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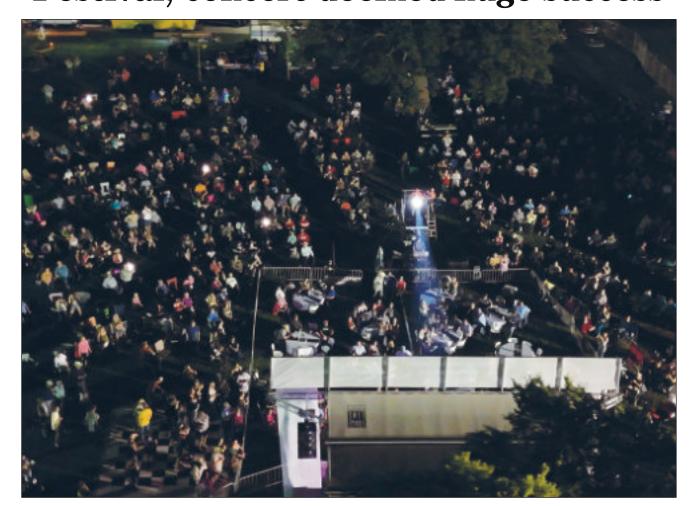
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EMORY, TEXAS - THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2024

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**FOUNDERS DAY** 

# Festival, concert deemed huge success







Top: Concert goers enjoy the performance of Neal McCoy and Josh Warren; (lower left) Henry Potts (left) and Mickey Cooper share stories at the Emory Volunteer Fire Department chicken roast; (lower right) Hazel Overbey gets introduced to barnyard animals at the petting zoo.

By CHUCK FITTS Rains County Leader staff

Officials stated that Founder's Day Festival and concert held on Saturday, May 4, in Sandy Creek Park was a success.

"Founder's Day was a huge success," Emory EDC Director Leah Drown said. "I couldn't have asked for better weather or attendance."

The event raised over \$50,000 with proceeds to benefit the city parks in Emory. Over 40 vendor tables were set up in the park with activities throughout the morning for everyone including a bounce house, petting zoo, food trucks and

carnival games. Local organizations held fundraisers during the event with the Emory Lions Clubs pancake

breakfast in the morning and the

Emory VFD chicken roast at lunch. This year's concert featured Neal McCoy with over 700 people enjoying the outdoor concert despite a brief shower.

"Founder's Day 2024 went off without a hitch," Drown stated. "it's time to start planning next year's event!"



#### **EAST TAWAKONI**

### Annual chance to run a nautical mile this weekend

By CHUCK FITTS Rains County Leader staff

The City of East Tawakoni will hold the annual Race Across the SSGT McNabb Memorial Bridge on Saturday, May 11, to benefit the city's parks.

The fun run/walk will start at 8:00 a.m. with participants able to do a nautical mile, or 1.15 miles, across the bridge over Lake Tawakoni.

The 5K race is scheduled to start at 8:30 a.m. With runners racing to a halfway point and returning to the starting line to get their medals.

Entry fee for the 5K race is \$25, while the fun run will cost \$15. Participants can register at http:// getmeregistered.com/East Tawakoni.

The northern lane of the SSGT McNabb Memorial bridge on Hwy. 276 will be blocked off to allow runners to participate in the

Boats are expected to be on Lake Tawakoni near the bridge playing music to keep runners and walkers motivated.

The two mile bridge over Lake Tawakoni was dedicated to Staff Sergeant Shawn Henry McNabb of Poetry in January of 2022. McNabb, an Army medic in the "Night Stalkers," was killed during a mission in Afghanistan in 2009.

#### SALES TAX ALLOCATIONS

### State returns up, but local tax returns down

**Bv CHUCK FITTS** Rains County Leader staff

The office of Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar is returning over a billion dollars to statewide taxing districts in May, but local entities will see decreases in returns for

May compared to 2023. The \$1.2 billion being returned to Texas cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts is 0.4 percent more that May of 2023. The allocations are based on sales made in January, February and March by businesses that report quarterly, as well as sales in March by businesses that

report tax monthly.

Rains County, with a half-cent sales tax rate, will have \$83,206.058 returned from the state. The total is 12.39 percent less than May of last year, but the county remains 1.27 percent ahead of the year-to-date total from May of 2023 at \$403,000.56.

As for the municipalities in the county, East Tawakoni saw the smallest decrease in the amount of money being returned in May from the 1.5-percent sales tax rate, with Emory and Point having doubledigit decreases as compared to the

see **SALES TAX** on page 2

#### **SPOTLIGHT**

# Emory Senior Center receives award for its senior nutrition program

**By JUDY KRAMER** Rains County Leader contributor

Early in April the Emory Senior Center was selected as a recipient for a Senior Nutrition Program and National Nutrition Month gift box from the National Association of Nutrition and Aging Services Programs (NANASP). A letter from NANASP stated that it was delighted to learn about the activities

Rains County Leader about its garden and many activities.

spring," said Martin. "There is a bed for pansies, one for irises, and a bed each for tomatoes and peppers. We serve snacks at the center from the vegetable beds."

Martin said that hot lunches are offered and the Center's on-site gar- served to clients 60 and above Monday through Friday. There is no Stacy Martin, director of the charge for clients, but there is a do- about 65," said Martin. "The center ingreading strategies to other teach- scuba dive.

her boss that Emory had a model se- week, plus there are puzzles, card We have two employees, Karen nior center. Martin talked to the games, dominoes and music is often Yeakel and Laura Clarkson. We also played. There are special celebrations at Christmas when there is a basis. We appreciate them and have ISD. Her daughter works for a non-"We started raised beds last live singer, and everyone brings applications for anyone interested in spring and replanted them this their favorite dish. In honor of serving as one. The center is open Mother's Day, the Salt and Light on weekdays from 9:00 a.m. until Kid Group will visit the center to 2:00 p.m. sing and give each lady a flower. A representative from Family First 2019 after 34 years at Rains ISD. and lived in Liberty City, Texas, Home Health Care in Greenville She has lived in Alba since 2005, moving to the state in order to teach. visits the Center once a month to and at one time worked for the Recelebrate birthdays.

"The average number of clients is Emory Senior Center, was told by nation box. Bingo is two times a is a wonderful place for fellowship. ers.

Martin retired from teaching in

She has been married to husband Trey for 35 years and has a daughter have volunteers, two on a regular and son who graduated from Rains profit organization in Australia that builds hospitals and schools in Papua, New Guinea. Her son builds homes in Frisco.

Martin was born in North Dakota She loves reading, gardening and gional Education Center, at the scuba diving. She and her family go Reading Teacher Academy, teach- to Mexico about five times a year to



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#### **Rain Report**

Thu., May 2	0.46 in.
Fri., May 5	
Sun., May 6	0.01 in.
Tue., May 7	0.01 in.
Total for May	1.76 in.
Year to date	23.72 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

AL-ANON - Thurs., 7:00 p.m., Crossroads Al-anon Group, 103 N. Houston St., Edgewood, 903-896-7270

or 903-439-7573

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

CUB SCOUTS - 1st, 2nd, 4th Sunday, Masonic lodge 4:30 p.m. Email haywirewoman@gmail.com.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY every Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. Emory **Baptist Church** 

**EAST TAWAKONI SENIOR CITIZEN GAME DAY** – every Wednesday, 9:00 a.m., 255 Oakleaf Trail.

EMORY LIONS CLUB - 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 12:00 p.m. Dos Charros in Emory. Call for information 903-473-2311

FOOD BANK AT FREEDOM CHURCH OF GOD - 3rd Fri., 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., 10830 FM 514, Emory.

903-473-2457 FRIENDS OF RAINS CO. PUBLIC LIBRARY - 3rd Thurs., 1:00 p.m., Meadows Cultural Center, Rains County Public

Library

LAKE COUNTRY NEIGHBORS -1st Thurs., 11:30 a.m.,

www.lakecountryneighbors.com LAKE FORK BAPTIST CHURCH FOOD PANTRY - 2nd Tues., 1-4

p.m. 9483 W. FM 515, Alba LAKE FORK CHAPTER OF THE WELL ARMED WOMAN - first Thursday, 4-7 p.m. at

TX. Sue Parrish 903-473-9819 LAKE FORK SPORTSMAN'S **ASSOC.** - 2nd Tues., 6:30 p.m.

Winnsboro Gun Club, Winnsboro

Lovell's Restaurant, Lake Fork

**EAST TAWAKONI CITY** 

3rd Tues., 7:00 p.m.,

2nd Tues., 7:00 p.m.,

**Emory City Hall** 

Point City Hall

**RAINS COUNTY** 

**RAINS COUNTY** 

East Tawakoni City Hall

**EMORY CITY COUNCIL** 

POINT CITY COUNCIL

APPRAISAL DISTRICT

3rd Thurs. of every month,

Rains Tax Office at 12:00 p.m.

**COMMISSIONERS' COURT** 

2nd & 4th Thurs., 10:00 a.m.,

Rains County Courthouse

2nd Thurs., 6:45 p.m.,

COUNCIL

MARS HILL MASONIC LODGE #1440 - 4th Thurs., 6:30 p.m., Lodge on Hwy. 69

**NORTHEAST TEXAS DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE -**4th Thurs., 6:00-7:30 p.m., Rose Community Center

PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD OF RAINS COUNTY – 3rd Mon., 7:00 p.m., AgriLife Extension and Conference Center

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

**RAINS AMATEUR RADIO** ASSOCIATION

2nd Sat. of each month 9:00 a.m. Emory Volunteer Fire Dept.,

**RAINS COUNTY CHAMBER** OF COMMERCE - 3rd Thursday, 5:30 p.m. Visitor's Center. 903-473-3913

RAINS GARDEN CLUB - 2nd Mon., 11:00 a.m., Scarbrough Haven, Email TheRainsGardenClub@gmail.com

RAINS COUNTY HISTORICAL **SOCIETY** – 3rd Mon., 6:00 p.m., Emory Development Corp.

**RAINS COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD** – 4th Mon., 5:30 p.m., Feb., Apr., June, Aug., Oct., Meadows Cultural Center, Rains County Public Library

**RAINS COUNTY GOOD SAMARITANS** – Food Pantry open 1:00-4:00 p.m. Mon. & Thurs.

**RAINS COUNTY GENEALOGICAL 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

**RAINS ISD SCHOOL BOARD** 

**RAINS COUNTY EMERGENCY** 

**RAINS COUNTY VETERANS** 

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2nd Monday, 6:30 p.m.,

Rains ISD Board Room

**SERVICES DISTRICT #1** 

3rd Monday, 6:30 p.m.,

Emory Fire Station

**SERVICE OFFICE:** 

TRANSPORTATION:

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**BRIDGE** 

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# **NEWS BRIEFS**

#### **Good Sam Clothes/ Thrift Shop Sales**

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

#### **Hooker Cemetery** Clean-up May 11

The Hooker Cemetery Association will hold its annual clean-up day on Saturday, May 11, beginning at 8:00 a.m., weather permitting. Bring tools and a sack lunch. Many volunteers are needed. For more

information, call Donna Fletcher at 903-268-0412. Anyone unable to attend the meeting may send contributions to Hooker Cemetery Assoc., c/o Donna Fletcher, 819 RSCR 4470, 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.

#### **Elm Cemetery Memorial Service**

The Elm Cemetery Memorial Day service will be held on Sunday, May 26, at 10:00 a.m. There will be a business meeting and lunch will follow. Bring your favorite dish.

# Financial freedom: A gift to your family

Here's a sobering statistic: 72 from your investments and budpercent of retirees say one of their biggest fears is becoming



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a burden on their families. according to a study by **Edward Jones** and the consulting firm Age Wave. If you're nearing retire-

you boost your financial independence?

For starters, contribute as much as you can afford to your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. Since you may be in your peak earning years, you might be able to put in substantial sums.

Once you do retire, establish a reasonable withdrawal rate

get for expenses carefully, so you don't risk outliving your

One more suggestion: Think about downsizing. If you are open to changing your living arrangements, you could save money and boost your liquidity.

Finally, think about the costs of long-term care, such as an extended nursing home stay. You might want to discuss strategies for meeting these costs with a financial profes-

These moves could help you maintain your financial freedom and reduce your potential dependence on your family. Give them some thought.

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**SALES TAX** 

With a decrease of 4.09

percent in sales tax revenues

from this time last year, East

is

\$11,787.70 from the state in

Compared to May of last

returned from the state, of June.

Net pymt. this period

\$83,206.08

\$11.787.70

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Van Zandt County does not Collect sales tax

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2023

expecting

totals at

May. The year-to-date total for than the same month in 2023.

the city remains 2.62 percent They remain 10.13 percent

year, the City of Emory saw a office is expected to release local

11.72 percent decrease in the sales tax allocations made from

amount of funds being returned sales in April for those reporting

in May. The \$158,937.98 being monthly during the second week

MAY '24 SALES TAX STATISTICS

-12.39%

-4.09%

-11.72%

-16.61%

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increases the year-to-date total

to \$734,782.62, or 4.57 less than

\$11,839.04 from the state in

May, which is 16.61 percent less

behind last year's total at

The Texas Comptroller's

Net pymts. prior year

\$397,914.55 1.27%

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\$769.970.99 -4.57%

\$71,157.26 -10.13%

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Pct chg. from '23

14.29

5.59

2.91

4.19

18.56

3.42

5.55

12.51

-3.24

22.89

-5.57

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3.95

-4.13

8.65

6.47

-8.03

3.04

-1.65

13.56

2.61

-4.22

-0.03

-2.99

-2.01

16.30

-4.82%

Point is expected to receive

May of 2023.

\$63.946.34.

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last year.

Tawakoni

\$42,913.84.

County

East Tawakoni

Rains

Point

Hopkins

Como

Cumby

Hunt

Sulphur Springs

Caddo Mills

Campbell

Commerce

Greenville

Hawk Cove

Lone Oak

Quinlan

Neylandville

Union Valley

Wolfe City

Canton

Edom

Van

Fruitvale

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#### Remembrance Day

Another Memorial Day holiday is fast approaching.

Many people are not informed about the reason we celebrate this observance. American service personnel who paid the ultimate price are The Reason behind Memorial Day aka Remembrance Day.

Rains County is home to many veterans who served our country and were able to return home

I'm sure that some even witnessed the death of

their Brothers and Sisters in arms.

I'm certain those who served our country as volunteers and others who were drafted Do Not consider those who died to be suckers and losers! Why is a candidate for President of the United States allowed to get away with calling our fallen heroes suckers and losers with no repercussions?

These Heroes should be given respect by an

individual claiming to have suffered from bone spurs as his reasoning for not serving in the United States armed forces.

In my opinion:

Donald Trump does not place our country above himself.

The most important person in Donald Trump's life is Himself.

As a patriotic American I do understand the significance of the Memorial Day holiday and am very grateful to those selfless people who placed Country over Themselves! I wonder how someone who served Our

Country can continue supporting an individual who doesn't understand why American Servicemen and women would lay down their lives in service to others.

As Memorial Day approaches I hope my fellow Americans will reflect upon the challenges families having lost a loved one continue to endure.

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#### **CITY GIRL**

#### By Linda Brendle After living in Rains County for thirteen years, I finally made it to Founders Day last weekend. It's not that I didn't want to

attend the event, but Winnsboro always has a book festival the

same weekend. They usually send out their invites early in the year, and I always signed up before I realized what I was missing right

here in Emory. This year I checked my dates more carefully, and I'm very glad I did. Not only is the local event less expense and much closer, it confirmed once again why I'm glad I'm no longer a city girl.

Most vendors at these events are friendly. After all, we're there to sell our wares, and people don't tend to buy from grumpy sellers. And after you 'work the circuit" for a few years, you get to know each other on a casual acquaintance level, but there's not time to develop a deeper relationship. At Founders Day, though, it was like a family get-together. I knew some of the vendors from the Fair and other events, and I knew a lot more from church or the Senior Center or just from running into them at Brookshire's.

The atmosphere at the festival was less commercial than some, partly because of the venue. When your table is set up right in front of the playground or right across the park from the bounce houses, it's hard to get too serious about selling merchandise. In fact, many potential customers passed right by my books as they hurried to make sure a grandchild was safe on the climbing bars. But that was okay. I sold enough to cover my entry fee plus a little. I can always count on Marianne to buy at least one to replace a copy she has lent - or given to a friend.

Another thing that made the day feel less mercenary was the number of non-profit organizations that were represented. I won't name any because I'm sure I'd miss some, but I counted at least fourteen on the vendor list. Of course, most

# Founder's Day

were selling something like pancakes, peanut brittle, or raffle tickets, but attitudes are more relaxed when the purpose is something greater than your-

The outstanding feature of the day, though, was how helpful people were. After several years of experience, I'm pretty self-sufficient when it comes to booth setup. I carry most of my inventory and other equipment in a rolling suitcase and canvas tote bags. I have a folding table that I chose specifically because it has a handle and is light enough to carry fairly easily. It would be easier if I were several inches taller, but at this point in my life, that's not going to happen.

I've never invested in a canopy for several reasons, the first thing being that I'm very frugal/cheap. The basic ones are not that expensive, but the ones that are really easy for one person to handle are a little more pricey. I've borrowed one a time or two, but the first time the wind caught it and scooted it across the parking lot. The next time, I weighted the legs to avoid a repeat performance, but when it came time to pack it back in the bag, it didn't fit. One more piece of equipment would complicate loading all my equipment into the trunk and would add to setup and teardown time. Perkins offered to lend me his canopy for this event, but I declined with thanks. If the forecasted rain arrived and I had to throw things into plastic trash bags and make a mad dash for the car, I didn't want to have to deal with a canopy. Besides, I had a hat and a long-sleeved shirt in case the sun came out.

By Saturday morning, the area was under a pretty heavy cloud cover, but all the rain had been moved until later, so I packed up and headed for the park. I found a parking spot, but my booth space was near the opposite corner of the park so I got in my steps packing in my stuff. I had just begun to set up when the offers of help started coming in. Robert came over from the Lions Club booth to offer pancakes, juice, or water and while he was there, he helped set up the folding table. A little later when Leah, who did a great job of ramrodding

the whole event, told me I could move to a more visible space, he came back and helped move the table.

Shortly after the customers arrived, the clouds cleared and it warmed up. Stephie of Rains County Crystals, who I met last year at the Fair, invited me to share their shade. Throughout the day, she and her friend shifted their chairs closer to make room for me as the shade moved. Other people were concerned about my lack of shade and offered to lend a canopy for future events. Jeremy went so far as to offer to go get his and bring it back, but it wasn't worth the effort since we only

had two hours to go.
By the time 2:00 o'clock came and vendors began to break down, I was hot, sweaty, and a bit sunburned in spite of my hat, long sleeves, and sunscreen. I wasn't looking forward to the long, hot trek to the car, but I was looking forward to air-conditioning and a cool shower. I had just cleared the table when Stephie's partner presented himself with a smile.

"I've been sent to offer any assistance you might need."

Sometimes my pride makes me hesitate to accept help, but not that day. "Thank you so much. If you could carry the table, that would be a great help.

I hadn't sold many books, but I had consolidated some bags. I was figuring out what to carry in my first trip when another man appeared and asked if he could help. "If you can carry those two tote bags, we should be able to make this in one trip." And we did!

A company called Niche.com runs a ranking and review site that posts information about schools, companies, and cities. This is what it had to say about Emory: Amazing small-town feel. Everyone watches over each other. Thank you, friends and fellow residents of Emory, for watching over me this weekend. You and those like you are one of the main reasons I'm glad I'm no longer a city girl.

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# Savor the Flavor



Mr. C of CK's Kitchen in Emory dishes up his fine cuisine. CK's Kitchen was selected the overall winner Tuesday night, May 7.



Leader photo by TREY HILL

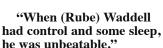
Members of the Chayitos Taqueria of Point serve up a variety of delicious food.



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Restaurants and caterers participating in Savor the Flavor display awards. The Lake Country Neighbors' event brought out a packed house and raised over \$2,500. Funds raised go towards scholarships, the Veteran's Thank You Luncheon and other community endeavors.

# Bizarre Baseball History – The Strange Story of Rube Waddell



**Branch Rickey** 

known for his

exploits both on

and off the field.

He was literally

weirdest players

in history, but

loved him. We

baseball fans

Born George Edward Wad-

dell on Friday the 13th in Octo-

ber of 1876 in Bradford, Penn-

sylvania, he grew to be a refrig-

erator of a man. At 6'1" and

almost 200 lbs., compared to

his teammates he was consid-

ered jumbo-sized (the average

male height in the late 19th

century was under 5'7"). He

have developed his pitching

on the farm. He earned the

nickname Rube because he

looked like a big old country

ative lunacy, some speculate

that Rube was autistic. What-

ball, and the game was never

During the deadball era.

Rube's talent was remarkable.

He threw a heavy fastball that

was unhittable. He had a curve

breaking ball pitch in the major

Over the course of 13 years

(1897-1910), Rube played for

the Louisville Colonels, the St.

Louis Browns, the Pittsburgh

Pirates, the Chicago Orphans

Cubs), and the Philadelphia

(they later became the Chicago

Rube's career ERA was an

excellent 2.16 (ranked 11th of

all time). He topped the league

ball that darted and swooped

and may have been the best

the same

leagues.

Athletics.

ever the case, Rube found base-

boy. Given his bent toward cre-

was ambidextrous but chose to

play left-handed. He claimed to

arm by throwing rocks at crows

eccentric

one of the

Rube Waddell was perhaps baseball's most interesting man. Considered by many to be the greatest pitcher who ever lived, he is better



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straight years (1902-1907) and in 1903 and 1904 was the only pitcher to compile consecutive 300 strikeout seasons until Sandy Koufax did it in 1965 and 1966. Waddell's 349 strikeouts in 1904 held the record for more than 60 years (6th on all time list) and is still the American League single-season record for left-handed pitchers. In 1905, Rube won the pitching Triple Crown, leading the league with 27 wins, 287 strikeouts, and an unbelievable 1.48

in strikeouts an amazing six

ERA. But besides being a phenomenal pitcher, Rube was possibly the most unorthodox player in the history of the game. His antics have become the stuff of legend.

Rube was easily distracted and fascinated by fire trucks. Unbelievably, if he heard a fire truck pass, he would leave the game to help fight the fire.

Rube also exhibited a fondness for dogs. Opposing fans acquired the habit of waving puppies from the stands to distract Rube. This often worked because Rube couldn't resist stopping play to go pet the dogs.

Rube always provided entertainment at the ballpark. He would sometimes wow the crowd with cartwheels and backflips on the mound. And he was fond of going commando. If late for the game, he was in the habit of climbing down through the grandstands (downing hot dogs and chugging beer with fans along the way) and stripping off his street clothes as he headed for the dugout and his uniform. With no underwear, he invariably flashed the

crowd for fun. On one occasion Rube saved a man's life, carrying a fellow teammate who was hit in the temple with a ball off the field, flagging down a passing carriage, and seeing his friend to the hospital, where he sat by his

side all night. Rube's escapades did become trying at times, however. In those days, players on

the road had to share a bed. Rube's roommate complained so often about Rube eating animal crackers and peanuts in bed (evidently the crumbs and peanut shells made it hard to sleep), that a "no crackers clause" was added to Rube's contract.

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Rube's many adventures are almost too numerous to mention. At various times he wrestled alligators, rode ostriches, was bitten by a lion, and kept a flock of geese that he trained to jump rope. He enjoyed a stint as an actor in a play during the off season one year. His acting skills were subpar. He always had to adlib his part, and once lifted a fellow cast member over his head, throwing him across the stage and into the orchestra pit. Rube was quite a crowd pleaser, even if he couldn't remember his lines.

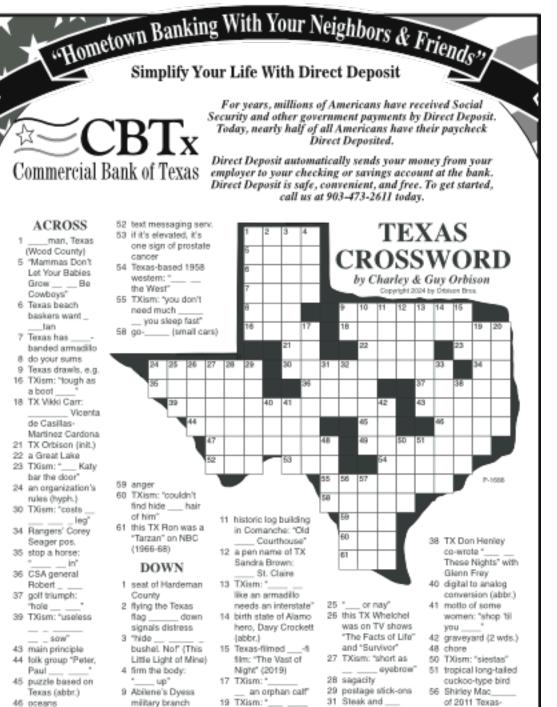
Rube was a good fighter, never hesitating to pummel those he found deserving. He once pounded one of his teammates into submission in a dispute over a straw hat. Apparently, the offending player had made the mistake of wearing a straw hat after Labor Day, and Rube took grave offense.

Rube passed away on April 1, 1914 (April Fool's Day), a few months shy of his 38th birthday, after a severe illness. He was posthumously inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1946.

As crazy as he was, Rube Waddell is remembered with great affection by baseball fans today. In his own way, he made baseball better.

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Rains County Sheriff's Office: (I-r) Daniel Resendiz, Sergeant Ryan Neville, Billy Hill, Sheriff Michael Hopkins, Chief Deputy David Rojo, Sergeant Keith Lewis, Jordan Aly.

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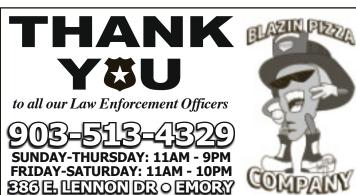
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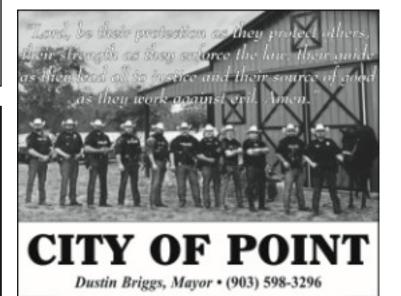












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Point Police Department: (r-I) Javier Chaparro, Esteban Cambron, Juan Vitar, Justin Talley, Michael Hayes, Eliud Alvarado, Bennie Jones, Cole Hudson, Delton Graves, Chief Lasaro Birdwell, Jorge Herrera and Nicholas Titlow.

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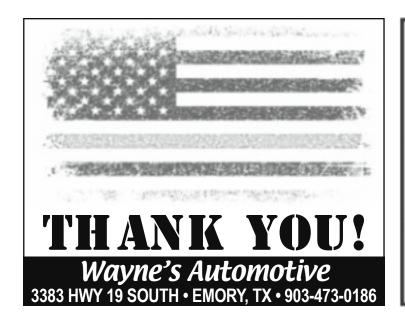


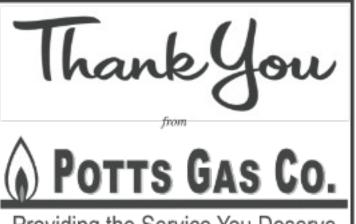
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# Sheriff's Report

The Rains County Sheriff's CR 1322 Loose dogs have been of activity during the week of April 29-May 5:



Arrests

**4-30:** Marcus Eugene Evans, Quinlan. Probation violation/arson with intent to damage habitation/place worship,

\$175,000 cash/

5-1: Adam Wesley Webb, Winnsboro. Burglary of habitation, \$250,000 cash/surety bond.

**5-4:** Jeffrey Wayne Byrd, Quinlan. Bail jumping failure to appear, no bond; driving while license invalid, no bond; failure to appear driving while intoxicated third or more, no bond; failure to appear- possession of a controlled substance PG 2 less than 1 gr., no bond.

5-5: Sandra Maus Warren, East Tawakoni. Assault Class C, no bond.

#### **Calls**

4-29: Rhodes Dr. Report of a missing male who was last seen the day before at heading to work but never made it; PR 8515 Medical assist 92-year-old female not feeling well; FM 2946 Livestock in the roadway; Hwy. 19N Med alarm and fall detection for a 100-year-old male; N Texas St. Welfare check resident had two seizures is breathing and alert; CR 3130 Tree blocking the roadway; CR 3190 Facebook harassment; N Texas St. Medical assist for lethargic 90-year-old; Hwy. 19N at the bridge Truck parked at the bridge; CR 4252 Caller would like to know how to get their vehicle back; FM 2795 Male needs to file a report for a stolen prescription; E Lennon Dr. Shed was broken into; FM 2946 13-year-old is being very combative; Elaine St. Male is threatening to kill the caller and his grandson; CR 1624 Female states her neighbor shot her dog; Sandy Creek Park Kids riding a dirt bike around; FM 2324 Medical assist 71-year-old female numb from the waist down, and is acting

intoxicated. 4-30: CR 3391 Medical assist female with high blood pressure;

Office took the following reports chasing people; Hwy. 69 Male states his wife wants to leave with the kids; Sheriff's Office (SO) lobby Female would like an update on a harassment case she filed; E Lennon Dr. Emory PD out on a motorist assist; Fish Point Welfare check on a male who hasn't been heard from in five days; Rabe Rd. Point PD out with an animal at large; CR 3025 Person is refusing to pay for a completed job; Littlefield Dr. Medical assist male with chest pain and a high blood pressure; Planters St. Female says her daughter is throwing her things away; Elaine St. Point PD on a follow up; CR 3231 Environmental complaint; 1st St. Point PD out at a house; FM 2795 Report of stolen narcotics; CR 1413 Medical assist male has not been able to eat and is dizzy; CR 1624 Male states his neighbor's dogs are killing his cats; N Planters St. Female would like to have her daughter taken to Terrell State Hospital; FM 515 Welfare check; Hwy. 69 Deputy giving a courtesy transport to Dairy Queen; W Quitman St. 911 hang up then called again; Axton's Verbal disturbance between neighbors and both parties called 911; Ave.

D Point PD at a house. **5-1:** Kim's Gas Station Emory PD giving a courtesy transport; CR 1530 Female believes someone is outside her home; FM 779 Medical assist 48-year-old male fell and is having trouble breathing; S Dunbar Ln. Medical assist 34-year-old female with pain in her pelvic area; CR 2440 Medical assist female fell and broke her wrist; CR 1525 Tree blocking the roadway; Skyline Dr. Suspicious person; FM 515 83-year-old male found deceased; Hwy. 69 Deputy on a paper service; CR 4528 Deputy out on a paper service; FM 2324 Alarm call; CR 1495 Male states he received a text from his brother that he was going to kill his partner; FM 515 Welfare check requested; CR 4250 Information on a restraining order requested; CR 1330 Medical assist 62-year-old male having a possible stroke; FM 779 Oversized load has two amber lights hanging; Hwy. 69 Vehicle and camper broke down and owner will be back to get it; Hwy. 69 Reckless driver; Fletcher St.

92-year-old female was very upset after finding out she may lose her license and threatened suicide; Hwy. 69 Kids riding a minibike have almost been hit by two cars; Hwy. 69 911 hang up; Unknown caller states a patient ran away and needs our assistance in looking for her; N First St. Two dogs were left in a vehicle; CR 1402 Female states that there is an intruder in her home; Ave. B Medical assist 57-year-old male with chest pains; Egret Cir. Medical assist 9-year-old female had a seizure; W Lennon Dr. Caller has drug information; W Lennon Dr. Alarm call; Clark Dr. Caller states someone tried to deliver narcotics 5-2: FM 275 Domestic distur-

bance; N Texas St. Alarm call; CR 2160 Welfare check for suicidal female; N Texas St. Medical assist male fell yesterday and is now having hip pain; CR 4528 Deputy out on a paper service; FM 2795 Livestock in the roadway; FM 2795 Livestock the roadway; Unknown employer would like to speak with the officer that arrested his employee to get some information; ČR 2181 Deputy out on a paper service; CR 1626 Deputy out on a paper service; CR 7709 Medical assist 58-year-old male with chest pain; E Lennon Dr. Male states his ex is changing information on child's HIPPA form; S 1st St. Medical assist 70-year-old female with chest pains; E Lennon Dr. Gas tank leaking; E Quitman Dr. Male states his left arm was caught in a fence and it cut his finger open; CR 3190 Harassment concerns; W North St. Emory PD out on a follow up; PR 7328 Baby was hit in the head during an argument; SO lobby Male screaming about meth coming into the county; SO lobby Male states he has video that may bring insight to the recent break ins; CR 4250 Follow up investigation; CR 1605 Caller states his hand gun is missing, doesn't think it was stolen but would like to file a report just in case; FM 515 Theft of hub cap; Hwy. 69 Two kids are pushing each other into traffic; CR 1410 Lift assist; Ravine St. Cow in yard; S Dunbar Ln. Caller lost her blind and deaf dog.

5-3: Ave. C Medical assist

female states she has pain in her leg; N Texas St. Caller states a woman called stating she needed help; CR 1530 Two or three people trespassing on property; Hwy. 276 East Tawakoni (ET) Fire Dept. members helping get trash out of the roadway; Hwy. 276 Female was just notified that there is damage to her property; CR 4235 Medical assist 80-yearold female fell and is bleeding a little; FM 514 Report of people pouring concrete on the side of the road; FM 515 One-vehicle accident, unknown injuries;CR 1540 Older male laying on the ground; Hwy. 19N Reckless driver; N Texas St. Medical assist 76-year-old female fell and can't feel her arm; Egret ETPD out for a public service; CR 3236 Medical assist 74-year-old male; CR 4480 Male states his co-worker is in a domestic situation with his wife; Ravine St. Livestock in the roadway; N 1st St. 911 hangup yelling heard in the background; PR 5451 Med alarm.

5-4: W Quitman St. Suspicious vehicle; FM 47 iPhone alert to a wreck; Hwy. 69 Reckless driver; Hwy. 19 Truck parked on the side of the road and the owner is fishing; Tawakoni Dr. City

ordinance violation; CR 1425 3-year-old child coughing and Home and vehicle vandalized; Hwy. 19N Reckless driver; Quitman St. Minor fender bender; W Lennon Dr. Caller would like a male criminally trespassed from the property; Hwy. 276 Medical assist 60-year-old male fell and is having a hard time breathing; FM 779 Livestock in the roadway; Starmart Two males fighting outside; Unknown location Male states his daughter is with her mom and turned her phone off; PR 5505 911 hang up, called back it was a child who was calling because she is worried about her grandpa but he has already been taken to the hospital; Řains County Courthouse Deputy out on a follow up; CR 2430 Donkey in the pen injured two of caller's horses; SO Report of harassment; N St. 911 hang up; CR 3335 Male states the officers were there earlier and he would like dispatch to ask if they saw his phone while they were there because he lost it; Hwy. 69 Three people cussed at a female and she thinks they may have 3333 Red truck was on caller's road; Hwy. 276 Alarm call.

5-5: Duffy St. Medical assist

wheezing badly; Hwy. 19 Tree blocking the roadway; Kenny's Landing Someone broke in; CR 3380 Power pole is leaning; Ave. C Medical assist 87-year-old female passed out, shallow breathing; PR 7707 Male on parole for murder cut off his ankle bracelet; Hwy. 19N Reckless driver; Hwy. 69 Two-vehicle accident no injuries; FM 2946 Female was heard yelling; N Texas St. Medical assist patient with high blood sugar; Oak Leaf Tr. Male and female fighting, female trying to take off in a jeep; N Texas St. Alarm call; CR 1308 Child custody issue; Sidekicks Bar & Grill Dog in a vehicle with the windows rolled up; FM 275 Female states her son called and told her he is on the way and that he needs an ambulance; CR 1490 Noise complaint; Rains Co. Jail EMS needed for an inmate; Old Mill Ln. Female states her boyfriend is drunk and hit her, male also called 911 and stated she hit him; PR 7707 Female stated her husband was arrested broken into her storage unit; CR and someone is trying to come pick up his belongings.

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The 94th Rains County Fair is just around the corner! Mark your calendars! Fair gates open at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Sep-



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Saturday, September 14. The Rains County Fair celebrates Rains County by pro-

moting agriculture, education, cultural arts, and community involvement through fun-filled, familyfriendly activities. We encourage you to find where you fit in

at the fair! Creative Arts. The Rains County Fair Creative Arts contests are open to all residents, young and old, from Rains and surrounding counties. If you have not entered before, we hope you will look through our available contests and categories and find something that interests you; we love new exhibitors! Creative Arts Divisions include:

- Antiques
- Canned Foods Collections
- Fine Arts
- Handcrafts
- Needlework Photography

Quilting Senior and youth entries are judged in special age divisions. If you would like additional information on a specific division, please visit https://rains.agrilife.org/county-fair/. The 2024 Fair Book will be posted in early summer, but you may

reference the 2023 Fair Book for division information.

Creative Arts entries will be accepted on Tuesday, September 3, and Wednesday, September 4, between 3:30 and 6:30 p.m. at the Creative Arts Building at the fairgrounds (Horticulture entries only accepted Wednesday). Creative Arts Judging is closed to the public. The Creative Arts exhibit building will open with the fair on Tuesday, September 10, at 6:00 p.m. Beginning this year, cash prizes will be given to all Grand (\$100.00) and Reserve (\$50.00) Champions.

Baked Goods. If baking is more in line with your areas of interest, you do not want to miss entering the Youth or Adult Baked Goods contest. Entries for the Youth Baked Goods contest will be accepted on Tuesday, September 10, in the Creative Arts building between 6:00-6:30 p.m. and judging will begin at 7:00 p.m. Entries for the Adult Baked Goods contest will be accepted on Saturday, September 14, in the Creative Arts building between 6:00-6:30 p.m. and judging will begin at

7:00 p.m. Chili Cook-Off. Looking for spice? The Annual Rains County Fair Chili Cook-Off will be held on Saturday, September 14, additional details will be available shortly.

Youth Floral Design. For the second year, the Rains County Fair is hosting a Youth Floral Design Contest on Saturday, September 14. If floral design is your forte, you will not want to

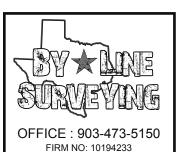
miss this contest. Additional information will be available shortly.

Livestock. Youth Livestock Shows are a county fair staple. Rains County youth may show animals in the following categories: Breeding Beef Heifers, Market Steers, Market Goats, Market Lambs, or Market Swine. If you have a child interested in showing an animal at the Rains County Fair Youth Livestock Show, please call 903 473-4580. Youth in grades 3rd-12th are eligible to participate.

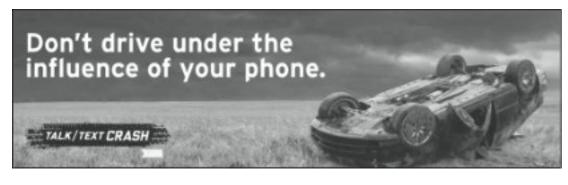
**Mutton Bustin'.** For youth ages 4-7 years of age, the annual Mutton Bustin' contest will be held Friday, September 13 at 7:00 p.m. If you are too **old to** participate, make sure you come out and watch this fan favorite!

The Rains County Fair is a fun-filled week of activities offering something for everyone. Information on other events, contests, and entertainment will be available shortly; **please** visit our website for additional information, https:// rains.agrilife.org/county-fair/, and be sure to follow Rains County Fair on Facebook for regular updates! We look forward to seeing you at the fair-

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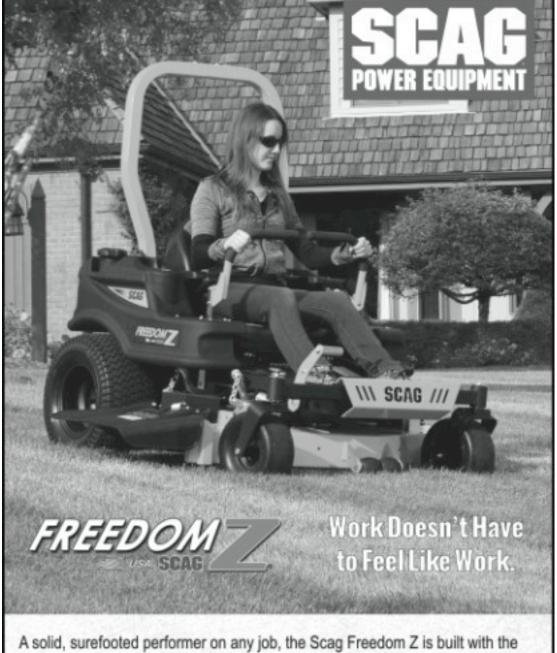


#### Meeting Thursday, May 16, at **Bluebonnet Bistro in Emory Starting at 12 Noon**

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Come join our group in Rains County to clean up our school library and ensure our children are raised the way we want them to be. The Texas Legislature has given us the tool to remove inappropriate books with HB 900 and all we need to do is oversee that this process is being followed when these lewd and pornographic books are found in a school library's inventory.

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#### THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY

### Lubbock tornado on anniversary of Waco twister

by Bartee Haile

The first reported sighting of the May 11, 1970 tornado came from an off-duty policeman, who spotted a funnel cloud at 8:10 p.m. three miles east of the

Lubbock city limits.



BARTEE HAILE

What the cop actually saw turned out to be the baby brother of the main or primary tornado that would wreak such havoc on the

West Texas community of 140,000 - the biggest town between Fort Worth and El Paso at that time. The Lubbock twister of 1970 remains to this day the westernmost F5 tornado on record in the continental United States.

History is full of odd coincidences but none stranger than the freakish weather fact that the only two cyclones to ever hit the heart of a Texas city each happened on May 17. Seventeen years to the day after downtown Waco fell victim to a rare F5 twister, a storm packing the same powerful punch delivered a crushing blow to Lubbock.

The smaller opening-act did its share of damage to the Hub City. Just for example, 13 concrete beams weighing 545 tons each were blown off a highway overpass under construction.

The following is an official account of the second act: "The primary F5 tornado touched down in southwestern Lubbock at 9:35 p.m. and over the next half hour carved an 8.5 mile path of devastation encompassing roughly a quarter of the city with the twister lifting near the Lubbock Municipal Airport shortly after 10:00 p.m. The report went on to add that the size of the funnel on the ground varied from a mile and a half wide at the start to a fourth of a mile just before it returned to the

black cloud that brought it to the caught in their offices or out on place residents regarded as the 'crown jewel" of the South

On the tornado's fast trip through the downtown business district, the drastic change in air pressure shattered 80 percent of the plate glass windows in the high-rise towers and street-level storefronts. But that was not all. The steel frame of the 20-story Great Plains Life Building was grotesquely twisted out of shape by whirling winds that rendered three of the four elevators inop-

As it exited the city center, the tornado appeared to be headed straight for Lubbock's pride and joy – Texas Tech. But at the last possible instant, it unexpectedly weakened and changed course causing the campus to sustain only a glancing blow and escape with surprisingly minor damage.

But in the blink of an eye the tornado reintensified in strength and resumed its northward path. Homes in the vicinity of the country club suffered varying degrees of damage with some leveled to the foundation.

The last stop was the local airport, where many of the 119 aircraft were turned into twisted hunks of metal. Having done its worst, the merciless tornado left Lubbock to mourn its dead and begin the long and expensive process of rebuilding the city.

The cost in irreplaceable lives was, of course, the highest. Compared to the staggering 114 fatalities suffered by Waco in 1953, only an insensitive observer might have thought Lubbock "got off light" with "just" 26. But hopefully no one ever said that out loud.

Why were the death tolls so different in the two cities? Calamity came calling on Waco in the middle of a busy workday. Most of the fatalities occurred in the downtown business district where defenseless victims were

the street. Photos of the unimaginable destruction bear an eerie resemblance to images of bombed out German cities during the Second World War.

In Lubbock, on the other hand, the multi-vortex tornado waited until after dark when downtown streets were practically deserted. The great majority of people were safe at home with their families when the natural disaster descended upon their community.

Fifty-four years have come and gone and the Lubbock tornado is still the costliest in American history with total damages of \$1.98 billion in 2023 dollars. According to the National Weather Service and Red Cross 1,713 family dwellings were damaged including 460 that could not be made fit for human habitation; 600 apartment units were left unlivable; 250 businesses were either badly damaged or destroyed; eight public schools, including a large high school, needed extensive repair before reopening; and 10,000 personal vehicles kept repair shops working around the clock for months or went straight to the junkyard.

The residential neighborhood hardest hit was in the poorest part of town, the Guadalupe barrio. And, as is so often the case, it was the last one to be rebuilt.

To accommodate the thousands of suddenly homeless Lubbockites the city opened the municipal auditorium. Various charities and civic organizations also pitched in to provide food and shelter.

Today the victims of their respective tragedies are remembered with memorial parks in both Lubbock and Waco. While it is fitting to mourn the dead, it is even more important to always remember them.

Haile Contact Bartee barteehaile@gmail.com or by mail at P.O. Box 130011, Spring, TX 77393.

# Obituaries<sup>,</sup>

#### **Richard Houghton**

1941 - 2024

A memorial service for Richard Houghton, 82, will be held on Sunday, May 19, at 3:00 p.m., at the Rose Community Center in Emory.

Mr. Houghton died on May 1, 2024. He was born on July 18, 1941 in Somerville, New Jersey, to Maurice Williams Houghton and Margaret Weigaret.

Mr. Houghton lived in Emory for 36 years. He worked as a contract mechanical



engineer. He worked at Lockheed Aircraft, Bell Helicopter, LTV Boeing Aircraft, JPL and the Atomic Energy Commission at Las Vegas, Nevada Area

He is survived by his ex wife, Mary Beth Weigel of Wisconsin.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and sisters, Patricia, Elaine Boyce and Diane Marie Osworth.

#### Ronald Eugene Marshall Jr.

1981 - 2024

Ronald Eugene Marshall Jr., 43, of Point, died on May 3, 2024, at Plano Medical City. He was born on April 13, 1981, in Dallas, to Ronald Marshall Sr. and Rosalind Walker.

In his free time, Ronald enjoyed fishing and staying busy fixing and tinkering with things. He was always ready to offer a helping hand to his neighbors and the elderly, embodying the true spirit of generosity and kindness.

Mr. Marshall is survived by his girlfriend,



Heather Peele; sister, Kimberly Rhoden; nephews, Xavier Rhoden and Jaylen Rhoden; niece, Bianca Rhoden; aunts, Dallas Theurer, Mary Ann Cowart and Jennifer Wallace; uncles, Skip Arnold and Theresa, and John Wallace.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Arrangements are under the direction of Wilson-Orwosky Funeral Home.



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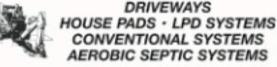
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#### Believer's Baptist Church

By Linda Brendle

and the wicked, for there is a time for every matter and for every work.

This week's message from Ecclesiastes was called "The Vanity of Injustice and Oppression." Solomon's writings are challenging, but he reminds us that all injustice will one day be made right because God will hold all men accountable. In the meantime, do we become apathetic as we wait for God's justice, or do we weep for the oppressed and pursue earthly, temporal justice? This passage as well as next week's help us think biblically about injustice, oppression and judg-

The annual Raffa Baby Bottle Boomarang I said in my heart, God will judge the righteous 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 Members' Meeting on June 2, at 6:30 p.m.; the Church Connection Fellowship on June 9 (M-W) following morning worship; Student Ministry World Changers June 10-15; Pre-teen Camp June 27-29; and Family VBS July 22-24.

The Asking for a Friend podcast Episode #188 is titled "A Biblical Perspective on Suffering." The link is available at www.bbcemory.org.

#### Country Baptist Church

By Donna Jones

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the father except by me.

The Sunday school hour began with Joel Frazier and Donna Boughton leading in a song and prayer of dismissal to our classes.

The young people had a lesson on Joseph and the coat of many colors that his father gave him.

The adult class led by Donna Boughton had a lesson titled "Don't Faint and Don't Forget."

Worship began with Joel Frazier and Donna Boughton leading several songs. Several prayer and praises were called out with all of our needs

being lifted to the Lord. Brother Mike Frazier brought our announcements.

Next Sunday is Mother's Day.

The birthday song was sung to Jameson Frazier. The special music was brought by Courtney Frazier and Jameson Frazier followed by a special brought by Kelsev Frazier.

Bro. Mike Frazier brought our message on "The Continuation of the Mystery of Evil. The focus was

We welcome you to visit with us each week at the Country Church in Point, Texas.

May you all have a great week and remember that Jesus loves you. God bless everyone.

#### Emory Baptist Church

By Ronnie Witt

Bro. Richard Piles shared a message from Luke on Sunday morning titled "House Rules." In it, he urged the congregation to be gracious toward other believers, stay in your lane to practice your faith personally, and guard your heart as you obey the instruction of the Lord. In the evening, Bro. Richard shared a message from Zephaniah titled "Judgement is Coming."

Vacation Bible School workers met briefly as we are gearing up for Vacation Bible School. Teachers are excited and preparing decorations and lessons. Online registration is open on vbs. emorybaptist.org for Breaker Rock Beach! VBS is scheduled for June 10-14. But there will be a VBS registration kickoff on Sunday, June 9, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Those who 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.

The Senior Adult Ministry Lunch and Game day is Thursday, May 9, at noon in the fellowship hall. Bring a dish to share and enjoy the company, the food, and play a few games of dominoes or another table game.

Looking ahead to next week, join us on Sunday morning for Mother's Day as we will have a small gift for each mother in attendance. Women on Mission meets Monday, May 13, at 11:00 a.m. in the Bride's Room. Backpack Buddies meets again on Wednesday, May 15, at 10:30 a.m. to pack food bags for Rains ISD children. Then, Family Fun Night is coming up Saturday, May 18, at 5:30 p.m.

#### **Emory Methodist Church**

By Mary White

Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes and he could see again. He got up and was baptized.

Rev. David Banks continued his series "The Blueprint of Grace: Regeneration" (Sanctifying Grace) with scripture text taken from Acts 9. David spoke about how life involves elements of brokenness so we have a need of something which can free us. We need grace. God's grace is there before we know it. This grace makes us right with God and allows us to move forward in life. Thank you for helping us move beyond ourselves so that we might be your witness in this world.

We went to the school on May 6 and fed the teachers pizza, salad and dessert. We so enjoying Harris and Bessie Neff. doing this for our wonderful mentors. Monday,

May 13, Widow's/Widower's meet at 10:00 a.m. AA Meeting is every Tuesday and Thursday at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday at 12:00 noon.

The Methodist Women are hosting their 2nd Annual Ladies English Spring Tea on Saturday, May 18, beginning at 2:00 p.m. \$15.00 per person or two for \$25.00. Wear a spring hat and join the contest for prettiest, largest or most unique. Call the church office 903-473-2411 to reserve or pay

Our communion offering for May is for Back To School. Back to school is one of the toughest times

Birthday wishes go to Bill Harder, Helen Heavey and Sandra Bernight.

Pray for Bob Scarborough, Debbie and Donnie

Have a great week and be kind.

#### Bright Star Baptist Church

By Glenda Galyean

"So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the door."

Matthew 24:33

We were blessed last Wednesday evening as Bro. Andrew's dad, Jonathan Grills, brought a very good message from James titled "What Is Your Life?" following the special by Sharon Grills.

We had another great service Sunday morning! Following our fellowship time and congregational singing, we were blessed by two specials. Our children's choir, led by Becky Kilborn, did an amazing job of singing the first one, followed by Glenda Galyean. Pastor Andrew Grills brought a powerful message from Matthew titled "What to Expect If You Are Left Behind." Praise the Lord, a young lady accepted Jesus as her Savior. We had

our First Sunday Fellowship Meal following the service. What a wonderful lunch and fellowship.

Next Sunday is Mother's Day! What a wonderful time to show your mom how much you appreciate her. Do something special for her. She

Our revival starts Monday, May 13, and goes through the May 16. Services begin each evening at 7:00 p.m. Bro. Jimbo Seaton will be the

preacher. Come expecting a blessing. Check out our Bright Star Baptist Church

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

Enjoy your family, and have a safe week.

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Dear Susan, Finding and researching doctors is a lot easier than it used to be. Today, there are variety of websites you can turn to that provide databases of U.S. doctors, their professional medical histories, and ratings and reviews from past patients on a number of criteria. Here are some good sites to help you get started, along with a few additional tips that can help you find

#### **Searching Tips**

the right doctors.

To help you locate some good doctors in your area, a good first step is to get referrals from trusted friends, along with any doctors, nurses or other healthcare professionals you know.

You also need to check your insurance provider. Call your insurer for a list of approved doctors or ask whether the doctor you're considering is in-network. If your mother is enrolled in

original Medicare, you can use Medicaid Services (CMS Data)

the care compare tool at *Medi*- is also a good source for *care.gov/care-compare* – click researching doctors. For examoriginal Medicare. If she's enrolled in a Medicare Advanwebsite to get a list of approved candidates.

Once you find a few doctors, you need to call their office to verify that they still accept your insurance, and if they are accepting new patients.

You should also consider hospital affiliation. Your choice Healthgrades (healthgrades. of doctor can determine which hospital you go to, if needed, so find out where the doctor has admitting privileges. Then use some hospital ratings services like *Medicare.gov/care-compare* (click on "Hospitals") to see how it compares with other hospitals in the area.

#### **Researching Doctors**

After you find a few doctors you're interested in, there are various websites you can consult, to help you evaluate them. For example, the Federation of State Medical Boards offers a tool at *DocInfo.org* that will let you find out doctor's board certifications, education, states with active licenses, and whether or not a physician has been disciplined by a state medical board

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on "Doctors & Clinicians." This ple, it will help you find out how will let you find doctors by name, many times a doctor did a medical specialty or by geo-particular procedure and what graphic location that accept they charge for it - go to Data.CMS.gov/tools and click on "Medicare Physician & Other tage plan, call or visit the plan Practitioner Look-up Tool." And to learn about the financial relationship that doctors have with drug and medical device companies, visit OpenPayments-Data.CMS.gov.

Some other good sites for finding and researching healthprofessionals com) and Vitals (vitals.com).

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They also offer 5-star ratings scales from past patients on issues such as communication and listening skills, wait time, time spent with the patient, office friendliness and more. But be aware that while physician rating websites can be helpful, they can also be misleading and unreli-

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Colossians 4:5-6 (NIV)

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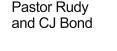
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All persons having claims against this Estate, which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by

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**DATED** the 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024

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#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE **ESTATE OF JOANNA WHATLEY, DECEASED**

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the ESTATE OF JOANNA WHATLEY, Deceased, were issued on April 17, 2024, under Docket No. 3291, pending in the County Court of Rains County, Texas, to RITA BENNETT.

Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the Estate, addressed as follows: c/o Philip D. Alexander

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Louise V. Mackey. Deceased, were issued on April 30, 2024, under Docket No. 3288, pending in the County Court of Rains County, Texas, to Connie Ann Clark.

Claims may be presented as follows:

Representative,

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# **Sports**

#### **RAINS LADY CAT SOFTBALL & WILDCAT BASEBALL**

# Wildcats, Lady Cats sweep into next round of state playoffs

By CHUCK FITTS Rains County Leader staff

The Rains Wildcat baseball team and the Rains Lady Cat softball team swept their way into the next round of the Class 3A playoffs with decisive 2-0 series wins last week.

The Lady Cats traveled to Duncanville to take on the Boyd Lady Jackets in the area round of the softball playoffs on Wednesday, May 1.

After a scoreless first inning, the Lady Cats scored 16, unanswered runs to end the game in the fourth inning, 16-0.

Freshman Peyton Bryant finished the game with three hits in three at-bats, had three RBIs and an in-the-park home run. Senior Cambree Oakes pitched four innings, allowed no hits and no runs while striking out four batters.

Over in Bonham, the Wildcats opened the Class 3A playoffs by beating the Bonham Purple Warriors, 6-5.

Senior Grant Guidry hit a three run, home run in the top of the seventh to tie the game, and an RBI double in the eighth inning that proved to be the game winner.

Freshman Samuel Haney got the win after pitching three innings, allowing no runs or hits and striking out seven batters.

On Thursday, May 2, in Duncanville, the Lady Cats wrapped up the playoff series with Boyd with a 13-2 victory.

Senior Emma Knight had two and scored twice. Oakes allowed two runs, walked four and struck out four batters in five innings.

The Wildcats hosted the Bonham Purple Warriors on with a 12-0 victory.

Senior Nick Bowman started on the mound and pitched five innings, allowed one hit, walked one batter and notched seven strikeouts.

Senior Shawn Robertson had is scheduled for Thursday, May



Rains Lady Cat Presley Kilgore (7) catches the fly ball during the 13-2 playoff win over Boyd on Thursday, May 2, in Duncanville.

hits in three at-bats, four RBIs two hits in three at-bats and four 9, at 6:00 p.m. If needed, game RBIs in the playoff win.

The Rains Lady Cats move to 29-5-1 overall, and the Rains Wildcats improve to 23-6-1.

The Rains Lady Cats will Friday, May 3, and rolled into take on the S & S Consolidated the next round of the playoffs Lady Rams in the regional quarterfinal round of the Class 3A playoffs at Princeton High School.

> Game one of the series was scheduled for Wednesday, May 8, at 6:00 p.m. while game two

three will be played on Friday, May 10, at 6:00 p.m.

The Wildcats will take on the Whitesboro Bearcats in the area round of the Class 3A playoffs at Princeton High School.

Game one will be played on Thursday, May 9, at 6:00 p.m., and game two is scheduled for Friday, May 10, at 6:00 p.m. Game three will be played on Saturday afternoon, May 11, if needed.



Leader photo by CHUCK FITTS

Rains Wildcat Toby Herndon (1) blocks the base and makes the pickoff tag for the out during the 12-0 playoff win over the Bonham Purple Warriors at Rains baseball field on Friday, May 3.

#### **RAINS WILDCAT & LADY CAT TRACK** Campbell adds another state medal

By CHUCK FITTS Rains County Leader staff

Rains Lady Cat Jasey Campbell won a bronze medal in high jump at the UIL State Track & Field meet in Austin

on Thursday, May 2. Campbell cleared five foot and four inches on her last attempt to qualify for a medal in Class 3A. She ended the event tied with Jordan Mitchell of Lorena.

Campbell was awarded the bronze medal as it took her more attempts to clear the mark of 5-4.

It is the second time this school year for Campbell to win a state medal as she received a bronze medal as part of the Rains Lady Cat basketball team that qualified for the state tournament.

Rains Lady Cats Amanda Rimbey and Elizabeth Roan competed in pole vault at the state meet in Austin, but did not medal.



Senior Jasey Campbell (right) sports her state bronze medal as she poses with Coach Shelbi Sheppard at the UIL State Track & Field meet at Myers Stadium in Austin on Thursday, May 2.

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