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Commissioners Court, TxDOT to hold special meeting



Leader photo by TREY HILL

The intersection of U.S Hwy. 69 and State Hwy. 19 will be the subject of a special meeting Thursday morning, May 16, in the Rains County Courthouse.

By **CHUCK FITTS**
Rains County Leader staff

The Rains County Commissioners Court will hold a special meeting with officials from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) on Thursday, May 16, at 9:30 a.m.

in the courtroom of the Rains County Courthouse.

The agenda, posted on Friday, May 10, states that the only item to be discussed by the court and TxDOT officials is options for the intersection of Highway 69 and Highway 19.

County residents have expressed increasing concerns about the intersection as traffic backs up to over half a mile in each direction, daily.

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

RAINS COUNTY

Commissioners decide on pest control, improve officer safety

By **CHUCK FITTS**
Rains County Leader staff

The Rains County Commissioners Court held a regular meeting on Thursday, May 9, to decide on pest control for county buildings, consider an alternative communication system for the Rains County Sheriff's department and accept a donation of sunglasses.

During the meeting, the court continued their consideration of pest control for county buildings after clarification of bids received. They unanimously approved the motion to accept the bid that would allow All Pro Pest Control to continue to service the county, but with increased treatments of the buildings.

Commissioners were presented with a proposal to use a cell phone app-based system, Tango-Tango, as an alternative communication system for the Rains County Sheriffs department. The app on the officer's phones would allow them to securely communicate with dispatch and other officers in areas of the county where traditional radios do not work.

Rains County Sheriff Michael Hopkins informed the court that the department continues to work to improve radio signals in dead areas of the county and hopes to have them covered within a year, but the system would protect officers in those areas until then.

The court unanimously approved a motion to enter into a three-year agreement with Tango-Tango for the sheriff's department with the cost of \$5,990 to be paid for by con-

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RAINS ISD

School board adopts new science textbooks, honors teachers

By **CHUCK FITTS**
Rains County Leader staff

The Rains ISD Board of Trustees held a regular meeting on Monday, May 13, to consider adopting new textbooks for science and to honor teachers.

During the meeting, Director of Curriculum/Instruction John Portwood presented a recommendation for the new textbooks for science classes in the district for all grades. He noted that many books from several publishers were evaluated by a committee and the

decision was made to choose the textbooks from McGraw-Hill of Texas.

Portwood stated that the committee recommended continuing to use the iCEV suite for career and technical education (CTE) programs. The board unanimously approved the proclamation to adopt McGraw Hill of Texas for new science books for the district and iCEV for CTE programs.

Rains ISD Board President Philip Alexander officially handed out the Teacher of the Year awards for the 2023-24 school year to

four teachers at the start of the meeting. Lori Dickens was selected from the elementary campus, Holly Wells from the intermediate campus, Kelli Hunt at the junior high campus and Laura Jenkins from the high school.

The board also recognized Matt Miller on the elementary campus, Sonja Joiner on the intermediate campus, Julie Barlow on the junior high campus, Layci Trieb on the high school campus and Maria Deniger for the district as "Unsung Heroes" for the school.

Superintendent Joe Nicks, in his first offi-

cial meeting, updated the board on the intruder detection audit and district plans as the end of school approaches.

Trustees approved a recommendation to apply for a staff development waiver for the past school year and upcoming school year.

All board members were present for the regular meeting.

The next regular meeting of the Rains ISD Board of Trustees is scheduled for Monday, June 10, at 6:30 p.m. in the boardroom of the Rains ISD Administration building.

CITY OF EMORY

Audit, trash collection service headlines council meeting

STAFF REPORTS
Rains County Leader

The Emory City Council met in regular session Tuesday evening, May 14, in the council chamber of Emory City Hall. Among the topics of discussion were the selection of a trash-collection vendor, and renting out the city's storm shelter.

The meeting began with the city's annual audit presentation by Melissa Lynch of Scott, Singleton, Fincher and Company, P.C. Lynch began her presentation by stating that the audit was a draft and that the final audit should not change.

Lynch said that the audit opinion was clean opinion and unmodified. She said that is what the council wants to hear and that there were no issues to report.

Lynch reported that the water and sewer department has a solid liquidity ratio of 1.43, which indicated it was well funded. Lynch

said that another indicator of a healthy city is the number of days of operating, which factors unassigned funds into the number of days of operation. She said that cities want to see numbers above 180 days and that Emory's number was 334 days.

After hearing the presentation, the council voted to approve the audit contingent on the approval of the final audit report by Samantha Gibby.

Following the audit presentation, the council considered selecting a solid waste collection and disposal provider for the city. Members were told that the current contract with Waste Connections (formerly Gaston's Sanitation) expires on June 1. Requests for proposals were sent out, and the city received proposals from two vendors – Waste Connections and Black Jack Disposal. Both vendors attended the meeting and gave com-

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CITY OF POINT

Council hires firm for water system analysis, discusses ordinances

By **CHUCK FITTS**
Rains County Leader staff

The Point City Council discussed ordinances, hiring an engineering firm for a water system analysis and set dates for budget workshops during the regular meeting on Thursday, May 9.

During the meeting, Mayor Dustin Briggs presented the council with ordinances on code compliance and permits for their knowledge. There had been incidents of people not getting proper permits from the city and he wanted the council to be aware of the city laws.

The council discussed ordinance violations for nonpayment of water, sewer, utilities and garbage. City officials were looking for council direction on dealing with several occupied homes in the city with no water meters or utilities as well as landlords renting substandard homes. Council members

agreed to talk with the city attorney on a course of action.

The council was presented with a proposal from Hayter Engineering of Paris to analyze and map the city's water system. The contract was unanimously approved with the analysis to cost \$24,515 and mapping to cost from \$5,000 to \$7,000.

Council members set June 10 and July 8 as dates for a budget workshop. The special meetings will start at 6:45 p.m. in the council chambers of Point City Hall.

The council unanimously approved a variance to lot line easement to allow construction of a new house at 145 Locust Street.

Councilman Ray Lacy was not present for the regular meeting.

The Point City Council has scheduled the next regular meeting for Thursday, June 13, at 6:45 p.m. in the council chambers of Point City Hall.



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Rain Report

Wed., May 8 0.36 in.
Sun., May 12 0.75 in.
Mon., May 13 0.15 in.
Tue., May 14 0.01 in.
Total for May 3.03 in.
Year to date 24.99 in.

Community outreach & organizations

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

AMERICAN LEGION POST 156, Rabb Bro. Mem. Rains Co. – 4th Mon., 5:15 p.m., 215 N. Duffy St., Emory, 903-438-6045. Buffet breakfast - 2nd Saturday 7:00-10:00 a.m.

ARBALA DANCE – Tues., 7:00 - 9:30 p.m., Arbala Community Center

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

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

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

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

FOOD BANK AT FREEDOM CHURCH OF GOD – 3rd Fri., 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., 10830 FM 514, Emory. 903-473-2457

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 Winnsboro Gun Club, Winnsboro TX. Sue Parrish 903-473-9819

LAKE FORK SPORTSMAN'S ASSOC. – 2nd Tues., 6:30 p.m. Lovell's Restaurant, Lake Fork Marina

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RAINS COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY – 3rd Sat., 1:00 p.m. Meadows Cultural Center, Rains County Public Library

STITCH AND LEARN QUILTING CLUB – Thurs., 9:00 a.m.-noon, 903-598-3021 Miracle Faith Baptist Church

WOMEN'S SERVICE CLUB – 2nd Mon., 6:00 p.m., Rose Community Center

WOMEN IN NEED, INC. – A Battered Women's Shelter. Call 903-455-4612 or 903-454-HELP

NEWS BRIEFS

Good Sam Clothes/ Thrift Shop Sales

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

Willow Springs Annual Homecoming May 26

The Willow Springs Church Annual Homecoming will be held on Sunday, May 26. If you have a loved one at Turner Cemetery or Willow Springs Cemetery, please attend. The service will start at 11:00 a.m. and will be followed by a short business meeting. Bring a dish for the potluck lunch and a chair. If you are unable to attend, donations may be sent to The Willow Springs Association c/o Brittainy Thomas 690 RCR

2470, Emory TX 75440. A workday is scheduled for the previous day, Saturday, May 25, at 12:00 p.m.

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.

Smyrna Cemetery Memorial Day June 2

Smyrna Cemetery will hold its annual decoration day, lunch and business meeting on Sunday, June 2. Bring a covered dish and share lunch with everyone under the pavilion. Lunch will be at 12:15 p.m. and there will be a short business meeting afterwards. For more information call 903-598-2593. If you are unable to attend, please consider a donation to help with cemetery upkeep. Donations may be mailed to P.O. Box 563, Emory, TX 75440.

Should estate plans be equal ... or fair?

When you're creating your estate plan and thinking of where you want your assets to go, you also may be thinking about how to be fair to your loved ones — but is that the same as treating everyone equally?



BRANDON ROBERTS
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Financial Advisor

In estate planning, "equal" doesn't always mean "fair." If you have grown children with different financial needs, you might think it's unfair to leave them the same amounts. Or if you have a family business, and one of your children is ready to assume control, you might want to leave the business to that child and compensate the other

siblings in different ways. Or, if you wanted to leave a cabin or vacation home jointly to two adult children, would this arrangement work out if one child was unwilling or unable to pay taxes and maintenance?

Communication is key to helping avoid these problems. Letting your family know your wishes for your estate plan can help avoid hard feelings and unpleasant surprises.

Also, you might benefit from objective help from your legal, tax and financial professionals.

It takes time to develop an estate plan that benefits your family as fairly as possible — but it can be worth the effort.

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POINT PVFD celebrates Woodson Day on Saturday

By **CHUCK FITTS**
Rains County Leader staff

The Point Volunteer Fire Department will host the second annual Mr. Woodson Day on Saturday, May 18, at the Point Fire Station.

The event is scheduled from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with announcement of the 2023 Mr. Woodson scholarship winners at 2:00 p.m.

Pulled pork or brisket sandwiches will be on sale at noon for \$10 a plate with proceeds benefiting the Mr. Woodson scholarship.

Carter Bloodcare will be available for blood donations from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The Mr. Woodson Day was established in 2023 to honor James Woodson for his many years of community service to the city and the Point Volunteer Fire Department.

The day was established to encourage city and county residents to work together on Mr. Woodson Day and throughout the year to build quality relationships within their community in small cities to better the lives of all citizens.

Everyone is invited to attend the event in Point.

COMMISSIONERS

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tingency funds.

The commissioners court unanimously accepted the donation of 15 pairs of sunglasses for the Rains County Sheriff's office and entered the advance funding agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation into the minutes.

All commissioners were present for the regular meeting.

The Rains County Commissioners Court will hold a special meeting on Thursday, May 16, at 9:30 a.m. in the county courtroom to discuss the options for the intersection of Hwy. 69 and Hwy. 19.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 23, at 10:00 a.m. in the courtroom of the Rains County Courthouse.

EMORY

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ments regarding their proposals. After lengthy consideration, Jake Roan, seconded by Lori Honeycutt, motioned to go with Black Jack's Disposal. The motion passed unanimously.

The council then heard Tony Garrett's request to rent the city's storm shelter for a June-teenth family gathering. The city currently has an ordinance stating that the shelter may only be used in case of severe weather or for training or classes.

Mayor Earl Hill III reminded the council that the ordinance was brought about because the on-demand rate the city pays for electricity to the building makes it difficult for the city to recoup the cost of renting out the building.

Roan noted that the city was already paying a hefty sum for electricity to the building and that the city could rent the building out to offset some of the cost. Other members

expressed a desire for the city to have something for its citizens to hold gatherings.

No action was taken on the request; however, it was agreed that a discussion for a civic center would be put on a future agenda.

In other matters, the council:

- approved the consent agenda (minutes from the April 9 meeting, payment of bills, and a variance for Poppers in the Park);
- approved the request to reappoint Hill, Jason Rolan and Karen Young to the Emory Development Corporation, Inc. board of directors, and to make Cay House ex-officio.

Roan, Honeycutt, Blake Cooper, and Jannie Stephens attended the meeting; Travis Potts was absent.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Emory City Council will be Tuesday, June 11, in the council chamber of Emory City Hall.

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CITY GIRL

Bathroom Doors – and Mom

By Linda Brendle

This may seem a strange topic for a column written the day after Mother's Day. It is, but that's what happens when a writer spends several hours on an appropriate subject, but as the deadline draws closer, all she has is an opening paragraph that goes nowhere in particular. Then something strikes her as funny or odd, and off she goes in a totally different direction.

After lunch on Monday David and I went to the gym. We left the house early because David had to be in the dentist's chair at 8:00 a.m. Unlike my husband, who likes to wear workout pants as his uniform of the day, I prefer jeans if we're going to be out and about for more than an hour or so before we actually work out. It's a little inconvenient because you not only have to remember to grab workout clothes when you leave the house but you also have to change before you begin your exercise routine. Anytime Fitness makes that as convenient as possible by providing three individual restrooms and a dedicated changing room. However, in order to provide the maximum amount of privacy, these rooms have solid wood interior doors.

Aside from the privacy factor, this type of door is attractive – but unlike doors on airline restrooms, there's no sign to show whether or not the room is occupied. And unlike the restrooms that feature multiple stalls, the doors come all the way to the floor so you can't check for feet before you try the door. I'm not really a fan of that kind of door anyway. If the stalls are deep enough that the door doesn't hit the present occupant in the knees, the soon-to-be occupant has to almost stand on her head in order to look for shoes. Besides, I had a rather unpleasant

experience with that type of door during my caregiving days.

As Mom progressed in her dementia – or regressed, depending on your perspective – I made a habit of going with her into public restrooms, especially when we traveled. On one trip, Dad had an urgent need, so we stopped at a truck stop that was probably not on the "A" list of travel websites. My traveling motto is "never pass up an available restroom," and in spite of protests that she didn't need to go, I always insisted that Mom go with me. This was before I felt the need to go into the stall with her. I had completed my business and washed my hands before Mom reappeared, but since she often had trouble with her zippers and buttons, that wasn't unusual. Finally, I began to hear rattling of metal and wood followed by a voice tinged with the beginning of panic.

"I can't get the door unlocked."

The lock on my stall was a slide bolt with a little knob that you lift out of one slot and move over to another slot to lock it. I will understand if you have no idea what I'm talking about. David looked at me like I had lost my mind when I described it to him and asked what it was called. Google wasn't much help either. I found a picture, but no name was attached. Anyway, I tried to describe to Mom how to unlock it without success. As the panic in her voice increased, I sighed and tried not to look at the floor or imagine what might be on it as I laid down and scooted under. The problem was that her door had two locks – the slide bolt and a "hook and eye" bolt further up. She had managed to lock both but couldn't manage the reverse procedure. After that, I began going into the stall with her. But I digress.

When we got to the gym, I stowed my keys and other paraphernalia in a cubby and went to change. Unfortunately, all four doors were closed. We run

into that at church on Sunday mornings in the main ladies' restroom. There are four stalls, all with solid wood doors and no occupied indicators. It's common to come in between Sunday School and morning worship and find all the doors closed. If there's a line, you can be pretty sure that all the stalls are actually occupied, but if there is no line, you wonder if the doors were just closed by the previous occupant. Each stall has a rather noisy exhaust fan which comes on when the light is turned on, so you can put your ear to the door to see if it's running. But you run the risk of getting hit in the head by someone on the way out, or it could be that someone just left the light on. You could knock and ask if anyone's in there, but you don't want to make someone feel like they have to hurry. Of course, you can just try the doorknob, but if they forgot to lock, everybody's embarrassed.

Back at the gym, I waited a couple of minutes and finally decided to try the dressing room door. It was unlocked and I was able to change and get on with trying to keep my aging muscles and joints active and relatively pain free.

The lunchtime conversation at the Senior Center prior to the gym visit somehow got around to my columns, and Pat once again offered her comment that "Linda can take nothing – NOTHING – and make you want to read about it to see how it's going to turn out." This was definitely one of those columns, and if you've read to the end to see how it turns out, let me wish all of you mothers and motherly women a belated Happy Mother's Day. I hope all of you love being a mother as much as I do, and I hope you all love your mother enough to slide across a dirty truck stop bathroom floor to help her open the bathroom door.

Linda Brendle writes a weekly column for Believers' Baptist Church. She is a published author and also writes about caregiving, faith, and family on her blog at <http://www.LifeAfterCaregiving.WordPress.com>. You can e-mail her at LindaBrendle@yahoo.com.



LINDA BRENDLE
Leader Correspondent

Can You Clobber Cancer with Citrus?



"Happiness is good health and a bad memory."

Ingrid Bergman

With good health and happiness on my mind today, I am compelled to write this column. In the habit of scouring cyberspace for beneficial ideas

and practical medical research, I recently stumbled upon something that is good to know. I have determined to apply this in my own life immediately. Perhaps you might consider doing the same. It should be emphasized however that before you take medical or nutritional advice from a coffee-drinking typewriter nerd, it might be best to consult your own personal physician. But, with that being said, consider the following...

In May of 2020, a research study was published by the National Institute for Health. This study presented evidence showing that citrus peelings exhibit anti-carcinogenic effects. Flavonoid compounds found in citrus peels have anti-cancer potential, affecting cellular processes including cell proliferation, cell cycle regulation, apoptosis, metastasis, and angiogenesis. This is big news! Apparently, if you can ingest the good stuff in citrus peels (from oranges, lemons, grapefruit, etc.) you can help your body prevent and fight cancer.

But don't just take my word for it. I suggest that you examine these references and read the results for yourself. Go to the National Library of Medicine website at: pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/32391511/ (this is link for the study)

Note – there are several other studies listed on this page relating to this same topic. Apparently, this citrus peel anti-cancer angle has been studied for some time. Who knew?

There are two terms in the study that I will mention here. They may help us better understand these results. First is *apoptosis* – this is a type of cell death which the body uses to get rid of unneeded or abnormal cells, including cancer cells. Apoptosis is a good thing. I've written about it before in my column entitled *The World's Best Vegetable* (written about the anti-cancer benefits of broccoli sprouts – their high sulforaphane levels activate apoptosis in the body and fight cancer). Broccoli sprouts are easy to grow. I would encourage you to eat them every day.

The second term is *angiogenesis* – a normally helpful and important process that supplies oxygen-rich blood to your organs and tissues. In people with cancer, however, angiogenesis can support tumor growth and spread by feeding tumors with oxygen and nutrients. It appears that the amazing flavonoid compounds found in citrus peels not only promote apoptosis in the body, but they also appear to inhibit angiogenesis in cancer cells.

So, how do you best get this good stuff from your citrus peels into your body? You can do this by grating or zesting

your fruit (scraping the peel off and using and consuming however you wish). Or you can make a simple elixir or citrus peel tea. It's simple to make.

Here is the recipe: You will need 3 grapefruit or 3 oranges along with 3 lemons (if possible, use organic fruit). Wash fruit well and peel. Place peels in a sauce pot with 3 cups purified water. Cover pot with glass lid and bring to a low simmer. Continue to simmer for 3 hours. You can juice the remaining fruit and freeze it in ice cube trays, or use in fruit salad, etc. Once peels have simmered for 3 hours, remove from heat and let cool. Drain the peels through a strainer and pour into glass jar. You can store in the refrigerator for up to one week. Take 2 tablespoons of your peel water tea twice a day. You can add to water, tea, or juice, or take directly.

This citrus peel recipe is from Annette Reeder (*The Biblical Nutritionist*). You can find more information regarding this cancer fighting citrus tea at: thebiblicalthelp-you-fight-cancer.com/

She is a great resource for nutrition and health.

I would encourage you to make some citrus peel tea today and enjoy it with your family and friends. Stay healthy and clobber cancer!

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SPOTLIGHT

Book signing to be held Saturday at Reka's

By JUDY KRAMER

Rains County Leader contributor

Clif Clifton is a retired Fire Captain with 34 years' experience. He has worked with many interesting and heroic firefighters and has written a book about one of them, Billy Gene "Shakey" Holder, who worked 56 years on a front-line engine in South Irving, retiring at age 77. Clifton will have a book signing event at Reka's Rise & Shine Coffee Company on Saturday, May 25, from 11:30 to 1:00 p.m. He is a regular customer of the coffee company and has spent time there working on his book titled *The Legendary Story of Shakey*. Plans are for the subject of the story to be present at the book signing.

Clifton has written and is writing other stories about heroes of the Irving Fire Department where he spent most of his career. He has also written about a cop, and about supernatural things that happened to him when he started mission work.

Mission work is another highlight of Clifton's life. He and his wife, Patti, went to Istanbul in 2000 to distribute free Bibles and videos and he considers it a life-changing event. He said that the country had a good relationship with the U.S. at the time, but it became more difficult under administrations after President Clinton. He has spent 17 years doing mission work in Montenegro, a country located in the west-central Balkans, and he and his wife worked three years in Albania with a refugee camp for gypsies. "We used to spend a month at



Clif Clifton with wife, Patti

a time in the mission work," said Clifton, but during the last couple of years we have spent three weeks once a year.

Clifton considers himself someone who lives on the edge of a cliff and named himself Clif while in the seventh grade because it seemed to fit his adventurous nature. He and his wife ride Harley motorcycles and have ridden all over the U.S., including the Florida Keys and Yellowstone. Their longest trip was a ride through New York into Canada and back to Milwaukee.

Clifton was born and raised in Irving, but now lives in Lewisville and spends weekends at his home on Lake Fork. He likes to play golf, remodels his house(s) and keeps the yard looking nice. His wife loves to fish. He said that his dad was born on the family farm where Restlawn Memorial Cemetery is currently located, at TX 154 out of Sulphur Springs. He said his family members were truck farmers and sold their produce at the farmers market in Dallas.

RAINS ISD

Teachers of the Year



Leader photo by CHUCK FITTS

2023/2024 Teachers of the Year for Rains ISD were presented their awards during the regular meeting of the Rains ISD school board on Monday, May 13. Teachers honored are (l-r) Holly Wells in the intermediate, Lori Dickens in the elementary, Laura Jenkins in the high school and Kelli Hunt in the junior high.

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ACROSS

- 1 TXism: "changes his mind as often ___ does socks"
- 5 a star in Texas-filmed "Sikwood"
- 6 Houston has a big ___nautics industry
- 7 early slavery case plaintiff: ___ Scott
- 8 one impeachment charge against "Pa" Ferguson in 1917
- 17 Fort Worth spring festival: "___fest"
- 18 reparations for wrongs
- 21 TXism: "big biscuit ___ the pan" (boss)
- 22 river movement
- 23 TXism: "week ___ ___day-old kitten"
- 24 TXism: "attracted like a ___ ___ chew toy"
- 29 car horn sound
- 30 Palestine AM radio
- 31 hosp. trauma area
- 32 TXism: "numerous ___ in Texas"
- 34 canal or great lake
- 35 TX George Jones' "___ Name Is"
- 36 caused to be loved
- 37 TXism: "___ a line" (go fish)
- 38 Lubbock has the highest crime ___ in Texas (2024 statistics)
- 39 the only NHL team in Texas (2 wds.)
- 41 belly button
- 42 TXism: "heap of ___"

DOWN

- 1 UT comic strip by Berkeley Breathed, with "The" (2 wds.)
- 2 seat of Grayson County
- 3 notary words in Texas: "___ I ___ certify that ___"
- 4 to gradually wear away a Texas beach
- 9 jewelry retailer based in Texas
- 43 San Antonio NBA team
- 44 "___ all my bases"
- 45 TX Betty Buckley was on the last three seasons of this HBO prison drama
- 46 pub brew
- 47 TX Zina Garrison won tennis gold in 1988 at Olympics in South ___
- 48 TV western for TX Patricia Blair: "The ___"
- 50 Col. Travis drew ___ in the dirt at the Alamo
- 51 "___ riot, one Ranger"
- 52 peculiar
- 53 blues guitarist, TX Stevie ___ Vaughan
- 10 Houston rock band if it was missing a "Z" (2 wds.)
- 11 "I searched high and ___" (looked everywhere)
- 12 Rangers announcer, Nadel (int.)
- 13 TXism: "just cause a chicken has wings don't ___ can fly" (looks can be deceiving)
- 14 TXism: "never let ___ you sweat"
- 15 tidy
- 16 explosive letters
- 19 treble speaker
- 20 stallion base of the King Ranch quarter horses: "Old ___"
- 22 rock-forming mineral
- 24 impeached Gov. "___ Ferguson"
- 25 "got no ___ for it"
- 26 TXism: "big frog in the ___" (VIP)
- 27 exceptionally large wave
- 28 Sam Houston's Cherokee chief: "___-le-ka"
- 29 "___ you!" (said after a sneeze)
- 30 Texas singer/actor Kristofferson
- 33 historical period (2 wds.)
- 38 Sam Houston's Cherokee name seat of Swisher County
- 41 singer, TX Jones (without the "h")
- 44 TXism: "y'all ___ back, ya hear?"
- 47 in Karnes County on highway 72
- 49 address, TX Darnell

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Sheriff's Report

The Rains County Sheriff's Office took the following reports of activity during the week of May 6-12:



MICHAEL HOPKINS
Rains County Sheriff

Arrests

5-6: Valorie Natavia Funk, Point. Drug offense - forfeiture, \$25,000 bond.

5-9: Billy Ferguson, Emory. Fraud use/possession of identifying information number of items less than five, \$15,000 bond.

5-10: Whitney Mauldin, Sulphur Springs. False report to peace officer, \$75,000 bond; credit card or debit card abuse of elderly, \$75,000 bond.

5-10: Lora Sutherland, Emory. Bond forfeiture possession of a controlled substance PG

1 greater than or equal to 1 gr. less than 4 gr., \$10,000 bond.

5-10: David Taylor, Emory. Possession of a controlled substance PG 1 greater than or equal to 1 gr. less than 4 gr., \$30,000 bond.

Calls

5-6: CR 1413 Medical assist male with stomach issues; Hwy. 276 near CR 1230 Vehicle struck a deer, no injuries; FM 3299 Someone is threatening to assault someone; Point Dollar General Female has stole items; CR 4520 Guest house was broken into; Hwy. 19N Reckless driver; W Lennon Dr. Keys locked in a vehicle; CR 2430 Donkey is out again; Calhoun Dr. Welfare check requested for a female; CR 3345 Deputy out on a warrant service, one male arrested; Hwy. 69 at Hwy. 19 Two-vehicle accident, no

injuries; CR 3503 Female may have accidentally overdosed on blood pressure medication; FM 779 Livestock in the roadway; N First St. Deputy out on a warrant service, one female arrested; N Texas St. Medical assist 66-year-old male with uncontrollable blood sugar; N Locust St. Business owner can hear voices and see a flashlight near her door on the camera; CR 1490 Lift assist; FM 515 Vehicle parked near caller's home.

5-7: E Lennon Dr. Caller states they are at the gym and a male ran up to the door and screamed and would like an officer to walk them to their car; Hwy. 19N Male needs help getting a doghouse out of the roadway; CR 1490 Lift assist; CR 3417 Medical assist 71-year-old female fell and hit her head; FM 779 near CR 2430 Donkey is out again; CR 2430 Medical

assist male is on the couch and it looks like he is foaming at mouth, is not awake or alert but is breathing; 2nd St. Suspicious person; FM 515 Smoke coming from the ditch; Hwy. 276 Batteries stolen out of a boat; PR 7423 CPS needs to know about previous calls; Wells St. Male hired to fix the house next to caller's house keeps driving in her yard; W Quitman St. 911 hang up; Rhodes Dr. Child custody issue; Ravine St. Livestock in the roadway Hwy. 276 Debris blocking one lane; FM 2946 Deputy checking on the minor that recently ran away; CR 3236 Medical assist male is hallucinating possibly from new medication; N Texas St. Alarm call; N Texas St. Medical assist male with high blood sugar, unable to lower it.

5-8: Industrial Blvd. Alarm call; PR 5451 Medical assist 52-year-old female with side and stomach pain; CR 1534 Three puppies running loose; Sheriff's Office (SO) Male states he gave a male \$100 for a truck and was supposed to bring the rest of the money today and can't reach the male; Hwy. 514 Female states her son is dumping things in her yard; Rabe Addition Fight in progress; CR 1275 People driving 4-wheelers driving down the road after drinking and they are letting their kids drive; FM 514 Welfare concern; CR 4530 Medical assist 77-year-old female fell; SO Public service; CR 1520 Medical assist 74-year-old female fell and possibly broke her hip and is bleeding from her arm; Hwy. 19S Medical assist elderly man who seems confused; CR 2018 Female left her truck at her brother's house and now he will not return it; CR 3390 Deputy doing an area check.

5-9: FM 515 Deputy doing an area check; Duffy St. Black and white dog killed a cat and then tried to attack caller; CR 3333 Medical alarm, unable to reach the patient; CR 1402 Medical assist 68-year-old female in pain and can not move; FM 47 Deputy out on an area check; CR 1490 Alarm call; Hwy. 276 in Emory city limits Reckless driver; FM 275 Livestock in the

roadway; CR 2250 Truck stuck across the roadway; CR 3324 One-vehicle accident, unknown injuries; S Texas St. Medical assist female fell on the porch and thinks she broke her leg; CR 1430 Deputy out with sheep in the roadway; Hwy. 47 Caller states someone dumped three puppies; FM 3299 Two-vehicle accident, unknown injuries; N 1st St. Point PD out with a suspicious person; CR 1220 Livestock near the roadway; FM 514 Cows out; FM 514 Deputy out with a suspicious vehicle; South 1st St. Female states she is leaving her vehicle there for the night, having alternator issues; CR 3371 Truck was impounded by Wood Co. and it is racking up charges that are not caller's; N Texas St. Medical assist patient is having chest pains; Taco Bell employee is being harassed; CR 1941 Deputy attempting to serve a warrant; CR 4480 Caller states there is a suspicious vehicle; Rabe Rd. Disturbance; PR 5451 Medical assist 52-year-old female with extreme stomach pain.

5-10: Hwy. 276 Alarm call; FM 514 Neighbor's cows are in caller's yard; FM 514 Livestock in the roadway; FM 275 Suspicious person; SO lobby Female thinks her water broke; Second St. Point PD out on a follow up; CR 4310 Caller states her daughter was chased by their neighbor's dogs; CR 3335 Trespassing; Hwy. 69 Reckless driver; Hwy. 69 Large bags in the roadway; CR 2420 Male keeps having problems with his neighbor's donkeys; Rhodes Dr. Possible accident; CR 3335 Trespassing; CR 3330 Male states his son in law is threatening to shoot him; CR 3335 Welfare check requested on a female that is screaming; W North St. Female states she is trying to get her Tahoe; SO lobby Female would like to speak to someone about an investigation; Lovelle St. Male states his ex-wife is harassing him; Forbis St. Female states some kids from school are harassing her; CR 3202 Deputy out on warrant service, one male arrested; SO Male sold his truck in December and they are using it in his name; Emory Max-A-

Mart Male may be selling drugs.

5-11: Rabe Rd. Dogs have been on caller's porch for three days; SO Inmate needs EMS; SO lobby Male wants to speak with a deputy; CR 3326 Neighbor's dogs attacked caller's dog; Fishpoint Rd. Lift assist; E Lennon Dr. Traffic control; CR 3335 Male states when he came home his dogs were back in his yard; PR 7704 Juvenile dispute; CR 1495 Neighbor's dogs are chasing caller's horses and killing their chickens; Industrial Dr. Alarm call; 3rd St. Point PD out on an investigation; Hwy. 69 Welfare check on 65-year-old female who caller has not been spoken to in two weeks; Hwy. 19S Caller would like someone to check on a van that has been parked for 4-5 hours; SO Inmate thinks her water broke; W Lennon Dr. Caller states the base of a tree is on fire; Hwy. 69 Reckless driver; Little Oaks Dr. Female hit her leg and its bleeding; Old Mill Ln. Male would like someone to check on his property and his dogs; Ave. D Point PD out on an open door.

5-12: E Lennon Dr. Medical assist 51-year-old female acting confused; CR 1540 Medical assist 71-year-old male fell and needs help up; Hwy. 19S Vehicle accident with injuries; SO Female in the jail thinks she is in labor; Quick Save in Emory Report of theft; CR 3335 Welfare check requested on a 77-year-old male; S Texas St. Medical assist 93-year-old female with high blood pressure; W Lennon Dr. Two-vehicle accident, no injuries; Duffy St. Welfare check on suicidal male; S Texas St. Welfare check requested on mother who may have been arrested on Thursday; Tawakoni Dr. Someone dumped four dogs and three of them almost killed one; Dollar Tree on FM 515 Female found out her son was jumped and he is coming to make a report; FM 515 Woman in caller's drive and in the road screaming something; Whataburger Off duty jailer states a woman told her someone pointed a gun at her then took off on foot towards Brookshire's.

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4-H members compete in shooting competition

Sixteen members of the Rains 4-H Club participated in the district 4-H Shooting Sports Competition in Texarkana on Saturday, April 27. Rains 4-H Members competed in

both shotgun and archery competitions, and they had a blast representing Rains 4-H. Rains 4-H had over ten youths participating in the

Archery Project this year. For eight weeks, the kids learned many aspects related to this project. Archers learned many safety precautions and shooting scenarios to help them prepare. They also learned different parts of the bow so they could make sure that it is functioning properly and safely.

In the Shotgun Project we had over twenty-five youths participate for six weeks honing their skills. Each 4-H member must first attend safety training in order to participate in the program. Once the kids are safely trained, our certified coaches

work with them to master their skills.

The 4-H members that attended the District Archery Contest have participated in the project for the last four years. They have worked very hard to hone and improve their shooting skills over the years.

Mr. Jeremy Cook (archery coach), Matt Runion and Jerry Miller (shotgun coaches) took the time to help train the 4-H members. Their time and dedication are greatly appreciated. I also appreciate all the 4-H parents that stepped up to assist during the practices. Our shooting sports program is growing, and we have great support from our parents and volunteers that make this happen.

There were also several members that participated in the project that were unable to attend due to other commitments, but I wanted to let them know I am very proud of their hard work and dedication to the projects.

Congratulations to all for a job well done!

Following youth participated in the competition:

| Shotgun | Place |
|-------------------|-------|
| Brantley Lewis | 12 |
| Malachi Huneycutt | 4 |
| Jace Miller | 20 |
| Jack Miller | 26 |
| Eli Hill | - |
| Dawson Hill | - |
| Ansen Hiser | 8 |
| Gage Cook | 5 |
| Gunner Cook | 17 |
| Aylah Mulkey | 8 |
| Kale Robbins | 7 |
| Lexton Smith | 14 |
| Cody Schnorrbusch | 6 |
| Aiden Runion | 18 |
| Archery | Place |
| Malachi Huneycutt | 1 |
| Ansen Hiser | - |
| Cash Dale | 9 |
| Gage Cook | 2 |
| Gunner Cook | 6 |
| Case Jennings | 1 |
| Aylah Mulkey | 5 |
| Lexton Smith | 19 |
| Cody Schnorrbusch | 5 |

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY

First female radio announcer broke barriers

by Barte Haile

On May 15, 1970, Misty Fincher finally got her first good night's sleep since a tornado tore through Lubbock four days earlier.



BARTEE HAILE
Historical Columnist

Moda Fincher, the little girl who grew up to be the first female radio announcer in the Lone Star State and, some say, the whole country, spent her early years in a tiny settlement called Bronte. The original inhabitants wanted to call their new home in the wide-open spaces of West Texas "Bronco," but the postal authorities said that name was taken. So the town founder, who doubled as the doctor, came up with "Bronte" in honor of his favorite novelist – Emily Bronte. His neighbors, however, had the last word choosing to pronounce it "brahnt."

Fearing they might not survive the Depression in a windswept place with less than a thousand people and limited economic opportunities, the Finchers moved Moda and her sisters the 160 miles north to Lubbock.

I did not know before researching the life of Moda "Misty" Fincher for this column that she went to school with my own mother! Clearly that was the case because they both were in the 1941 graduating class of Lubbock High School.

Moda, as she was still known, had not given up on her childhood dream of someday being the voice on the radio. She had fond memories of the nights she spent playing pretend announcer with a microphone fashioned from a soup can and a sawed-off broom stick.

Before she could figure out a way to break into the exclusive

male preserve of radio, Moda toured the country with the all-girl Billye Gale Band. With a husky voice easily mistaken for a man's in a dimly lit nightclub, she was the vocalist and self-taught drummer.

It was a fun five years, but by the early Fifties Moda was ready to pursue her lifelong ambition of a career in radio. She got her foot in the door at station KXOL-AM in Fort Worth filing albums and pulling wire reports for the sports director, but regularly reminded the manager of her burning desire to get on the air.

That was "a real thigh-slapper," Moda recalled years later.

Then out of the blue on March 5, 1955 she was handed the keys to the midnight-to-six a.m. shift. The job came with no days off and a weekly paycheck of \$40, starvation wages even for the Fifties.

Twenty-nine year old Moda jumped at the chance to be an honest-to-goodness deejay and even agreed to the on-air pseudonym of "The Frontier Gal." She also had to abide by the silly but strict rule of always wearing a black Lone Ranger mask when out in public.

Not long after her promotion, Moda met the first of a long list of celebrated performers. Fame was, in fact, a few years down the road for an aspiring singer from Nashville who had come to Denton to study music at North Texas State. But Moda would always say she knew Pat Boone when.

In 1956 an AM station in Lubbock offered her a better deal for the same night owl hours. No more working seven nights a week. She got two days off and a pay boost to \$75 a week.

She found her niche as well as a new name with an easy-listening format entitled "Music With Misty." While at KDUB-

AM later KBFM, Lubbock's first FM station, she began a two-decade association with the annual Jerry Lewis telethon.

Misty had recently relocated to KLBK-AM, when the tornado that was the subject of last week's column brought death and destruction to her hometown. The terrible twister struck during her nightly show, and she refused to relinquish the microphone at the end of her shift. In the well-founded belief that her calm and soothing words could reassure her audience, she stayed at her post for the next 26 hours.

When KLBK switched to hard rock after dark in 1974, the popular radio personality unexpectedly ended up unemployed. Unable to find a new home for Misty music, she spent the rest of the Seventies in Midland doing whatever came her way.

Misty went back to Lubbock to stay in the early Eighties. She worked on and off at different stations for a couple of years before deciding the time had come to take it easy.

In 1999 an innovative new station operating out of Lubbock's Depot District constructed an old-style studio just for Misty. Enticed out of retirement at 75, "the little old lady" in her trademark dark glasses arrived each night carrying the vinyl records she had selected from her personal collection of 15,000 to entertain her loyal listeners.

Two months before her death in December 2006 at the age of 82, Moda "Misty" Fincher was inducted into the Texas Radio Hall of Fame. Among the many mourners were 30 great-great nieces and nephews in addition to her three Chihuahuas Sandy, Mandy and Candy.

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Women's Service Club holds monthly meeting

The WSC met Monday, May 13, for its monthly meeting. Robin Daugherty and Misti Anderson invited all members to join in a cookie swap. Each member brought two dozen cookies and the recipes. The tables were set up with cookie carts and platters of cookies with the best punch we have ever had. We appreciate those two for organizing and decorating.

We welcomed our guest, Wendy Byrd. We hope she will

join us again and bring some friends. During Rains ISD Teacher Appreciation Week our club partnered with Lake Country Neighbors and served lunch to the junior high and high school faculty on May 8 and 9. It was a good time to fellowship and show our appreciation for all they do.

It is the time of year when we distribute our scholarship funds and this year we awarded six \$500 scholarships to deserving

graduating 2024 seniors. The recipients were Janessa Frayser, Annalissa Tanton, Haley Robertson, David Camacho, Cole Couch and Kentlee Neighbors.

Poppers in the Park is our Next Big Thing. Watch the paper for more information.

On the second Mondays in June, July and August we will host game nights at 6:00 p.m.

Come join us for fun and games.

Reported by Jeannine Hayes

Obituaries

Dorothy Sue Carter

1954 - 2024



Dorothy Sue Carter, 70, died on May 3, 2024, in Point. She was born on February 25, 1954, in Dallas, to Rolan B. And Nellie F. Carter.

After graduating from Samuell High School in Dallas she worked for General Motors for 38 years before retiring in 2010. She was the first female fork truck driver at the Arlington plant.

She is survived by sisters, Alice Wenzel and husband Scotty, and Mary Conner and husband Doug; nieces, Cori Slemmons and husband Jeramy and Michelle Turk and husband John;

nephew, David Conner and wife Cathleen; four great-nephews, Kyle Schellinger, Beau Schellinger, Rome Slemmons and Miles Turk; great-nieces, Bailey Conner, Cassidy Collins and husband Steven; and Rylee Slemmons; and great-great-niece, Teagon Collins.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

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

Emory Lions Club Presents



Courtesy photo

The Emory Lions Club recently presented a check to the Rains High School basketball coaches, Brian Wester (left) and Laura Jenkins (middle), from money made from basketball tournaments held this school year. The money will benefit Rains ISD basketball programs.



Courtesy photo

The Emory Lions Club recently presented an award to former Rains ISD Superintendent Jennifer Johnson in recognition of five years of service. As a member of the Lions Club, she helped raise over \$60,000 from tournaments, which was split between the Lions Club and the Rains ISD basketball program. The Emory Lions Club also hosts a pancake breakfast as a fund raiser. Each year they provide several high school senior scholarships for college or trade schools, as well as eye exams and glasses for children recommended by the Rains School system. They also work with the Texas Lions Club to help children with diabetes or sight challenges, and contribute to seeing-eye dog training to provide a dog fully trained to assist.

Ben Bernard Brooks

1938-2024



With heavy hearts, we bid farewell to a pillar of the Edgewood community, Ben Bernard Brooks, who passed away on May 10, 2024, in Dallas, Texas. He was 86.

Ben's journey began on March 20, 1938, in the warmth of his family home on E. Oak St. in Edgewood, Texas, born to William Arthur Brooks and Etta Anne Caro Brooks. Raised in the embrace of this tight-knit community, he graduated from Edgewood High School in 1956, marking the beginning of a lifelong commitment to education and service.

On September 9, 1961, Ben married the love of his life, Anne Jones, embarking on a journey of 52 remarkable years until her passing in 2014. Their union was blessed with two daughters, Kristy Martinez and husband Eloy of Canton, TX, and Cheryl Millet and husband Javier of Dallas, TX, who were the pride and joy of his life.

A dedicated educator, Ben pursued higher learning at North Texas State College (now University of North Texas), earning his bachelor's degree and then onto his master's degree at East Texas State University (now Texas A&M Commerce). He imparted knowledge and guidance for 31 years within the halls of Sulphur Springs, Edgewood, and Rains Independent School Districts. From coaching track, field, and football to teaching history, government, and driver's education, Ben's impact extended far beyond the classroom, shaping countless young minds with wisdom and compassion.

Ben's faith was the cornerstone of his life, and alongside Anne, he was a devoted member of First Baptist Church in Edgewood, actively involved in the Fidelas

Sunday School Class. His commitment to his community was evident in every aspect of his life, from his service within the church to his cherished friendships cultivated over countless conversations at the Lumberyard Café.

Beyond his professional and religious pursuits, Ben found joy in the simple pleasures of life. Whether it was farming the land he loved, embarking on RV adventures

with dear friends, or cheering on his grandson David at football games, Ben embraced every moment with a contagious zest for life. His love for Blue Bell Ice Cream was legendary, transforming each scoop into an art form savored by all who knew him.

Ben is preceded in death by his beloved wife, Anne Brooks; his parents, William and Etta Brooks; and his brother Neal Brooks and wife Isabel and his sister Nadine Johnson and husband Gerald. He leaves behind a legacy of love and laughter carried on by his daughters, Kristy and Cheryl, his devoted grandson David, a host of other family and friends and a community forever touched by his presence.

A celebration of Ben's life will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, May 17, 2024, at First Baptist Church in Edgewood, with Pastor Larry Jordan officiating. Visitation will precede the service, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Ben will be laid to rest at Small Cemetery, surrounded by the beauty of the land he called home. Services are under the compassionate direction of Hiatt's LyBrand Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations to be made in Ben's memory to the First Baptist Church of Edgewood.

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Believer's Baptist Church

By Linda Brendle

Then I saw that all toil and all skill in work come from a man's envy of his neighbor. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

Ecclesiastes 4:4

Pastor Jason Rolan began this week's message with a tribute to mothers in all sorts of situations before moving on to Ecclesiastes. His sermon was called "Work in an Ecclesiastes World," and he addressed Solomon's conclusion that work with no moderation or rest, and work without companions or helpers is nothing but vanity and brevity.

The Raffa Baby Bottle Boomerang fundraiser began this week and will continue until Father's Day. Baby bottles are available to be filled with cash, check, or loose change and returned.

Next Sunday, May 19, KIDZ Church will share the catechism questions they have learned as well

as a song during morning worship. The Rains ISD Baccalaureate Service will be held at BBC at 2:00 p.m. Pastor Haygood will bring the message. At 6:30 p.m. we will have a hymn sing and testimony service.

The Church Praying will join together for a time of intentional praying on Wednesday, May 29, at 6:30 p.m.

Mark your calendar for the Members' Meeting, on June 2, at 6:30 p.m. and the Church Connection Fellowship (M-W) on June 9 following morning worship.

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

The Asking for a Friend podcast Episode #189 is titled "Misused Bible Verses, James 5:13-18." The link is available at www.bbcmemory.org.

Country Baptist Church

By Donna Boughton

What a great day to celebrate all ladies. We may call this day, Mother's Day, but in truth, we should celebrate all ladies, young, middle, old and future. All ladies contribute to raising children whether it is in giving guidance, advice, or taking care of physical needs. So, Happy Ladies Day.

Our services began with Joel Frazier leading us in a song and prayer of dismissal of our classes.

Donna Jones led our children's class in a study about some very influential women of the Bible. The children then discussed how their moms added to their own lives. They ended their class by making Mother's Day cards for their moms.

The adult class discussed our own moms, bringing up lots of memories and sharing what made our moms so very special. There were times when our tears fell quietly, and yet, it was a special time of remembrance of those special people who

added so much to our lives.

Worship services began with songs that were special to the ladies in our church. Prayer requests and praises were shared with Kelsey Frazier bringing our morning prayer. After more singing, Pastor Mike Frazier made our announcements. This was followed by our children handing out special gifts to all the ladies and a very special "Mother's Day" song sung by Lincoln and Avery Frazier. Birthday greetings were sung to Kelsey.

Special music was provided by Benny Thompson, followed by Kelsey and Avery prior to Pastor Mike's message that focused on the truth of God that saves, and wakes up the soul of a lost person.

After our services were over, we found a pouring rain outside. We were so very thankful for the "Sunlight" we found inside. Be in church somewhere next week.

Emory Baptist Church

By Ronnie Witt

There were many regulars and guests in the morning service as Emory Baptist gathered for worship on Mother's Day. Bro. Richard Piles shared a message from Luke on Sunday morning titled, "Why Is Disobedience Bad?" The message encouraged believers to read, hear, know and obey God's teaching in the Bible. Jesus used a building parable to underscore the significance of basing one's life on the foundation of God's word. The service closed with observing the Lord's Supper together. There was no evening service as members gathered with their families to celebrate Mother's Day.

There were lots of activities going on over the week at the church building. Women on Mission met Monday to discuss how to support and serve

in local and world missions. Backpack Buddies met again on Wednesday to pack food bags for the students of Rains ISD. This Saturday is the Family Fun Night at 5:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Bring a dish and come for the potluck meal followed by board games, card games, and other games around the tables. It is always a good time together.

Looking ahead to next week, join us Sunday morning for Graduate Recognition. Several high school seniors who have attended our church will graduate in a few weeks, so our church likes to recognize their accomplishments. Intentional Christian Grandparenting will meet Monday, May 20, at 6:00 p.m. T.E.L. meets on Tuesday at noon in the fellowship hall. Sonbeam's Spring Program will be Wednesday, May 22, 6:30 p.m.

Emory Methodist Church

By Mary White

"So now I give him to the Lord. For his whole life he will be given over to the Lord."

1 Samuel 1:28

Rev. David Banks' message on Mother's Day Sunday was titled "A Mother's Day of Hope" with scripture text taken from 1 Samuel. It was a great day of worship. David spoke on how moms and mothers have formed and shaped our entire lives. They experienced sacrifice both in bringing life into the world and then sending them out into the world. We should never forget about those who formed and shaped us. God doesn't forget and neither should we.

Saturday, May 18, the Methodist Women will

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Birthday wishes go to Sam Sorsby and Bob Kuba.

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Let's commit our days to Jesus and ask Him to direct our path.

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Seeding the new Clarks Chapel



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Pastor Rudy Bond accepts a \$50,000 check from State Bishop Charles Fischer during the ground breaking ceremony for the new church building at 2131 West Hwy. 69 in Emory.

Bright Star Baptist Church

By Glenda Galyean

Then saith he (Jesus) to the disciple, "Behold thy mother!" And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home.

John 19:27

What a great service we had Wednesday evening! Pastor Andrew Grills brought a very interesting message from Acts titled "The Day Solomon Dedicated The Temple." He pointed out three 'must haves' for us to really have revival. Following the message, we observed the Lord's Supper. What better way to prepare for revival within our own hearts!

We had an amazing service Sunday morning! It was wonderful to see so many mothers present. Following our fellowship time, we were blessed by two specials. The Hass family, Chris, Ashley, and

Ella sang the first one. Then Chris sang the second one. Bro. Andrew Grills brought a powerful message from John titled "Jesus' Concern for Others Even While Dying." Jesus made sure His earthly mother was going to be cared for. Each mother present received a gift.

Our revival started Monday, May 13, and goes through May 16. Services begin each evening at 7:00 p.m. Bro. Jimbo Seaton is the preacher. Come expecting a blessing.

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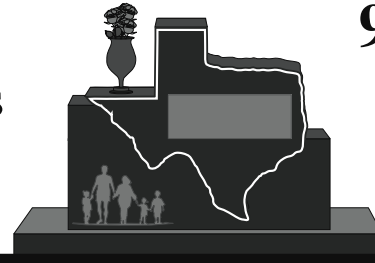
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Sports

RAINS LADY CAT SOFTBALL & WILDCAT BASEBALL

Wildcats, Lady Cats lose first games, rally to advance in playoffs



Leader photo by CHUCK FITTS

Rains Lady Cat Presley Smith (20) stretches out to catch the fly ball for an out during the 2-0 playoff win over the S&S Consolidated Lady Rams at Princeton High School on Saturday, May 11.

By **CHUCK FITTS**
Rains County Leader staff

The Rains Lady Cat softball team and Rains Wildcat baseball team rallied to win their respective series to move into the next round of the Class 3A playoffs.

All playoff games last week were played in Princeton.

After being held scoreless in four innings on Thursday, May 9, the Lady Cats battled back to tie the game in the top of the sixth inning after senior Lynzee Hague hit a three-run home run. Unfortunately, the S&S Consolidated Lady Rams had a three-run home run in the bottom of the sixth and held on for the 10-7 victory.

Hague finished the game with two hits in four at-bats, had three RBIs and a run scored. Senior Cambree Oakes pitched six innings, allowed nine hits and ten runs while striking out five batters.

On the baseball field in Princeton, the Wildcats took an early two-run lead and built on it to remain ahead of the Whitesboro Bearcats by one run heading into the bottom of the seventh inning.

The Bearcats managed to score two runs in their last at-bat to steal the game—one win, 4-3.

Senior Shawn Robertson started on the mound, pitched six innings, allowing three runs on eight hits and struck out eight batters. Senior Grant Guidry had two hits in four at-bats and scored one run.

In Princeton on Friday, May 10, Oakes bashed a three-run homer in the bottom of the

seventh inning to win game two for the Lady Cats, 4-1.

Oakes finished the game with three hits in four at-bats, notched three RBIs and scored once. In the circle, she allowed one run on one hit, walked seven and struck out nine batters.

The Wildcats allowed two early scores from the Bearcats before adding 12 unanswered runs to secure the 12-2 game two win.

Senior Nick Bowman pitched six innings, allowed two runs on four hits, walked two batters and notched seven strikeouts. Robertson had three hits in four at-bats, three RBIs, and scored once.

Game three of the series on the softball field in Princeton on Saturday, May 11, saw the Lady Cats hold off the Lady Rams to secure the 2-0 victory and advance in the playoffs.

Senior Emma Knight had a hit and scored for the Lady Cats, while Oakes pitched the shutout with four hits and five strike outs.

Game three on the baseball field in Princeton saw the Wildcats score the final four runs to take the victory from the Bearcats, 5-2.

Senior Brayden Juarez had two hits in three at-bats, two RBIs and a walk. Freshman Samuel Haney took the win after pitching four and two-thirds innings, allowing two runs on four hits and striking out four batters.

The Rains Lady Cats are 31-6-1 overall, while the Rains Wildcats move to 25-7-1.

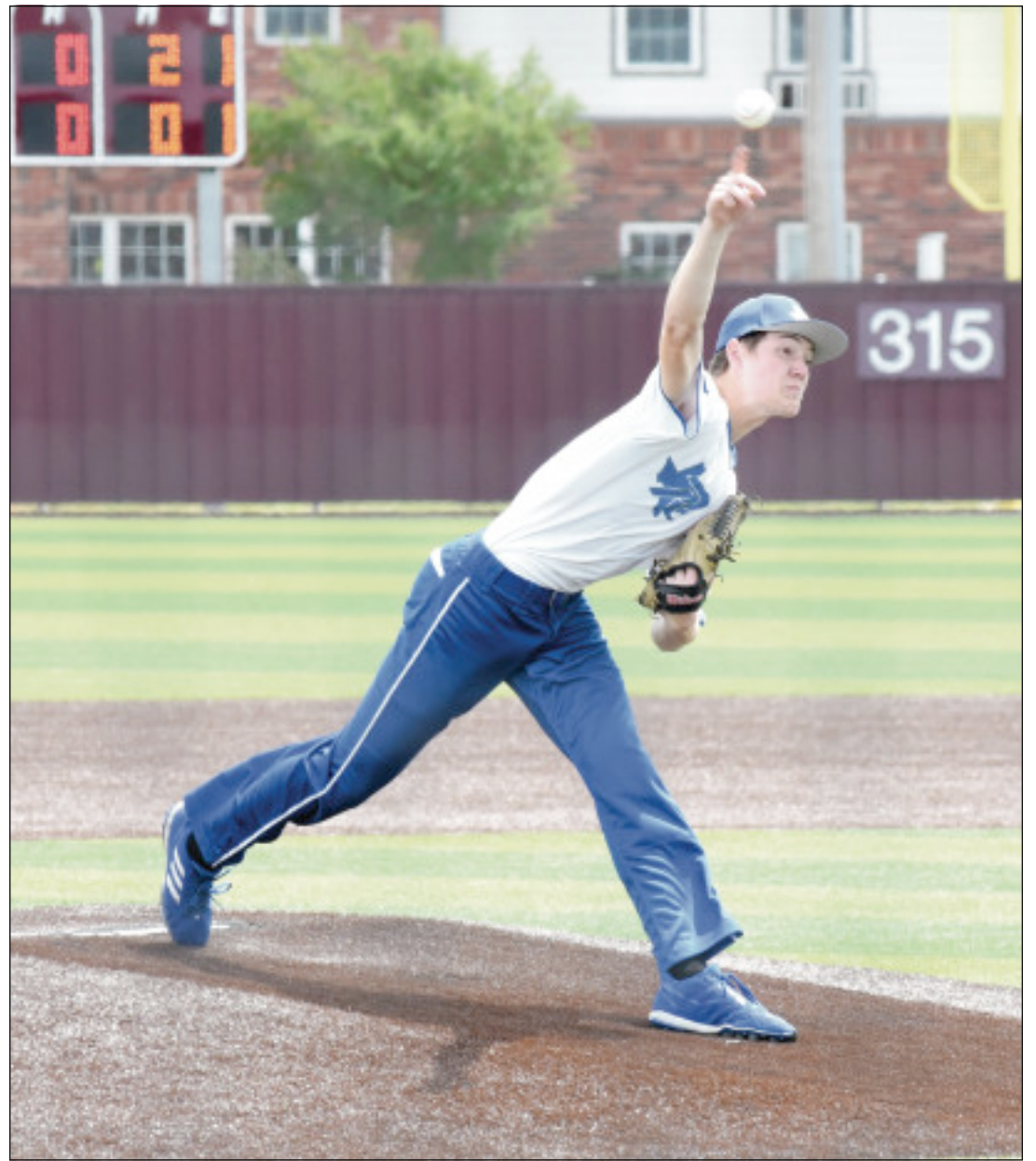
The Rains Lady Cats will take on the Mount Vernon Lady

Tigers in the regional semifinal round of the Class 3A playoffs at Cain Family softball field on the campus of Texas A&M at Commerce.

Game one of the series was scheduled for Wednesday, May 15, at 6:30 p.m. while game two is scheduled for Friday, May 17, at 6:30 p.m. If needed, game three will be played on Saturday, May 18, at 2:00 p.m.

The Wildcats will take on the Boyd Yellowjackets in the regional quarterfinals round of the Class 3A playoffs at Panther Creek High School in Frisco.

Game one will be played on Thursday, May 16, at 7:00 p.m., and game two is scheduled for Friday, May 17, at 7:00 p.m. Game three will be played on Saturday afternoon, May 18, if needed.



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Rains Wildcat Samuel Haney (13) puts some English on the pitch to the Bearcat batter during the 5-2 playoff win over Whitesboro on Saturday, May 11, in Princeton.



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