to warm despite high water levels and fishing also continues to be great. Hybrid striped & white bass are finishing up their spawning this week and we are seeing many fish without eggs anymore. Fish are being caught on humps and points in 15-25 feet on slabs and swimbaits. Eating sized blue catfish are really good on wind blown banks in 1-5 feet on fresh cut bait. Channel catfish are wide open under bobbers or straight down on punch bait in 1-5 feet or 18-22 feet. Crappie are good around docks and shallow brush. Jigs are working best. Largemouth bass are solid and biting good around lily pads, shallow docks, rip rap and concrete structure. The shad spawn is in full swing.



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22 TX Ginger Rogers 1946 film "Heart-beat" also starred Jean \_\_\_ Aumont

23 Gov. Greg \_\_\_

28 TXism: "he has short arms and \_\_\_ pockets" (frugal)

29 slang for most Texas soldiers in the Civil War

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42 defamed someone's character

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48 one under par in golf

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52 \_\_\_ Green County

53 Dallas-born "Usher" 1999 film: " \_\_\_ All That"

54 "muck and \_\_\_"

56 Amarillo's " \_\_\_ State Fair & Rodeo"

57 moon to Houston: "The Eagle \_\_\_ Landed" (1969)

58 \_\_\_ hart, Texas

10 Texas epic "Giant" was \_\_\_ novel by Edna Ferber

11 biblical donkey

12 Egyptian cobra

13 TXism "so many you couldn't \_\_\_ a stick"

14 pecan is the state \_\_\_ in Texas

15 this Williams played for the Mavs (1989-92)

16 TXism: "he's plumb weak north of the \_\_\_" (dumb)

18 golf achievement: hole in \_\_\_

20 TX George Strait's "I Think She Still Loves \_\_\_"

23 TXism: "chompin' \_\_\_ the bit" (eager)

24 Dallas-based Greyhound vehicle

25 TXism: "ain't worth two \_\_\_" (useless)

26 " \_\_\_ for all" (same legal system for everyone)

27 in Shelby County on U.S. 84 & 96

32 TX Tanya Tucker's "Some Kind \_\_\_ Troublin'" (1992)

33 "use it \_\_\_ lose it"

34 TXism: "nah"

36 TXism: " \_\_\_ earned his spurs" (merited)

37 rocks with gold, e.g.

38 song: "take \_\_\_ to the ball game . . ."

39 \_\_\_ Rivers, Texas

40 cow skins

41 UT grad, Wallace

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# Sheriff's Report

The Rains County Sheriff's Office took the following reports of activity during the week of April 22-28:



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Rains County Sheriff

## Arrests

**4-24:** Michael Bell, Point. Public intoxication, time served.

**4-25:** Bobby Bragg, Emory. Possession of a controlled substance PG 1 greater than or equal to 4 gr. less than 200 gr., \$100,000 cash/surety bond.

**4-26:** Gorge Gonzalez-Palomar, Greenville. Resisting officer, \$7,500 cash/surety bond; possession of a controlled substance PG 1 greater than or equal to 1 gr. less than 4 gr., \$50,000 cash/surety bond; evading arrest detention, \$7,500 cash surety bond; failure to identify fugitive intent give false information, \$7,500 cash/surety bond.

**4-27:** Sarah Williams. Bail jumping and failure to appear, \$60,000 cash/surety bond.

**4-27:** Francisco Tamayo. Manufacture and delivery of a controlled substance PG 1 greater than or equal to 4 gr. less than 200 gr., \$50,000 cash/surety bond.

**4-28:** Christian Campos. Manufacture and delivery of a controlled substance PG 1 greater than or equal to 4 gr. less than 200 gr., \$50,000 cash/surety bond.

## Calls

**4-22:** FM 2946 Female was assaulted; CR 1690 Male can hear people outside; FM 2324 Alarm call; CR 3200 Welfare concern for a child; FM 2946 Male wants to know if the owner of Axton's can have his trailer towed if he does not leave; CR 3202 Environmental call; Hwy. 69 Reckless driver; E Lennon Dr. Emory Police Department (PD) out on a follow up; CR 3202 Welfare check on a female; S Texas St. Lift assist; CR 4430 Female states someone is using her old license plates and causing her to get toll tickets in Austin; Hwy. 19N Vehicle parked by the bridge and they may be fishing but can't park there; Emory Caller in Washington reported

child abuse but does not know address; 3rd St. Medical assist 34-year-old male having a hard time breathing; CR 3025 Male in the Sheriff's Office (SO) lobby would like to speak with a deputy about his daughter being assaulted; CR 1402 Caller needs to have a male issued a criminal trespass warning; CR 4250 Male states someone ran into his fence; Tawakoni Tr. Hospital reports child bitten by family dog; CR 1140 Female sent male pictures of her wrist bleeding; Ave. C Point PD out on a follow up; PR 7423 74-year-old female fell; Industrial Blvd. Alarm call.

**4-23:** Hwy. 19N Deputy out with a suspicious vehicle; CR 1626 Male is worried the bank made a mistake and is trying to evict him instead of his neighbor; CR 1626 Deputy out on a paper service; CR 3025 Caller wants to pass on some information to a deputy; FM 779 Male would like to speak with a deputy about a scam he received in the mail; SO Female reporting harassment; Hwy. 19S Reckless driver; CR 3317 Female is dizzy, has a headache and body feels like it is burning all over; CR 2324 Cows out and owner needs help; N 1st St. Unknown medical alarm; Hwy. 19S Female reports her friend pulled over and is having a health issue; CR 1280 Livestock in the roadway; First National Bank Deputy out on a follow up; E Lennon Dr. Reckless driver; FM 2324 Female reports someone may have tried to scam her out of \$13,000; Quick Save Someone that has been criminally trespassed from the property is there; CR 1690 Shirtless male in blue jeans walking down the roadway; CR 1399 Male has low oxygen and is COVID positive; CR 4528 Report of trailers with no tags; Hwy. 69 and Hwy. 276 intersection Two-vehicle accident, no injuries; Duffy St. Grandchildren called and said their mom will not wake up; CR 1185 EMS needs a deputy for children left alone, advised them this was in Hopkins Co.; FM 2795 Male and female heard arguing; S Dunbar Ln. Female reports a break in at her home; Ave. D Dogs got out and were out for about two minutes when someone shot them; FM 47 near FM 2324

Reckless driver; FM 515 Alarm call; Katherine St. Female kicked her son and his girlfriend out a couple weeks ago and the girlfriend is sending her threatening texts; CR 3335 Someone hacked male's phone.

**4-24:** FM 2946 Deputy out with a suspicious vehicle at the boat ramps; FM 2324 Medical assist female possibly having a heart attack; SO lobby male has been receiving threatening messages; FM 2946 Livestock in the roadway; CR 1691 Livestock in the roadway; Hwy. 69 Medical assist 13-year-old female with high blood pressure; CR 3412 Female reports her son is believed to be involved in a crime; CR 1410 Reckless driver; N Locust St. Lift assist; CR 2180 Cow stuck near a house; Hwy. 276 at Hwy. 69 Two-vehicle accident, unknown injuries; CR 4253 Two pitbulls at large killing caller's cats; Locust St. Two-vehicle accident, minor damage; Locust St. Lawnmower on fire; E Lennon Dr. One female and two males left without paying for their groceries; Sandy Creek Park Report of kids being inappropriate in the restrooms; CR 4250 Intoxicated male laying in the ditch; FM 514 Medical assist female feeling jittery and would like to be checked by EMS.

**4-25:** FM 514 Livestock in the roadway; E Lennon Dr. Deputy giving a courtesy transport; CR 2220 Caller states their grandfather owns the shop and there is a car parked there and they heard glass break; FM 47 Agency assist; CR 2110 Medical assist male is in a lot of pain; FM 47 Deputy out on a motorist assist; FM 514 Livestock in the roadway; CR 3202 Female states her cardiologist advised her to go to the ER; SO Female would like to report her son being harassed; SO Female would like to have someone criminally trespassed; Hwy. 276 Deputy out on a motorist assist; CR 5450 Medical assist female fell and hit her head; Hwy. 69 One-vehicle accident, no injuries; CR 4254 Lift assist; Hwy. 69 Female states she is behind a vehicle with no tail lights.

**4-26:** E Lennon Dr. Vehicle investigation; Lakeview Dr. German shepherds are out; CR 2181

Deputy out on a paper service; CR 1495 Female states someone called claiming to be a priest and she gave him her address and he is outside; CR 2370 Medical assist 73-year-old male on the floor and can not get up; CR 3025 Male did some work for caller and since then he been sending threatening texts; CR 1315 Welfare check on 73-year-old female; CR 3200 Vehicle fire; E Lennon Dr. Medical assist for an elderly female who is stumbling around and very out of it; SO lobby Person wants to speak with a deputy; CR 3425 Caller would like to speak with someone about a criminal trespass warning; SO lobby owner of Cedar Cove would like to speak with a deputy; FM 513 Someone knocked on female's door; Planters St. Alarm call; CR 4325 Debris in the roadway; N Planters St. Downed power lines; CR 1605 Debris in the roadway; Hwy. 19 One-vehicle accident, unknown injuries; Hwy. 69 Caller states a tree fell on their vehicle while driving; CR 2220 Debris in the roadway; Hwy. 19N Vehicle in the fence, no injuries; CR 3485 Female states she is in the middle of high water; CR 3319 Debris in the roadway; CR 1250 water in the roadway; FM 779 Deputy out on a motorist assist; CR 2250 Fireman possibly struck by lightning; CR 3160 Debris in the roadway; CR 2460 Roadway blocked; Emory Fire Station Medical assist person came in with chest pains; CR 2946 Tree

blocking the roadway; CR 2365 Tree blocking the roadway; CR 2420 Road flooded; CR 2310 Tree hanging over the roadway; FM 779 Flooding; CR 4254 Lift assist; E Lennon Dr. Debris in the roadway; Barnes St. Electrical fire, transformer most likely hit; FM 2946 Missing 13-year-old female; Rabe Rd. Male threatening to beat people up; FM 779 near CR 2620 Caller states they are stuck in high water; CR 3202 Medical assist male seizing, unresponsive; CR 3332 Caller got their vehicle stuck in the mud; Tawakoni Dr. Missing child possibly located; FM 47 Welfare check on a male; Industrial Blvd. Alarm call; CR 1325 Car stalled in high water.

**4-27:** Big Daddy's Male is passed out in the entrance; PR 7709 Female walking down the roadway may be the missing child; Industrial Blvd. Alarm call; Hwy. 19 Vehicle has been sitting on the road for a while; CR 2160 Attempted suicide; W Quitman St. Missing girl located; CR 2181 Deputy out on a paper service; CR 3310 New culvert washed away; CR 2220 Large tree blocking the roadway; FM 275 Neighbors pigs keep staying on other's property; CR 3381 Female has been harassing caller through texts for a couple months; SO call Dogs running loose on CR 1324; FM 2795 Livestock in the roadway; Fairgrounds Needle found by the restroom; Rabe Rd. Point PD out on a follow up; SO lobby Individual would like to speak with a deputy about their

car being held at H&F Wrecker; CR 4252 Downed power lines; Fullington Dr. Deputy out on a follow up; CR 3237 Caller thinks she damaged her throat; Hwy. 276 Reckless driver; FM 2324 Medical assist 60-year-old female having a hard time breathing; Rains Co. Jail Inmate having complication with infection in leg; Ravine St. Dogs out; N Planters St. Female states her daughter burned her things; E Quitman Emory PD out with a vehicle with an open door; E Lennon Dr. Alarm call;

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## STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

### High-end electrical users could strain grid

The growth of industrial-scale users of power could strain the Texas power grid, ERCOT's chief announced last week. The Dallas Morning

News reported Pablo Vegas, the agency's CEO, said bitcoin miners and artificial intelligence data centers going in across the state, as well as industrial growth in

the Permian Basin, could create the need for a massive buildup of power transmission lines in the future.

ERCOT is forecasting a 37 percent jump in power demand from industrial-sized users, even more than earlier predicted. It increased its forecast of electricity needed by new large-scale users from 111 gigawatts to 152 gigawatts. By comparison, the record for grid demand was set last August when 85.5 gigawatts were used.

ERCOT regulates 90 percent of the state's power grid.

### State battles acute ag worker shortage

In the 1950s, 10 percent of the state's adult population worked in agriculture, a number that has dropped to 1 percent today, according to the Texas Standard.

Diane Charlton, an associate professor at Montana State University who studies where farm workers come from, said the number of individuals from Mexico working in agriculture provides the most farm workers, has dropped an average of one percent per year from 1980 to 2010. That amounts to 250,000 fewer farm workers per year.

Mexico provides the most farm workers. Among the reasons for decreasing numbers of Mexican farm workers are growing industrialization and increasing access to education in Mexico, and an aging group of immigrants who have traditionally worked on American farms.

Steve Hubbard of the American Immigration Council said more farmers are applying to hire temporary workers through an H-2A visa. Under its provisions, foreign workers are hired to do work on a specific farm for a given time before returning home.

Experts say hotter temperatures under climate change are also driving away potential farm workers.

"Workers are just going to suffer significantly if there are not some immediate protections put in place to address the work in these hotter temperatures."

Amy Liebman, with the Migrant Clinicians Network, said. "We're experiencing these higher heat days, higher number of heat days."

### 75 Texas counties lost population from 2022 - 2023

The Texas Standard reported that 75 counties lost population from 2022 to 2023 in the Texas Panhandle, West Texas, parts of South Texas, and Deep East Texas.

The state's population center is increasingly concentrated in a triangle drawn from Dallas to San Antonio to Houston, then back to Dallas. Inside that triangle reside more than 30 million people — 68 percent of the state's population.

"These are also centers of economic development," said Helen You of the Texas Demographic Center. "This is also where you see universities and lots of educational opportunities there."

William Chittenden, president and CEO of the Southwestern Graduate School of Banking, said the shrinking population of those rural counties will eventually pose serious challenges.

"At some point, some counties are going to get so small where it's going to be difficult for them to function," Chittenden said. "You have to have some critical mass just to support, for example, a local grocery store, a local gas station, hopefully a bank."

### Inmate advocates sue over lack of AC

Ahead of a summer heat wave, advocates for Texas inmates last week filed a complaint against Bryan Collier, executive director of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. The complaint argues that not having air conditioning in most Texas prison cells amounts to cruel and unusual punishment, according to the Texas Tribune.

The plaintiffs have asked an Austin federal judge to declare the state's prison policy unconstitutional. It would also require that prisons be kept under 85 degrees Fahrenheit. According to the Tribune, Texas jails are already required to keep facilities cooler than 85 degrees, while federal prisons in Texas have a 76-degree maximum.

What is truly infuriating is the failure to acknowledge that everyone in the system — all 130,000 prisoners — are at direct risk of being impacted by something that has a simple solution that has been around since the 1930s, and that is air conditioning," attorney Jeff Edwards told reporters.

About two-thirds of the

inmates in the Texas prison system do not have air-conditioned cells. A study conducted in 2022 found that 14 prison deaths per year were associated with heat.

### Work zone awareness urged by TxDOT

Highway road construction is amping up as summer approaches, and motorists are urged to exercise caution when driving through the state's more than 9,000 highway construction zones.

In 2023, 190 people were killed in construction work zones. Of those, 77 percent were either drivers or passengers, far outpacing the number of workers injured or killed, according to the Texas Department of Transportation.

"Keeping our Texas highway system functioning and safe requires constant effort from dedicated crews," TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams said. "Drivers should anticipate work zones and changing road conditions and always be prepared to slow down, follow signs and pay attention."

The "Be Safe. Drive Smart" campaign, which seeks to end a daily string of highway fatalities that dates to 2000, has five tips for drivers to protect both those on the road and those working on those roads:

- Slow down and follow the posted speed limit.
- Pay attention and stay off your cell phone.
- Watch out for road crews.
- Don't tailgate. There are often sudden stops and starts during a work zone delay.
- Allow extra time to get to your destination.

### Texas still leading U.S. in job creation

Texas continues to lead the nation in job creation, with March unemployment numbers indicating the state has led in that category for the past 12 months. The state's total workforce has reached a record 15.189 million, according to the Texas Workforce Commission.

Texas added 270,700 jobs from March 2023 to March 2024, the most in the nation.

"Texas continues to be a top place for growth and economic success with thousands of jobs added by employers in March," said TWC Chairman Bryan Daniel. "Our world class workforce of talented Texans attracts employers from many expanding industries."

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THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY

# “Hippo” couldn’t win for losing

by Barte Haile

“Hippo” Vaughn cursed his rotten luck on May 2, 1917, after losing the only double no-hitter in major league history.

James Leslie Vaughn grew up in Weatherford, the Texas town west of Fort Worth where he was born in 1888. And did he ever grow! To a height of six-foot five inches – unusually tall for the turn of the century.

Determined to earn his living on a diamond, Jim Vaughn started playing baseball straight out of school. He stayed close to home for the first couple of seasons, pitching for Temple in the Texas League in 1906 and the next year splitting time between Corsicana (North Texas League) and Hot Springs (Arkansas State League).

In 1908, five years before changing their name to the Yankees, the New York Highlanders called up the strong-arm southpaw. But the youngster was not quite ready for prime time, and the parent club sent him down to Scranton for the rest of the season.

Another year in the Highlander farm system did the trick. With a new curveball and a change-of-pace to go along with his fastball, Vaughn was a spring-training sensation.

Manager George Stallings had such a high opinion of the lefty that he let the twenty-two year old take the mound for the first game of the 1910 campaign. Ninety-six years later, the Texan is still the youngest opening-day pitcher in Yankee history.

The rookie more than held his own that season. Although his 13-11 win-loss record was not particularly impressive, his 1.83 earned run average, 18

complete games and five shutouts ranked among the best in the American League.

But a sophomore slump that saw Vaughn drop ten of 18 decisions and his ERA soar to 4.39, shook his confidence. When he stumbled out of the gate in 1912, losing eight of ten starts, the Yankees dropped him like a hot potato.

A four-victory rebound with Washington was not enough to keep him in the nation’s capital or the majors. But the Chicago Cubs decided to take a chance on the left-hander in July 1913, and he responded with five wins, including two shut-outs, and a 1.45 ERA.

The gypsy pitcher had found a home at last. For the next seven seasons, Vaughn was the dependable workhorse of the Cubs’ pitching corps.

His stats say it all: From 1914 through 1920, Vaughn averaged 293 innings, 40 starts, 23.5 complete games, 4.7 shutouts and 20.4 victories against 13.3 defeats. His ERA was never higher than 2.87 and twice was below 2.00.

One of the unwritten rules of baseball is that everybody must have a nickname. Vaughn picked up his after putting a few extra pounds on his stocky frame. A smart aleck compared his peculiar walk to that of a hippopotamus, and the unflattering sobriquet stuck.

On May 2, 1917, “Hippo” Vaughn faced Cincinnati’s Fred Toney in front of 3,500 scattered spectators at the Windy City’s Weeghman Park. Both hurlers had good stuff that afternoon and totally dominated the other team’s batters.

At the end of nine innings, neither the Cubs or the Reds had a run or a hit. For the first and last time in major-league history, two pitchers had thrown no-hitters!

Many years later, “Hippo” himself gave a play-by-play of

the fateful tenth inning. With one out, the Reds’ Larry Kopf smacked one of Vaughn’s deliveries “into right center” for “the first hit of the game.”

The next batter hit a fly ball to center field for the second out. “Hal Chase also hit a fly out that way. Williams got both hands on it and dropped it. Kopf got to third (on the error), and Chase reached second.”

“Indian Jim Thorpe sent a swinging bunt toward third. I knew I couldn’t get Thorpe at first, so I fielded the ball and scooped it toward the plate.

“Now, some of the writers said that Wilson (the catcher) didn’t expect the throw. The truth is that Art just went paralyzed. The ball hit him square in the chest protector and then dropped to the ground.”

The stupefied catcher stood by as Kopf scored the winning run, and Toney pitched his tenth no-hit inning to end the one-of-a-kind game.

Vaughn went on to win a career-best 23. He was even better in 1918 leading the National League in victories, earned run average, strikeouts, innings and shut-outs.

Three years later, “Hippo” was washed up in the major leagues. His record was an awful 3-10, when he gave up back-to-back home runs to the Giants on Jul. 9, 1921. The Cubs skipper sent him to the showers, and he never came back.

Vaughn knocked around the bush leagues for 16 more years, pitching for clubs like the Beloit Fairies and the Logan Squares until finally calling it quits at age 49. He retired with 401 lifetime victories (178 in the majors and 223 in the minors), one of only seven pitchers to reach the 400-win plateau.

In spite of his accomplishments, Jim Vaughn never made it to Cooperstown. What about Waco, home of the Texas Sports Hall of Fame? Nope, “Hippo” is not there either, and that is a crying shame.

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BARTEE HAILE  
Historical Columnist

# Obituaries

## Judy Lee Nix-McCasland

1952 - 2024



Memorial services for Judy Lee Nix-McCasland, 72, of Alba, were held on May 2, 2024, at Amazing Grace Fellowship Church, Alba. Bro. Byron George officiated under the direction of the church and family.

Mrs. Nix-McCasland died on April 29, 2024, at her residence in Alba, surrounded by her family. She and twin brother Gerald (Jerry) were born January 18, 1952, in Dallas, to James A. and Betty Jo Kindle Yarbrough. She grew up in Garland and graduated from Garland High School with the class of 1970. She was a floral designer for over 20 years and later, a senior payroll specialist for L.L. Roberts Professional Employers. She married Lenis Derrell McCasland on December 17, 2011, in Lavon and they moved from Lavon to Alba in 2016. She loved reading, floral design, especially weddings, and nature. She was a member of Amazing Grace Fellowship Church, Alba. She loved her church and her church family.

Mrs. Nix-McCasland is survived by her husband of 12 years; daughter, Amie Spraggins-

Rumsey of Greenville; grandson, Cody Rumsey of Greenville; great-grandson, Dax Lee Rumsey of Dallas; brother, Jimmy Lynn Yarbrough of Cathedral, California; stepdaughters, Janelle Nix Wolfson and husband Michel of Rowlett, Janette Nix Toney and husband Doug of Montrose, Colorado, Kandy Brazell of Royse City, and Misty McCasland of Alba; step grandchildren, Adriene Goforth Houghtlin and husband Shawn of Wylie, Craig Ellis and Joanne Albright of Dallas, Tyler Wolfson of Rowlett, Cullen Ellis and wife Emma of Missouri, and Ryan Brazell of Royse City; great-granddaughter, Marie Claire Ellis of Missouri; and numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her father, James A. Yarbrough; mother, Betty Jo Yarbrough; twin brother, Jerry (Gerald) Glen Yarbrough; and husband, James Wayne Nix.

Memorials can be made to Amazing Grace Fellowship Church, P.O. Box 783, Alba, Texas 75410.

## Jerry Pierce

1945 - 2024



A celebration of life for Jerry Pierce, 79, of Emory, will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2024, at The Wildflower in Emory, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Mr. Pierce died on April 16, 2024, in Sulphur Springs. He was born on March 2, 1945, to Jesse Pierce and Ruth (Miller) Pierce in Waldo, Arkansas.

He was an avid fisherman and enjoyed spending time out on the water in his boat. He loved the Texas Rangers and Dallas Mavericks. He enjoyed visiting casinos and Las Vegas was a special place for him.

He found great joy in coaching his sons’ little league teams and later watching as his sons took on the coaching role with enthusiasm. He was dedicated to being present at all of his grandchildren’s games whenever possible. He valued moments spent with his family on vacations to different destinations or creating cherished memories together in Florida or the Ozarks. He always prioritized time spent with his loved ones.

His warm personality and kind demeanor touched the lives of those around him. He met his wife Vickie when she moved next door to him and within three months, they were married. His proudest accomplishment was raising a family with her which will continue to flourish for generations to come.

Mr. Pierce is survived by his wife; sons, Jason Pierce and wife Dori, and Clayton Pierce and wife Jolee; granddaughter, Joslyn Varela and husband Alex; grandsons, Gavin Pierce and Carson Pierce; and brother, Hershel Pierce.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Edmond Pierce; and son, David Pierce.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his honor to the RYSA Park in Emory, the American Heart Association, and/ or the Liver Foundation.

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### Believer's Baptist Church

By Linda Brendle

I perceived that whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it. God has done it, so that people fear before him.

Ecclesiastes 3:14

Pastor Jason Rolan continued to preach from Ecclesiastes with a sermon titled "Doing Time." Of all the passages in Ecclesiastes, the poem in Chapter 3 about the times is probably the best known and most frequently preached about. It is connected to the poem of Chapter 1. Both poems teach the sovereignty of God over nature and life, and Solomon's advice is the same, but this time it is given in the context of grappling with the sovereignty of God.

The regular Members' Meeting which was scheduled for April 28 was cancelled due to

possible bad weather. It has been rescheduled for May 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

The next 55+ Fellowship Lunch is a potluck on Tuesday, May 7, at noon in the fellowship hall.

The annual Raffa Baby Bottle Boomerang fundraiser begins May 12. Baby bottles will be available to be filled and returned.

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 the Student Ministry World Changers on June 10-15; Pre-teen Camp on June 27-29; and Family VBS on July 22-24.

The Asking for a Friend podcast Episode #187 is titled "A Biblical Understanding of Deacons." The link is available at [www.bbcmemory.org](http://www.bbcmemory.org).

### Country Baptist Church

By Donna Boughton

Rain, rain and more rain. Through the flooding waters, dodging all the potholes, tree limbs, and debris you really had to have a great desire to make it to church, but it was an awesome time when you arrived. God's Spirit lifted the rainy day blues and brought sunshine to our souls.

The Sunday school hour began with Joel Frazier leading us in a very old, wonderful song that reminded us that God is still in control. After a prayer of dismissal, we went to our classes.

Donna Jones led her children's class in a study about the disciples' failed attempt to catch fish through the night. But when Jesus came that morning, His instructions led them to just the right place to catch enough fish for a wonderful breakfast.

Our adult class continued studying Rick Warren's "Created to Dream." This week's focus

was on two of the things we should not do while waiting for God's perfect timing. We are not to be afraid or to fret. The title for our lesson was "Two Don'ts When Waiting On God."

Joel began our worship services by leading us in some great congregational numbers. After a time of sharing both prayer requests and praises, Donna Jones voiced our morning prayer. Prior To Pastor Mike Frazier's message, Kelsey and Avery Frazier brought our special music.

Pastor Mike's message came from I Timothy. His message focused on the great mystery of evil and why God allows it. There are many questions that follow this great thought and require much prayer and deep contemplation.

So many tornadoes and destruction have occurred over the past several days. Please stay safe and pray for our community and those that have been in the destructive paths of these storms.

### Emory Baptist Church

By Ronnie Witt

The worship service on Sunday started with the observance of baptism. Several children from the Sonbeam Day School program sang a song they have been working on. Bro. Richard Piles returned to the pulpit Sunday morning to share a message titled "Is the Golden Rule in the Bible?" The Golden Rule predates Jesus' ministry by many years, but He is the first to express the idea of the Golden Rule in positive terms. Previous iterations expressed what NOT to do. However, Jesus said "Do to others as you would like them to do to you." In the evening, there was a brief members' meeting in the fellowship hall, followed by a church "Pie Social" put on by the T.E.L. there were four eight-foot tables, end-to-end, completely covered

with plated slices of homemade pies of all kinds. There was plenty to take with plenty left over.

Join us Thursday, May 2, at noon, for the National Day of Prayer. In the event of rainy weather, the prayer service will be moved inside the building.

Vacation Bible School online registration is open! Breaker Rock Beach is scheduled for June 10-14, 9:00 a.m. to noon. There will be a registration VBS kickoff on Sunday, June 9, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Those registered online can pick up their VBS shirts and enjoy a preview of the week with VBS music, hot dogs, inflatables, and an exclusive Sunday craft. Those who haven't registered yet can register that night for VBS.

### Emory Methodist Church

By Mary White

Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

Psalms 100:2

With Rev. David Banks out of town it was decided we would do songs and scripture. What a great day of worship with passages of praise and Wesley's directions for singing read by Dawn Woods. Wesley said "sing lustily and with a good courage. Beware of singing as if you were half dead or half asleep. Above all sing spiritually and remember this is the day that the Lord has made let us rejoice and be glad in it." We really did

rejoice with hymns led by Jon Weddle. Jon chose songs for us to sing, then let the congregation pick their favorite.

The VBS meeting will be on Monday, May 6, at 10:00 a.m. Sunday, May 12, is Mother's Day, and Monday, May 13, the Widow's/Widower's group will meet at 11:00 a.m. The EMW Ladies Tea Party Fundraiser will be May 18. VBS will be July 8-11 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

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

Have a week filled with many blessings and don't forget to smile.

### Bright Star Baptist Church

By Glenda Galyean

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

1 John 1:7

Our youth night was canceled because of the storm, but will be rescheduled soon.

Our Pastor Andrew Grills brought an amazing message Wednesday evening following a beautiful special in song by Sharon Grills. His message was from Genesis titled, "The Love of God and the Deception of Satan."

What a great Sunday we had at Bright Star! Bro. Andrew's parents are visiting from Kentucky. His dad taught the adult Sunday School class, and it was great. His lesson was from Psalms titled "The Secret Place." Following our fellowship time and congregational singing, we were blessed by two specials: Karen Grills, Bro. Andrew's mom, and Sharon Grills, his wife. Bro. Andrew's message

was from 1 John titled "Promises Kept". It was a strong invitation to accept the promise of God's love and salvation! Praise the Lord! A young man accepted Jesus as his Savior.

Our ladies had their meeting in the evening. We had some wonderful food to begin with and then Glenda Galyean did a demonstration of how to prepare The Lord's Supper bread and the symbolism of each part. Several ladies volunteered to participate with her. It was wonderful.

May 2 is National Day of Prayer and Mother's Day is May 12.

Our revival will be May 13-16. Bro. Jimbo Seaton will be the preacher. Come expecting a blessing.

Jesus, the greatest gift, is available to all who will accept Him. Come join us Sunday at 10:00 a.m. for Sunday School and 11:00 a.m. for worship service.

Enjoy your family, and have a safe week.

### SAVVY SENIOR

## How to Find Affordable Internet Services?

Dear Savvy Senior,  
I was recently notified that the Affordable Connectivity Program, which subsidizes my monthly internet bill, is about to end. What are my options for finding affordable home internet services now? I'm 71 years old and live primarily on my Social Security benefits.



JIM MILLER  
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Dear Barely,  
It's unfortunate, but without additional funding from Congress, the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) is winding down and will end in mid-May.

For those that aren't familiar with this program, the ACP is a government benefit that has provided millions of financially eligible households with a discount of up to \$30 per month toward their home internet service, or up to \$75 per month for households on qualifying Tribal lands.

The ACP was initially born out of a pandemic-era program called the Emergency Broadband Benefit in 2021 and replaced six months later by the longer-term ACP when Congress devoted \$14.2 billion to the program as part of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

More than 23 million households are currently enrolled in the ACP which has significantly helped close the digital divide, as affordability has been the primary barrier that has kept most ACP beneficiaries from getting home internet services. But funds are almost out, and a sharply divided Congress has chosen not to continue funding the program, unless they change their mind in the 11th hour.

### What to Do Now?

A good first step in securing affordable home internet services is to contact your current provider to find out if they offer any other discounts or low-cost services that fit your budget.

If not, you should shop around. The nonprofit organization EveryoneOn has a National Offer Locator Tool that can help you find low-income discounted internet services from providers in your area. Just go to [EveryoneOn.org/find-offers](http://EveryoneOn.org/find-offers), type in your ZIP code and answer a few questions regarding your household financial situation so the internet services you're eligible for can be located.

Some cities and states across the country are also offering their own local versions of the ACP to help low-income households pay their internet. The best way to look for these services is by going to Google and searching for "(location) internet resources."

### Check Lifeline Benefit

If you haven't already done so, you also need to find out if you're eligible for the Lifeline program. Unlike the ACP, Lifeline is a permanently funded federal assistance program that provides a \$9.25 monthly subsidy that can help pay your home internet, phone or bundled services (up to \$34.25 if you live on Tribal lands). Only one benefit is available per household.

To qualify, your annual household income must be at or below 135 percent of the federal

poverty guidelines, which is \$19,683 for one person or \$26,622 for two. Or, if you're receiving certain types of government benefits such as Medicaid, SNAP, SSI, public housing assistance, veterans' pension or survivors pension benefit, or live on federally recognized Tribal lands.

You can apply for Lifeline online at [LifelineSupport.org](http://LifelineSupport.org), via mail or through your internet or phone provider. Or, if you need assistance call their support line at 800-234-9473.

### Other Options

If you find that you aren't eligible for any of the lower-income services, you may still be able to save on your internet by shopping and comparing. The best way to do this is at websites like [InMyArea.com](http://InMyArea.com), which provides a list of internet providers in your area, along with pricing and download speeds. Most providers offer plans under \$50 monthly, and you can often find additional discounts for things like bundling with a cellphone plan or signing an annual contract.

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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.

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The PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION filed by RALPH SANCHEZ, was filed in the 354TH DISTRICT COURT of Rains County, Texas on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024, styled,

**CAUSE NO. 11592**  
**RALPH SANCHEZ**  
 -VS-  
 UNKNOWN OWNERS OR CLAIMANTS OF THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY

The real property made the basis of this suit is described as follows: **5.13 ACRES IN THE WILLIAM HAVINS SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 111, RAINS COUNTY TEXAS, VOLUME NO. 195, PAGE 769.**

Plaintiff requests "TITLE AND POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY: as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter an order that will be binding on you.

ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT AT OFFICE IN EMORY, TEXAS, THIS 25<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024.

**Laura Pate, District Clerk  
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 By: Melissa Butler  
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# Sports

## RAINS LADY CAT SOFTBALL & WILDCAT BASEBALL

### Lady Cats advance in playoffs, Wildcats finish second in district



Leader photo by CHUCK FITTS

Rains Lady Cat Addison Fuller (24) watches the ball into her glove at first base during the 7-3 playoff win over the Bonham Lady Warriors in Bonham on Friday, April 26.

By CHUCK FITTS  
Rains County Leader staff

The Rains Lady Cat softball team overcame rain delays to advance in the Class 3A playoffs, while the Rains Wildcat baseball team looks to bounce back from a second loss as playoffs begin.

The Lady Cats traveled to Commerce to open the playoffs against the Bonham Lady Warriors on Thursday, April 25. After allowing a run in the first, they rolled to 14-1 game-one win over Bonham.

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

After rain delays and changing fields on Friday, April 26, the Lady Cats held on to beat the Lady Warriors, 7-3.

Senior Lynzee Hague and Oakes hit back-to-back home runs to power the offense, while Oakes finished with three runs on two hits, 11 strike outs and eight walks.

The Wildcat game against the Bulldogs on Friday night was delayed for two hours, but Edgewood was able to hold on to beat Rains, 3-2.

Senior Nick Bowman started on the mound and pitched four innings, allowed two runs on four hits, walked seven and notched seven strikeouts.

Senior Grant Guidry finished the game with two hits in four at-bats and two RBIs.

The Rains Lady Cats move to 27-5-1 overall. The Rains Wild-

cats are 21-6-1 for the season and finish second in District 12-3A with a 10-2 record.

The Rains Lady Cats will take on the Boyd Lady Yellow-jackets in the area round of the Class 3A playoffs at Duncanville High School.

Lady Cats won game one over Boyd, 16-0, on May 1.

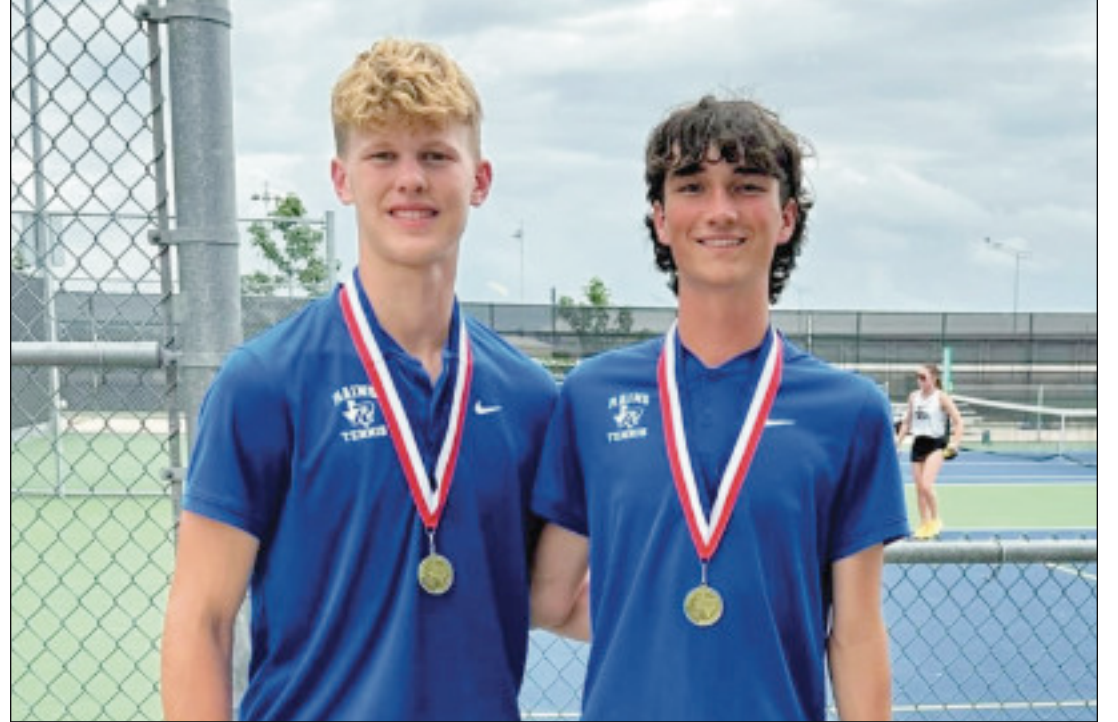
Game two is scheduled for Friday, May 3, at 7:00 p.m. If needed, game three will be played on Saturday afternoon, May 4.

The Wildcats will open the Class 3A playoffs against the Bonham Warriors. Game one will be played in Bonham on Wednesday, May 1, at 7:00 p.m.

Game two is scheduled for Friday, May 3, at Rains High School, while game three will be played on Saturday afternoon in Commerce, if needed.

## RAINS WILDCAT & LADY CAT TENNIS

### Wildcats, Lady Cats battle to regional



Contributed photo

Rains High School tennis team qualified two teams to the Region 2-3A tennis tournament at Tyler Junior College on May 9-10. Above, Evan Emig and Jasey Campbell pose with Coach Shantil Wallace and Coach Colton Smith after finishing second in mixed doubles. Below, the doubles team of Everett Kreck and Jaxon Wallace show off their gold medals after winning the district title. The boys tennis team won the District 3A title at the tournament in Prairiland on Wednesday, April 24.



Leader photo by CHUCK FITTS

Rains Lady Cat Lauren Foster (5) bends the bat as she hits the pitch from the Lady Warrior pitcher during the 7-3 playoff win over Bonham on Friday, April 26, in Bonham.

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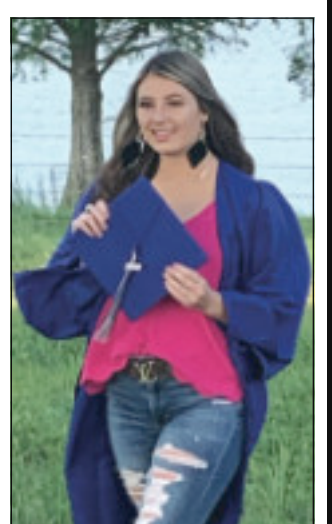
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### Deadline is 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 13