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## Early voting underway



Leader photo by CHUCK FITTS

A line to cast early votes extends out the door and across the parking lot of the Rains County Courthouse Annex early Monday morning, October 21. Over 1,000 people have cast their votes during the first two days of early voting.

By **CHUCK FITTS**  
Rains County Leader staff

Early voting in the November 5 general election is underway in Rains County with a record number of residents taking advantage of the opportunity to cast a ballot early.

Numbers obtained from the

Rains County Election office show that a total of 1,043 voters have voted in the election on Monday, October 21, and Tuesday, October 22. For comparison, the last presidential election in 2020 saw 770 residents vote early in the first two-days of early voting.

Among the contested items

on the ballot include the presidential, and U.S. senate races on the national level; state senator and representative on the state level; county constable and special tax district on the local level.

Vice President Kamala Harris and former President Donald Trump are the top two candi-

dates seeking the presidency. Incumbent Ted Cruz is facing Colin Alred in the U.S. senate race.

In a local race, incumbent Allen Davis and write-in candidate, Lucas Edwards, are vying for the county constable position. Also county related, county residents will have a say

in the creation of a Rains County Assistance District No. 1 and the imposition of a sales and use tax of 1.5 percent in the unincorporated portions of the county.

Voters in the City of Point will choose representatives for

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### RAINS COUNTY

## Court approves closing on former Leader building

By **CHUCK FITTS**  
Rains County Leader staff

The Rains County Commissioners held a special meeting on Thursday, October 17, to approve a resolution and payment for closing on the purchase of property.

The commissioners approved an accounts payable for closing on the purchase of the building that formerly housed the

Rains County Leader at 239 North Texas St. in Emory. The Leader has relocated across the courthouse square at 126 N. Planters Street.

In another item on the agenda, the court unanimously approved a resolution for the Indigent Defense Grant Program.

The court will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, October 24, at 10:00 a.m. in the courtroom of the Rains County Court-

house.

At the meeting, commissioners will consider taking action to commit to spending the money from the County Assistance Tax District, if it is approved by voters, on road materials. They will consider the final plat for Post Oak Forest and accept continuing education credits into the minutes.

The regular meeting on October 24 is open to the public.

### EMORY

## Emory PD sees increase in scam call complaints

By **CHUCK FITTS**  
Rains County Leader staff

The Emory Police Department reported an increase in the number of complaints concerning scam calls in the area.

In a press release from the department, the suspects are attempting to scam callers via text messages or calls on their cell phones.

"They usually are asking for you to log into your accounts over the phone," the release states. "Once you do, they have your information."

Some callers are asking you to purchase Apple gift cards, but no legitimate bank or business would ask that of their customers.

"If it doesn't feel right, it's probably not," the release said.

If you have any questions about a call, hang up and contact your personal bank or local law enforcement.

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### EAST TAWAKONI

## City approves wastewater plant repairs, appoints mayor pro-tem

By **CHUCK FITTS**  
Rains County Leader staff

The East Tawakoni City Council authorized repairs to the wastewater system, appointed a new council member and accepted the mayor's resignation in two separate meetings.

Before the beginning of the meeting on Tuesday, October 15, the city released a statement from Mayor Holly Calhoun concerning her resignation. More details concerning her resignation can be found on page 2.

With the former Mayor pro tem Robert Thompson having resigned on October 7 from the council, the duty to run the meeting fell on East Tawakoni City Secretary Heather McClaskey.

The council heard from the head of the water department concerning repairs

needed to the city's wastewater system including replacement of an aerator pump for the racetrack, hauling off old sludge, and repairing two lift stations.

After discussions of options, the council unanimously approved to repair one aerator pump and authorize the repair of another pump, if the price was kept under \$40,000. The water department head was authorized to have the old sludge hauled off and make repairs to the lift stations on Garrett Ave. and Briggs Blvd.

To help with the cost of repairs to the wastewater system, council members unanimously approved the motion to cash in a certified deposit that was set to mature in November and transfer the money into capital improvements fund.

The council adjourned into executive session to select a new mayor pro tem for the city. After about 16 minutes, the coun-

cil returned to open session and unanimously approved the appointment of Tammy Gardner to the position.

The Mayor pro-tem for the city will assume the duties of the mayor for the city until another mayor is selected or elected.

Council members unanimously approved the amendment to the bylaws of the East Tawakoni Economic Development Corporation (EDC) to remove Steve Myers and Steve MacClaird and add Julie Evans and Erika Godwin.

The council approved the quote from MSE Environmental to test the old police department for mold and asbestos. The test must be completed before work can be done to the building.

Council members unanimously approved the motion to get quotes to repair



Genevieve Golden and Jeff Stout

### SPOTLIGHT

## Genevieve Golden has 20 years experience in real estate

By **JUDY KRAMER**  
Rains County Leader contributor

Genevieve Golden was born and raised in Las Vegas, Nevada, and moved to Rains County in 1999. She has been in real estate for 20 years, the past four years as a broker.

"I previously worked at a large company and was responsible for 160 agents," said Golden. "I bought my own building at 126 N. Planters Street, as a place to have classes for my agents. But, when I tired of the company politics, I decided to work on my own, and now have three agents working for me. I have extra office space in the building and have rented it to the Rains County Leader newspaper. I have been the number one broker in sales in Rains

County consistently, and use a lot of internet marketing as opposed to other methods."

Golden and her husband, Jeff Stout, met on *Match.com* and have been together for 13 years. He has spent almost 40 years in residential design, and he was a pitcher on a U.S. national fast pitch softball team that traveled all over the world to play." They live on 150 acres of land and once had horses and cows, which have since been sold. Her parents, Ben and Carole Depue lived on a small portion of the property and owned BC Sand and Gravel. They have since passed away. Ben was originally from Ohio, and Carole was a native of Pennsylvania. Golden said that she and her mom, who was a stunt pilot, used to fly in air races, and her mom set several

world records. Her mom also taught Golden's dad to fly and put her (as a young child) in a car seat in the luggage compartment of her Cessna while she gave flying lessons.

"My children are Robert and Benjamin who graduated from Rains High School," said Golden. "Jeff has two daughters - Savannah and Chloe who graduated in Frisco. Robert is the oldest and works at L3. Savannah is a teacher who educates and mentors teachers. Chloe has a degree in theater and is working on a degree in teaching. Benjamin was in the U.S. Air Force and is now working in cyber security." Golden and her husband have five grandchildren ranging in age from 12 to 1 year.

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### Rain Report

No rain recorded this week.  
Total for Oct. .... 0.00 in.  
Year to date ..... 38.64 in.

# Community outreach & organizations

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**  
Emory - Tues. & Thurs. 7:00-8:00 p.m., Sat. 12:00-1:00 p.m., open meetings.  
Emory United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. For info call 903-243-6766 or 903-439-7573

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

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

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

**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 COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY** - 3rd Thurs., 1:00 p.m., Meadows Cultural Center, Rains Co. 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. Jamie'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., Jan., Mar., May, July, Sep., Nov., Emory City Hall.

**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

**RAINS COUNTY REPUBLICANS** - 4th Thurs., 6:30 p.m., House of Prayer 1382 FM 515

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

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

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

## GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES

**EAST TAWAKONI CITY COUNCIL**  
3rd Tues., 7:00 p.m., East Tawakoni City Hall

**EMORY CITY COUNCIL**  
2nd Tues., 7:00 p.m., Emory City Hall

**POINT CITY COUNCIL**  
2nd Thurs., 6:45 p.m., Point City Hall

**RAINS COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT**  
3rd Thurs. of every month, Rains Tax Office at 12:00 p.m.

**RAINS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT**  
2nd & 4th Thurs., 10:00 a.m., Rains County Courthouse

**RAINS ISD SCHOOL BOARD**  
2nd Monday, 6:30 p.m., Rains ISD Board Room

**RAINS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #1**  
3rd Monday, 6:30 p.m., Emory Fire Station

**RAINS COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE:**  
Mon., Tues. and Thurs., 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., 110 E. North St.

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

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Good Sam Clothes/ Thrift Shop Sales

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

### Rocky Point Annual Business Meeting

The Annual Business Meeting for the Rocky Point Community Center and Rocky Point Cemetery will be held on Saturday, October 26, at 6:30 p.m. at the Rocky Point Community Center. Residents of the community, and others who have an interest in the upkeep of the building and cemetery are invited to attend.

## Saving for college? Or retirement?

If you're a parent, you may well want to save for your children's college education.



**BRANDON ROBERTS**  
Edward Jones  
Financial Advisor

But could this harm your ability to save for your own retirement?

It is possible to work toward both goals — but you may need to prioritize by focusing more on your retirement.

Why? For one thing, your children will have more time to pay back college loans than you have to save for retirement. Also, by building enough resources to become self-sufficient in retirement, you'll be less likely ever to need financial help from your grown children.

So, consider putting in as

much as you can afford to your IRA and your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. But when you have other resources available, perhaps from bonuses or income tax refunds, or from freeing up money in your budget by reducing debts, you may want to invest these funds for your children's education. One education savings vehicle is a 529 plan, which offers potential tax advantages and can be used for college and qualified trade school programs.

It might not be easy to save and invest consistently for your retirement and your children's education — but it can be worth the effort.

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## EARLY

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Seat 1 and 3 on the Point City Council. Courtney Frazier and Donna Jones are vying for Seat 1 on the council. Tammy Hooten is running unopposed for Seat 3.

Rains County residents within the Miller Grove ISD will vote for four seats on the school board as Dusty Davis, Lee Roy Stracener, Cole Wayne Middleton, Mike Hasten, Douglas C. Lewis and Clark May vie for the positions.

Early voting will continue through Friday, November 1 in the Rains County Courthouse Annex. The polls will

be open from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Thursday and Friday, October 24 and 25; and from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Saturday, October 26.

New this year is open poll on a Sunday. On Sunday, October 27, the poll will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. The poll will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, October 28 through November 1.

Tuesday November 5, is Election Day. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. at all the county precinct locations.

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or replace the dock in the city park.

In a called meeting on Tuesday, October 22, the council accepted the resignation of Calhoun and appointed Harold Chandler to replace Thompson as

Place 5 on the council.

The next regular meeting of the East Tawakoni City Council is scheduled for Tuesday, November 12, at 7:00 p.m. in the council chambers of East Tawakoni City Hall.

## EAST TAWAKONI

### Calhoun resigns as mayor of East Tawakoni

By **CHUCK FITTS**  
Rains County Leader staff

Holly Calhoun resigned as mayor of East Tawakoni in a statement released on the alert system of the City of East Tawakoni and on social media on Tuesday, October 15.

"It is with a heavy heart that I announce my resignation as the Mayor of East Tawakoni," she said.

In the statement, Calhoun stated that her decision to step down was based on continued harassment of her and her family from certain members of the

community. "When I accepted the position, I was committed to serving the community and addressing the needs of our citizens," Calhoun stated. "However, I have encountered significant obstacles that have hindered my ability to fulfill this promise."

Calhoun noted that she was grateful for support received during her time as mayor and plans to focus on her health and well being of her family.

"Thank you for the honor of serving this community. I hope for a brighter future for East Tawakoni."

## RAINS COUNTY

### Sales tax returns remain down for county, cities

By **CHUCK FITTS**  
Rains County Leader staff

The revenue from the sale of taxable goods in Rains County continues to decline for the county and cities as compared to 2023 as the rest of the State of Texas saw a decrease of 1.2 percent in allocations being returned to local taxing entities in October.

The allocations are part of the \$1.1 billion in local sales tax allocations being returned to cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts by the office of Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar from sales made in August by businesses that report tax monthly.

Rains County, with its half-cent additional tax on taxable sales, sees \$74,993.30 being returned to the county, which is 12.14-percent worse than October of 2023. The county's Year-to-Date (YTD) increases to \$811,662.58 but remains 1.43-percent behind this time last year.

All municipalities in the county, which add an additional cent and a half tax to all taxable items sold, saw decreases in allocations

being returned as compared to October of 2023, with seeing the steepest decline.

The City of Point saw the largest decrease of the local cities from last year at 41.25 percent. The \$8,588.76 being returned in October increased the YTD payments to \$110,437.23, but the total remains 22.1-percent lower than October of 2023.

Emory is expected to receive \$150,757.45 from the state in October, which is 6.03-percent below the total from 2023. The YTD total is 5.5-percent behind this time last year at \$1,489,425.84.

With \$6,146.21 being returned to the city in October, East Tawakoni's YTD payments remain behind last year's totals at \$81,400.87. The YTD is 1.72-percent lower than last year with the allocation for October being 9.02-percent less than 2023.

Next month, the allocations to be returned to the local taxing entities from sales made during the month of September by businesses that report tax monthly, and sales made in July, August and September by quarterly filers should be announced during the second week in November.

OCTOBER '24 SALES TAX STATISTICS							
County City	Taxed	Net pymt. this period	Net pymt. prior year	Pct. chng.	'23 pymt. to date	Net pymts. prior year	Pct chg. from '23
Rains	0.5	\$74,993.30	\$85,362.05	-12.14	\$811,662.58	\$823,503.49	-1.43
East Tawakoni	1.5	6,146.21	6,756.09	-9.02	81,400.87	82,828.83	-1.72
Emory	1.5	150,757.45	160,444.88	-6.03	1,489,425.84	1,576,138.66	-5.50
Point	1.5	8,588.76	14,620.36	-41.25	110,437.23	141,774.55	-22.10
Hopkins	0.5	\$279,955.14	\$301,042.81	-7.00	\$3,080,408.94	\$3,333,599.75	-7.59
Como	1.0	5,936.17	5,007.77	18.53	55,565.39	50,335.92	10.38
Cumby	1.5	11,484.57	12,014.76	-4.41	130,355.78	133,593.92	-2.42
Sulphur Springs	1.5	701,512.68	752,368.05	-6.75	7,619,621.86	7,383,827.01	3.19
Hunt	0.5	\$699,801.44	\$708,634.18	-1.24	\$7,325,374.27	\$7,230,857.43	1.30
Caddo Mills	1.5	113,868.55	82,546.22	37.94	938,502.30	816,936.70	14.88
Campbell	1.5	11,684.71	12,897.11	-9.40	120,558.80	103,311.32	16.69
Celeste	1.25	10,589.41	10,472.21	1.11	109,715.88	103,815.87	5.68
Commerce	1.5	215,172.35	191,127.61	12.58	1,908,188.65	1,832,959.29	4.10
Greenville	1.5	1,038,581.81	1,094,984.87	-5.15	11,243,874.88	10,341,401.47	8.72
Hawk Cove	1.0	1,940.12	1,847.58	5.00	21,687.77	21,586.87	0.46
Lone Oak	1.5	20,348.55	16,006.77	27.12	204,768.93	164,056.46	24.81
Neylandville	1.0	799.94	399.43	100.27	7,372.40	6,684.27	10.29
Quinlan	1.5	158,648.81	161,883.30	-1.99	1,603,670.99	1,537,310.69	4.31
Union Valley	1.0	3,692.88	6,770.80	-45.45	39,290.04	37,588.25	4.52
West Tawakoni	1.5	14,170.49	15,934.34	-11.06	171,978.84	177,019.47	-2.84
Wolfe City	1.5	16,112.41	14,954.58	7.74	175,359.37	163,253.08	7.41
Van Zandt County does not Collect sales tax							
Canton	2.0	416,338.64	412,313.75	0.97	4,340,505.41	4,315,154.05	0.58
Edgewood	2.0	39,452.98	39,025.25	1.09	418,283.75	394,329.95	6.07
Edom	1.0	1,537.74	1,295.00	18.74	21,134.38	23,274.99	-9.19
Fruitvale	2.0	7,364.59	8,178.31	-9.94	78,336.86	78,630.56	-0.37
Grand Saline	2.0	60,882.56	57,212.05	6.41	645,195.61	639,613.97	0.87
Van	2.0	100,876.65	105,351.40	-4.24	1,031,584.29	959,128.99	7.55
Wills Point	2.0	201,395.75	204,960.78	-1.73	1,867,373.18	1,865,412.99	0.10
Wood	0.5	\$259,094.76	\$237,872.46	8.92	\$2,469,774.81	\$2,481,257.63	-0.46
Alba	1.5	31,915.50	34,270.00	-6.87	305,681.83	305,855.25	-0.05
Hawkins	1.5	42,150.40	40,399.56	4.33	417,859.60	428,955.06	-2.58
Mineola	1.5	257,213.24	243,837.66	5.48	2,558,615.20	2,546,366.90	0.48
Quitman	1.5	76,960.24	81,046.03	-5.04	784,966.34	822,047.29	-4.51
Winnsboro	1.5	162,755.91	120,650.34	34.89	1,233,643.39	1,237,763.09	-0.33
Yantis	1.5	9,335.99	9,076.70	2.85	118,997.31	106,868.09	11.34

## SUDOKU

The aim of Sudoku is to complete the entire grid using the numbers 1-9. Each number can only be used once in each row, once in each column, and once in each of the 3x3 boxes. Visit www.sudokuoftheday.com for further tips and help about how to play - and good luck!

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	6	3	5	9				
		3	4					8
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	5			8				2

**STAR MART**  
4080 FM 515 - EMORY, TX  
YOUR CONVENIENT STOP FOR GAS, FOOD, BAIT & TACKLE

Memorial Service for **James Arnold** will be held on **October 26 at 1:00 p.m.** at **Dunbar Church** 1240 RS County Road 1300

**SHOP LOCAL**  
WHEN MONEY STAYS IN OUR COMMUNITY  
OUR LOCAL TAX DOLLARS SUPPORT:  
POLICE & FIRE DEPARTMENTS  
STREETS & PARKS  
& other city services  
AND KEEPS US ALL WORKING.  
SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES  
LET'S KEEP OUR ECONOMY GROWING.

CITY GIRL

Highway 80 Garage Sale

By Linda Brendle

The semi-annual Highway 80 Garage Sale took place this past weekend, and I spent several hours on



LINDA BRENDLE  
Leader  
correspondent

Friday and Saturday in the parking lot of the New Journey Church of God in Edgewood with Rocky, Linda and Sassy Pietila who generously shared their booth with me. The weather was beautiful, though a little cool in the early part of the day, and we had a great time visiting, monitoring each other's merchandise when one of us needed a break, and especially people watching. Here are a few of the more notable people we saw.

One family who came by had two boys, one probably around nine years old and another maybe four or five. The younger boy turned to his dad and held out his arms to be picked up. The man shook his head slightly and took the child by the hand. The little boy didn't argue, but you could see the disappointment in his face. I commented to Linda that it's hard when you get too big to be carried and are expected to walk on your own. I know a lot of adults who feel that way. There are days when I'd like to be carried through my responsibilities instead of having to be an actual grown-up.

Linda and Rocky had one table that was covered with a wide selection of CDs, DVDs, and Blu Rays. A mother and her teenaged daughter spent quite a while looking through all the movies, and when they finished, each had chosen two. The mother held her hand out to the daughter and said, "Let me see what you picked out." Without comment, the girl handed over her choices. The woman looked at the first one and nodded. "PG-13. Okay," but the second one didn't fare as well. "R. Nope. Put it back." She handed the

offending disc to the girl who obediently put it back. It was so encouraging to see a mother and daughter seemingly enjoying each other's company. It was even more encouraging to see a mother that took responsibility for what her child was exposed to and a child who respected her mother's authority without arguing, whining or even rolling her eyes.

A third event of note happened at a table full of kitchen items. The Pietilas have an impressive stock of Tupperware – with lids and everything. While a wife checked out other things, her husband browsed through the Tupperware. He excitedly held up a green container and called out to his wife.

Man: Look! It's got a rack and everything!

Wife: That's a celery container. You hate celery.

Man: I know. But it's such a cool container!

In addition to people watching, I enjoyed talking with people who came by my book table. I complimented one woman on her beautiful gray hair, and when we discovered we used the same brand of hairspray, we commiserated on how difficult it is to find it in Walmart lately. Another woman was asking about my research methods for my child trafficking novels, and I learned that she is the 911 dispatcher and her husband is a K-9 officer for a nearby town. She was very familiar with the local trafficking problems. The most interesting discussion, though, was with Elvis Allen, Chairman of the Van Zandt County Historical Commission.

Mr. Allen asked me some questions about things with which I'm not very familiar, like whether Rains County has a historical commission. I was also unable to tell him what was happening with the Rains County Genealogical Society since the Northeast Texas Child Advocacy Center took over the building they formerly occupied. What really captured my attention was when he told me about Leon Roger Payne, also known as the Blind

Balladeer.

Payne was an American country music singer and songwriter who was born on June 15, 1917 in Alba. He was blind in one eye at birth and the other eye was blinded in an unexplained childhood accident. He went to the Texas School for the Blind in Austin where he met Myrtle, his future wife and the mother of his two children.

Payne, who played several musical instruments, began his professional music career in the mid-1930s. He started writing songs shortly thereafter and continued for the rest of his life. He performed with several well-known musical groups including Bob Wills' Texas Playboys, and at one point he formed his own group called the Lone Star Buddies. He performed regularly on shows like the Louisiana Hayride and the Grand Ole Opry, and he wrote hundreds of country songs. In addition to the songs he recorded himself, many were recorded and covered by such famous artists as Hank Williams, Elvis Presley and Johnny Cash. One of his most well-known songs was *I Love You Because*, and his recording of it hit the top spot on the Billboard country chart. Payne died in 1969 and is buried in San Antonio.

I thoroughly enjoyed my time at the Highway 80 Garage Sale. I saw some interesting people and learned some fun local history, but after two days of talking about my books with the wind blowing east Texas pollen in my face, I lost my voice almost completely. It's a good thing I can type my own columns instead of having to dictate them.

Sources:  
• Wikipedia  
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To Carve a Pumpkin - Jack-o'-Lantern History



"Way out in the country tonight he could smell the pumpkins ripening toward the knife and the triangle eye and the singeing candle."

Ray Bradbury



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With the arrival of October, we are surrounded by pumpkins. They fill shop windows and store fronts. Large bins of them are found in every supermarket. In some parts of the country, you see them afield, warm and orange in the sun. As Halloween nears, many are cut and turned to Jack-o'-Lanterns. Their cheerful and ghoulish faces remind us of childhood fun and memories past. Jack-o'-Lanterns are a part of our Halloween history.

Modern traditions of Halloween, including our fascination with carving pumpkins and creating Jack-o'-Lanterns, can be traced back to the Celtic holiday called *Samhain*. *Samhain* was celebrated in Ireland and throughout Europe every October 31 – November 1. It marked the end of summer and the final harvest of the year. The pagan holiday was believed to usher in a period of supernatural intensity, darkness, and decay. To combat evil spirits that might be rampaging through the countryside during this season, ancient Celts would start large bonfires. Fire was believed to ward off evil spirits.

After Christianity took root in the Middle Ages,

*Samhain* became *All Hallows Eve*. Later, raging bonfires were downsized and placed inside vegetables – turnips, potatoes, and gourds. First just cut to emit light, carving became more ornate and common over time. Scary faces were carved to scare off other scary things.

All Hallows Eve was imported to North America, carried by immigrants, especially the Irish who flocked here in the mid-19th century during Ireland's potato famine. With turnips scarce in the New World, pumpkins became a better option. Carved pumpkins and the Jack-o'-Lanterns that we know today are linked to the old Irish myth of *Stingy Jack*.

According to this legend, *Stingy Jack* was an Irish blacksmith of questionable character who tricked the Devil to save his soul from hell. After his death, the story goes that God denied *Stingy Jack* entrance into heaven based on his unsavory behavior. There is some incorrect theology here (perhaps they never read Galatians). In any case, barred from heaven, and denied entrance to hell, *Stingy Jack* was forced to walk the Earth with only a burning coal to light his way. Jack put the coal in a carved-out turnip and is said to have roamed the Earth ever since. The Irish began referring to him as Jack of the Lantern, and then simply Jack-o'-Lantern.

To celebrate Halloween, and in honor of *Stingy Jack*, you might want to carve a pumpkin or two this year. If you decide to do so, here are some tips:

1 – Choose a good pumpkin. You want one that is

fresh (not mushy), with a good sturdy stem and a flat bottom so it won't roll.

2 – When carving out your lid, cut on an angle so that when you put the top back on it won't drop inside.

3 – Use a large metal spoon or ice cream scoop to scrape the inside. Make sides nice and thin so pumpkin is easier to carve.

4 – Use a sharp knife or toothpick to outline your design before cutting. If you are carving a fancy design, draw on paper first and use toothpicks to hold the pattern in place.

5 – Hold pumpkin in your lap when carving. It will be easier to carve a face when it is looking up at you. Small sharp kitchen knives work best for carving. And be careful (first aid tip for bad bleeding cuts – keep jar of cayenne pepper handy – sprinkle liberally on wound and press to stop bleeding).

6 – Seal your pumpkin with petroleum jelly to make it last. Spread on all cut edges and open flesh. This will keep your Jack-o'-Lantern from decaying quickly.

7- Place candle(s) in pumpkin before lighting – be careful with fire. Better to use Christmas lights or battery operated votives.

Enjoy your Jack-o'-Lantern.

Happy Halloween!

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FISHING REPORT

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department released the following information for Lake Fork and Lake Tawakoni taken on October 16:

**Fork:** Good. Water Stained; 81 degrees; 2.06 feet below pool. Bass topwaters are good early around grass after sun up and mid range in 4-6 feet square bills on flats with grass and timber lines. Carolina rigs are good in 12-14 feet on points.

The crappie fishing on Lake Fork is improving as the water temperature drop into the 70s. You can find fish all over the lake and any type of structure between 12-58 feet. We are seeing some fish on brush piles, laydowns, bridges and road beds. The best fish are definitely on timber. Focus on the edge of timber and creek channels mostly. We will see more fish hitting deeper timber as the water temps drop to the 60's and 50's over the next few months. Minnows are still a dominant bait, but small

hand ties are producing again and soft plastics should also put some good fish in the boat. The overall bite will get better and better as we head deeper into fall and winter. Catfishing continues to be incredible on Lake Fork. We are seeing lots of catfish around timber in depths from 18-58 feet as they follow bait fish using smelly prepared catfish bait. You can also draw even more fish in with some chum, cattle cubes or sour grains.

**Tawakoni:** Good. Water stained; 75 degrees; 1.87 feet below pool. Striper fishing is great on live shad in 20-45 feet of water in ditches and along the river ledges. Look for fish to move up shallow with the cold weather. Swim baits and topwaters work well in the backs of coves and creeks during early morning and late evening. Crappie remain tough, sticking to brush and structure in 12-18 feet of water. Use electronics to target active fish at the bottom of brush piles, with jigs being effective.

Catfishing is still good, with blue catfish biting on cut shad in 30-50 feet of water. Eaters are found on the main lake ledges and humps, and start looking for bigger fish west of the islands and north of the railroad bridge, in 40-50 feet of water on deep flats. Bass fishing remains slow, however, as water temperatures cool, bass are moving up. Plastics are effective early in 3-8 feet of water off main lake points, and later in the backs of coves during midday as the water warms and shad move up. Striped bass bite is starting to improve with some topwater activity in shallow water in the morning. Blind cast into the shallows. Some days there is some bird action, as the weather cools this will pick up. When the topwater bite ends cast swimbaits into the shallows for box fish, then switch to slabs later in the morning.

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**ACROSS**

- fancy word for "to satisfy an appetite"
- clothed
- "could hear \_\_\_ drop" (quiet)
- this Cookrell served four terms as mayor of San Antonio
- TX Ross Perot first naval rank (abbr.)
- several surgeries today are assisted by \_\_\_ devices
- mo. in which State Fair of Texas begins
- TXism: "could put a loop on a mule's back" (good roper)
- "Big Jim" Hogg's daughter (init.)
- "on an \_\_\_ keel"
- Mineola High class
- many Texas state parks have these for rent
- kidney disease
- TX Rayburn nickname: "\_\_\_ Sam"
- noted Comanche medicine man
- unit of Dallas based Greyhound (2 wds.)
- Texas-born Forest Whitaker was in "\_\_\_ 3"
- nocturnal insects found in moist areas in buildings and houses
- TXism: "loud as boot heels on \_\_\_ floor"
- Astro: major \_\_\_
- TXism: "chordin' \_\_\_ the bit" (impatient)
- these could be Roths
- TX Buck Owens' "I've Got a Tiger By \_\_\_"
- Hispanic surname
- TXism: "\_\_\_ buster" (farmer)
- state nurses org.
- TV film with this Paul and TX Farrah: "The Burning Bed"
- forbidden by law
- house coverings
- TXism: "\_\_\_ big for his britches"
- "bear" in Mexico
- Guadalupe is a spring: \_\_\_ river
- TV film with this Paul and TX Farrah: "The Burning Bed"
- UT live mascot
- rocks containing valuable minerals
- TX Tanya's first child: Presley \_\_\_ Tucker
- TXism: "treat \_\_\_ with kid gloves"
- TX George H.W. Bush was a short-time director of this agency.
- TXism: "he took everything but \_\_\_ (robbed)"
- broadcasters use 12 to 20 of these to televise a Cowboy or Texan game
- 9-down spent a lot of time performing
- county west of DeWitt County
- 101 in ancient Rome
- 25 biblical donkey
- TXism: "jump \_\_\_" (escape)
- leaky boat: \_\_\_ in water
- largest tribe, most spell with a "j"
- Santa Anna did it to the Alamo
- network for KERA-TV or KUHT-TV
- response question
- in Uvalde County on U.S. 90
- 24- \_\_\_ gold
- rock made in a dirt road
- big achievement
- old bread, e.g. (2 wds.)
- ion's den, e.g. 48 ion's den, e.g. 50 cowboys might have bow \_\_\_ (from horse riding)
- first name of 21-across
- TXism: "a \_\_\_" (marty)
- \_\_\_ as a goose"

**DOWN**

- TXism: "fits like \_\_\_ on a fish"
- home of Sul Ross State University
- nosedive
- seat of Jackson County
- "Crying" singer from Wink, Texas (init.)



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# Sheriff's Report

The Rains County Sheriff's Office took the following reports of activity during the week of October 14-20:

### Arrests

**10-14:** Pattie Green Marler. Criminal trespass, \$2,500 bond.  
**10-15:** James Robert Smith. Probation violation, 5 years TDCJ.

**10-15:** Roy Lee Wilcox. Theft greater than or equal to \$30,000 less than \$150,000 (Probation violation), 3 years TDCJ.

**10-16:** Jamie Burnes. Speeding, \$389.35 bond; unrestrained child/safety seat violation under age 8, \$494.00 bond; driving while license invalid, \$422.50 bond; speeding too fast or over speed limit, \$435.50 bond.

**10-18:** Raymond Mitchell Warner. Theft of property greater than or equal to \$100 less than \$750, \$1,000 bond.

**10-18:** Amy Willis. Possession of a controlled substance PG 1 less than 1 gr., \$10,000 cash surety bond.

**10-19:** Kellie Enloe Smith. Possession of a controlled substance PG 1/1-B greater than or equal to 1 gr. less than 4 gr., \$10,000 bond.

**10-20:** Abigail Dawn Harvey. Possession of a controlled substance PG 1 less than 1 gr., Release of surety, \$75,000 bond.

**10-20:** Brownie Adrian Smith. Violation of bond/protective order, \$5,000 cash/surety bond.

### Calls

**10-14:** CR 3425 Medical assist 79-year-old male having a stroke; E Lennon Dr. Person in 18 wheeler doesn't

want to wake up and leave; CR 3220 Female with criminal trespass is on land where she is not supposed to be; CR 4320 Vehicle has been rummaged through, extra patrol requested; CR 3415 CR 3415

Handgun and box of ammunition stolen from console of truck; CR 3346 Two deer ran across road and driver swerved and hit a fence; CR 4430 Theft of purse out of a vehicle; Hwy. 19N Kitten was run over; FM 779 Female is damaging vehicle and revving engine to ruin the motor; Sheriff's Office lobby Male stated his wallet is either lost or stolen; CR 1412 Cow on the roadway; FM 275 Items stolen out of vehicle; FM 2946 Vehicle without license plates at the Rains/Wood Co. boat ramp; FM 514 Items stolen out of truck; CR 3220 Male returned to property and took trailer; CR 3425 Residents have camera evidence; FM 514 Paperwork stolen out of a vehicle; FM 2737 Ten horses out and caller is trying to push the horses back onto the property; N Dunbar Ln. Dog trapped under house; CR 3346 Female found card on the fence asking for her to call SO; Oak Ln. Amazon truck driver ran into the covered driveway area and needs to know if he needs a police report; E Lennon Dr. Someone hit caller's vehicle on purpose; FM 275 Structure fire 11-year-old set a chair on fire in the back and burned some boxes in the front yard; CR 3328 Possible truck of person committing recent thefts may be on the property; FM 514 Medical assist for diabetic 7-year-old with blood sugar crashing; FM 2795 Major accident and vehicle is on fire; Duffy St. Male brandishing a gun or pellet gun scaring tenants;

CR 1160 Male reports he has image of suspect's vehicle; PR 5451 Medical assist 52-year-old female with difficulty breathing; Point 2nd St. Water leak; PR 5451 Gas leak.

**10-15:** Locust St. Traffic stop and contraband found; FM 3299 43-year-old female having stress seizures and hit her head; PR 5441 Possible siting of vehicle involved in thefts; FM 779 Welfare concern; CR 2470 Suspicious vehicle not supposed to be at location; N Texas St. Grass fire near a residence; SO lobby Male states he may know who has been breaking into vehicles; Hwy. 69E Truck with trailer with two tires out is in lane blocking traffic; East Tawakoni (ET) Fish Point Rd. Male was bitten by a dog; Point 1st St. Funeral escort provided; W Quitman St. Burglary; SO lobby Telephone harassment; CR 3425 Hay baler on fire; PR 5451 Female throwing and breaking stuff; Kansas St. EMS call for 47-year-old diabetic female; FM 2795 EMS call for issues with lower back pain; Emory unknown address Theft of electricity; Mohawk Tr. Two loud shots maybe from a shotgun; Hwy. 69 Reckless driving green older F150 all over the road; FM 515 Vehicle struck a deer; CR 1540 Female making threatening phone calls; CR 3480 Livestock on the roadway - horse in the road.

**10-16:** Medical assist 39-year-old female with severe headache; Hwy. 19N Truck tailgating with bright lights on; CR 2365 Street blocked by downed tree; PR 5441 Suspicious vehicle may be truck involved in thefts; CR 2310 Dogs keep going to the caller's house and chasing his horses and digging in the barn; Quitman St. Person in

county judge's office wants to report a burglary; CR 1395 Juvenile home alone and truck and workers are on top of house; Hwy. 69 Report of female sitting on the white line; CR 3330 Truck speeding and yelling obscenities at caller's home; CR 1402 Horse stuck in the mud; Airport Rd. Possible injured deer or animal; SO lobby Female states her neighbor propositioned her in inappropriate way; SO lobby Male reports neighbors are stealing his electricity.

**10-17:** Hwy. 69 Vehicle struck a deer; CR 1605 Report of animals being abused; Tawakoni Dr. Child custody issues referred to CPS; Point Smith Cir. Report of pit bulls coming into store two times and attacking another dog; FM 514 Bull out; Smith Cir. Code violation; Brookshire's Apple card scam; CR 3150 Beer cans all over the intersection; FM 3299 EMS call possible broken leg at middle school playground Flight for Life transporting; Dairy Queen Possibly rabid skunk at the door of the store acting strangely; FM 3299 EMS call 10-year-old female passed out; Cr 1540 Reckless driving black Elantra; CR 2140 EMS call 20-year-old diabetic male not feeling well; PR 7707 Report of a girl who is trespassing and stealing; Hwy. 69 Debris in the roadway; CR 1308 Caller warning that the next day there would be people on their property shooting tannerite to blow up a beaver dam; N Texas St. Cow in a front yard and may get out on the road; PR 5451 Medical assist 52-year-old female having trouble breathing; CR 4261 Burglary in progress and male was threatened; SO lobby Female reported sexual harassment at her place of employment; CR 1792 Male in a camo jacket and blue jeans walking down the road.

**10-18:** Ravine St. Lift assist for a female that fell out of a chair; Industrial Blvd. Suspicious person walking near an accident; Medical assist 67-year-old female breathing heavily and in severe pain; CR 1280 EMS call 44-year-old male with medical issues; SO lobby Male reports some people have a fake deed to his land and he wants it to stop

immediately; Hwy. 19N Reckless driving white vehicle passing in no-passing lanes; Hwy. 69 Point EMS call 71-year-old female working cattle cut her leg badly; CR 4525 Funeral escort; Fish Point EMS call male is dizzy and disoriented; Hwy. 69 Reckless driving silver pickup truck; E Lennon Dr. Accident and male had a heart attack; CR 3030 Minor accident; CR 2110 Male at the door and homeowner is out of town; W Lennon Dr. EMS call 32-year-old male fell twice and has slurred speech; CR 1307 Medical assist 68-year-old fell and needs help getting up; S 1st St. EMS call 73-year-old female very sick and can't get out of bed; Smith Cir. Reckless driving silver Toyota elderly male driver; CR 3400 Caller reports prowlers every night and also saw a car turn its lights off as it passed the curve; Hwy. 69 at FM 2795 Traffic stop and contraband found; Hwy. 19N Tire blew out of an 18-wheeler load; Hwy. 69 Vehicle stopped on the side of the road; W Lennon Dr. Three males walking in front of the laundry mat and jumping in front of cars.

**10-19:** CR 1605 Female has reported several items that her neighbor has five dogs and doesn't take care of them but they have been checked and they have food and water and the cages will be cleaned; CR 1490 EMS call 56-year-old male with high blood pressure and dizzy; CR 1540 Medical assist 68-year-old male in a lot of pain and sick; SO lobby Male wants to speak with a deputy for help filling out a form; ET Seminole Tr. EMS call help needed to get wife out of ed to take to hospital; CR 3330 Structure fire; Hwy. 276 Minor accident pickup truck backed into a car; FM 2324 Medical assist 24-year-old female not feeling well; Skyline Dr. Truck driving into Emory has a load of metal and some items are falling into the roadway; CR 4455 EMS call for male with stage four cancer can't get out of a vehicle; ET Old Mill Ln. 40-year-old male having a hard time breathing and CPR is in progress; E Quitman St. Theft report of stolen firearm and pool sticks; Airport Rd.

EMS call for female with Parkinson's; SO call Reckless driving red Chevy truck almost cause a wreck; CR 2100 EMS call for patient with pneumonia or bronchitis; CR 4530 Lift assist for 77-year-old female; FM 514 Livestock on the roadway; E Lennon Dr. Female lost her wallet or it was stolen and would like to view the cameras and needs an officer present; Hwy. 276 Doc's Store Suspicious male walking around trying to get into the closed store; CR 3330 Traffic stop and contraband found. 10-20: Pierson Crossing Person was assaulted by a female; FM 2946 Livestock on the roadway and large bull loose; SO lobby Female wants to speak with officer about getting her son's girlfriend trespassed and return a wallet to her; CR 1140 Medical assist 35-year-old female having a seizure; CR 1399 EMS call for male feeling light headed and has chest pains; CR 3030 Male has a bike and hat that belong to a trespasser that was on his property; CR 3030 Truck has been looked through; PR 6180 EMS call for 23-year-old with rapid heartbeat and chest pains; Airport Rd. Male is a sex offender and cannot be at his mother's home due to city ordinance and he would like a welfare check on her; CR 4430 Grass fire; Hwy. 69 Reckless driving blue Nissan; Oak Leaf Tr. Female has information on a felon's house; S Texas St. Report of a car brake checking other cars; Smith Cr. Dog chained up on the side of the road; Smith Cir. Dogs keep being let off leash and neighbor is afraid they will harm children and female's service dog; PR 5451 Medical assist 60-year-old female fell from her porch. The Sheriff's Department reported 284 calls for the week. Among the calls were: 20 EMS calls; 2 extra patrols; 2 funeral escorts; 2 grass fires; 2 structure fires; 4 livestock on the roadway; 12 medical assists; 9 reckless drivers 3 suspicious activity; 5 suspicious persons; 7 suspicious vehicles; 9 thefts; 2 traffic hazards; 84 traffic stops; 5 warrant service; 5 welfare concerns; 4 minor accidents; 7 animal welfare concerns; and 2 burglaries.

immediately; Hwy. 19N Reckless driving white vehicle passing in no-passing lanes; Hwy. 69 Point EMS call 71-year-old female working cattle cut her leg badly; CR 4525 Funeral escort; Fish Point EMS call male is dizzy and disoriented; Hwy. 69 Reckless driving silver pickup truck; E Lennon Dr. Accident and male had a heart attack; CR 3030 Minor accident; CR 2110 Male at the door and homeowner is out of town; W Lennon Dr. EMS call 32-year-old male fell twice and has slurred speech; CR 1307 Medical assist 68-year-old fell and needs help getting up; S 1st St. EMS call 73-year-old female very sick and can't get out of bed; Smith Cir. Reckless driving silver Toyota elderly male driver; CR 3400 Caller reports prowlers every night and also saw a car turn its lights off as it passed the curve; Hwy. 69 at FM 2795 Traffic stop and contraband found; Hwy. 19N Tire blew out of an 18-wheeler load; Hwy. 69 Vehicle stopped on the side of the road; W Lennon Dr. Three males walking in front of the laundry mat and jumping in front of cars.

**10-19:** CR 1605 Female has reported several items that her neighbor has five dogs and doesn't take care of them but they have been checked and they have food and water and the cages will be cleaned; CR 1490 EMS call 56-year-old male with high blood pressure and dizzy; CR 1540 Medical assist 68-year-old male in a lot of pain and sick; SO lobby Male wants to speak with a deputy for help filling out a form; ET Seminole Tr. EMS call help needed to get wife out of ed to take to hospital; CR 3330 Structure fire; Hwy. 276 Minor accident pickup truck backed into a car; FM 2324 Medical assist 24-year-old female not feeling well; Skyline Dr. Truck driving into Emory has a load of metal and some items are falling into the roadway; CR 4455 EMS call for male with stage four cancer can't get out of a vehicle; ET Old Mill Ln. 40-year-old male having a hard time breathing and CPR is in progress; E Quitman St. Theft report of stolen firearm and pool sticks; Airport Rd.

## TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION SERVICES

### Weed of the Week: Thistles

If left uncontrolled, thick thistle stands can reduce grazing and result in less forage production. A single thistle plant can produce at least 4,000 seeds, which increases the chance for higher thistle populations in the pasture the following year. Consequently, management practices need to be conducted prior to flower formation for effective thistle control. Even if thistles have not infested your pasture in the past, it is ideal that your pastures are scouted in late fall through mid-spring (November to March) to ensure that thistles do not get out of control. New infestations are easier to manage than large-scale populations.

Although there are several different species of thistle in Texas, most are closely related, and control recommendations will not differ. The best time to control with a herbicide is when thistles are in the rosette stage. The rosette stage is when the thistle forms a low-growing ring of leaves. As they mature, they are harder to control and may require higher rates of herbicide to have effective control.

#### Select Herbicide Options:

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Posted on October 18, 2024 by vanessa.corriher



Mature thistle in pasture



Thistle in rosette stage



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### Believer's Baptist Church

By Linda Brendle

And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff.

He was in total control and walked away unharmed. We, too, become angry when we realize that we are not in control of our own destiny, but it is urgent that we accept that reality, come to Jesus, and be saved.

*Luke 4:29*  
Pastor Jason Rolan continued "The Incomparable Christ" series. His message from Luke was called "The Danger of Just as I Am, Part 2." Jesus was preaching from the prophet Isaiah in the synagogue in His hometown of Nazareth. At first the people were amazed at His words, but when they realized that He was saying He was the prophesied Messiah and that if they rejected Him, His message would go to the Gentiles, they became angry and tried to kill Him. But

After the service, we enjoyed the 12th Annual BBC Chili Cookoff. Gennifer Morrow won the People's Choice Award, and Sundy Garland won the Judge's Choice. Sunday evening we had a hymn sing and testimonies by Tom Schultz and Lane Garland. Next Sunday we will celebrate The Lord's Supper during Morning Worship, and the quarterly Members' Meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m.

### Bright Star Baptist Church

By Glenda Galyean

And Jesus said unto them, "I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst."

before Bro. Andrew's message entitled, "The Day After the Miracle when 5000 were Fed." What was the motive when those that were fed, started seeking Jesus the next day? And what is our motive today? It was very challenging message! Another precious soul was saved during the invitation. And to top off an already great service, two ladies were baptized. God is so good!

*John 6:35*  
Thursday evening (our mid-week service, this week only) was absolutely wonderful. Eli Nelson and his singing group, The Kings Highway, blessed our hearts immensely. Bro. Matthew Ramsey, who was also a member of the group, preached a very interesting message titled, "Saved and Satisfied" from Romans. A very different perspective than what you might think.

We will have Bro. Nathan Johnson, missionary to Denmark, as our guest preacher Sunday. Come join us as we learn more about this mission.

We had another great service on Sunday morning! Following our congregational singing, the young children blessed our hearts by singing a very wonderful song. Then Sharon Grills sang a touching song

Birthday wishes go to James L. Kilborn and James Smith. Join us on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. for Sunday School and Worship Service at 11:00 a.m. Our Wednesday evening services are at 7:00 p.m. If Jesus should return today, would you be ready to meet Him?

### Emory Baptist Church

By Ronnie Witt

Over the weekend, EBC's Senior Adult Ministry went to Eureka Springs. The EBC Senior Adult Ministry is active in providing opportunities for fun, fellowship, and ministry.

and the T.E.L. ladies for the abundant spread of desserts for the fellowship.

On Sunday morning, the service began with the observation of baptism. Bro. Richard Piles took a break from the sermon series on the book of Luke to preach a sermon titled, "Behind the Eight Ball: How Should Christians Vote in 2024." In it, Bro. Richard shared how the party platforms line up with the Southern Baptist Convention's statements of faith. In the evening, Emory Baptist held the October members' meeting. Afterward, T.E.L. hosted a Spaghetti Social and New Member Fellowship to celebrate the new members who have joined the church recently. We appreciate Billy Mad-den supplying the delicious spaghetti supper

Intentional Christian Grandparents met on October 21 in the fellowship hall. On Wednesday, October 23, Backpack Buddies packed food bags for Rains ISD children. On Thursday, the Senior Adult Ministry game day will be held in the fellowship hall at noon. Bring a dish to share at the potluck meal and stay for games around the tables. Come join the fun.

Looking ahead to next week, Emory Baptist Church will host a Fall Festival on Wednesday, October 30, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the church parking lot. There will be free games, candy, and an inflatable obstacle course. There will also be free hot dogs and refreshments available. The Operation Christmas Child Packing Party & Craft Day will be Saturday, November 2, at 9:00 a.m.

### Emory Methodist Church

By Mary White

"Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"

from Psalm 46 one of my favorite Psalms. David said we come looking for Christ to be revealed to us and how important it is to clear our minds and our hearts so that we might see all that God is doing. We need to see God in the ordinary and be willing to make a difference in all that God is doing in this world.

*Psalms 46:10*  
The wonderful fall weather and such a great day of worship, what more can we ask for? Rev. David Banks continued his series *What Do We Do Now?* message titled "Pay Attention." Our scripture text was taken

Have a good week and see you next week.

## Obituaries

### Connie Jo Bland

1950 - 2024



Connie Jo Bland, 74, of Alba, died on October 15, 2024, at Hospice of East Texas in Tyler. She was born August 10, 1950, to James R. and Joan Conrod in Winfield, Kan.

Mrs. Bland graduated in 1968, from Winfield High School where she was a leader in academics, school and social activities. In 1972, she graduated from Pittsburg State University with a degree in Elementary Education. She married John C Bland in 1971.

Her husband's career in construction management resulted in many moves and she adopted the motto "Bloom Where You Are Planted." This motto served her well as she met new people, made new friends, got involved in civic groups and volunteering in the many places where they lived, enjoying

residences in Wichita; Atlanta, Ga.; Orange County, Calif.; and Dallas, Texas. In 2009, John and Connie retired to Lake Fork.

Mrs. Bland's lasting friendships spanned the country. She loved her family, friends, communities and pets. She made the best of every situation and maintained a positive attitude in the face of serious challenges.

Mrs. Bland is survived by sisters, Becky Jack and Linda Groth of Winfield, Karen Metz of Prairie Village, Kan.; brother, David Conrod (Amy) of Marietta, Ga.; and much-loved cousins, nieces and nephews and their children.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John; and her parents.

A private memorial service will be held by the family at a later time.

### Jackie Ray Busbee

1939 - 2024



Funeral services for Jackie Ray Busbee, 85, of Emory, will be held on Thursday, October 24, at 2:00 p.m., at Wilson-Bartley Funeral Home, Alba.

Interment will be in Pleasant Ridge Cemetery, Alba.

Mr. Busbee died on October 19, 2024, at his residence in Emory. He was born on February 3, 1939, in Alba, to Herman Ray and Bonnie Fay Brickey Busbee. He lived most of his life in the Alba area. In 1989, he married Nancy Betty-Lou Nunnally at Open Door Church in Alba. He was an avid pool player, a dependable friend, and an honest man. He

loved his family dearly. He served in the US Army and also worked as a carpenter for many years.

He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Nancy Busbee of Emory; daughter, Judy Busbee and Brandon Jones of Emory; three grandchildren, Taylor Ruiz, Parker Jones and Mason Jones; and numerous other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Earl Busbee; sister, Doris Busbee; son, Patrick Busbee; and grandson, Landon Busbee.

### Herman A. "Boots" McLeroy

1927 - 2024



A funeral service for Herman A. "Boots" McLeroy, 97, was held on October 19, 2024, at Wilson-Orwosky Chapel in Emory. Interment followed at Emory City Cemetery.

Mr. McLeroy died peacefully on October 16, 2024. He was born on July 23, 1927, to S.T. and Emma (Houston) McLeroy in Emory. He graduated from Emory High School and was drafted into the Army in 1948. He married Patsy (Plunk) McLeroy on July 1, 1951. They spent 64 beautiful years building a life together and had two daughters.

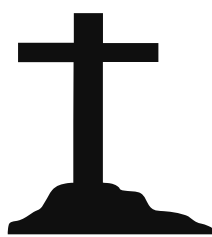
Mr. McLeroy was known for always being there when his family needed him, rolling up his sleeves and showing up within minutes to assist with any car trouble or challenge they faced. He had a knack for bringing humor to everyday life. He was always ready with a joke or a playful comment, frequently sharing his favorite phrases, "whatever floats your boat" or "if you're ever down at the lake drop in." His playful nature was especially evident during family gatherings, where he was known to steal rolls off his sister-in-law's plate.

He loved working outside and enjoyed his time mowing the yards for family and friends. He had a passion for cars, cherishing his '57 Chevy and '68 Impala.

After his discharge from the Army, he worked for National Linen Service in Dallas. Retiring from there, he then went to work for Highland Park ISD.

Mr. McLeroy is survived by his daughter, Donna McLeroy; grandsons, Tony McLeroy and wife Stephanie Elaine, and Grant DeJong; great-granddaughters, Madeline McLeroy and Evie McLeroy; son-in-law, Ron DeJong; sister-in-law, Flo Hines; brothers-in-law, Sonny Plunk, and Sammy Plunk and wife Terry; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Patsy (Plunk) McLeroy; daughter, Sandra DeJong; great-grandson, Colt Justus McLeroy; brothers, Shod Thomas McLeroy, Jr., Thomas Edman McLeroy and Jack McLeroy; sisters, Lois Kerr and Myrtis Byram; brothers-in-law, Bobby Plunk, George Plunk and Junior Hines; and sisters-in-law, Dianna Plunk, Joyce Plunk and Rosella Plunk.



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Morning Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
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## PUBLIC/LEGAL NOTICE

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### UNKNOWN HEIRS AND KNOWN HEIRS WHOSE ADDRESSES CANNOT BE ASCERTAINED CITATION BY PUBLICATION

**TO THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF WYMAN, ROSE VIRGINIA, DECEASED - GREETINGS:**

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE COUNTY COURT OF RAINS COUNTY, TEXAS AT THE RAINS COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX LOCATED AT **220 W. QUITMAN ST., EMORY, TEXAS 75440**. BY FILING A WRITTEN CONTEST OR ANSWER TO THE APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP AND APPLICATION FOR INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION AND LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION FILED BY WAYMAN, CHRIS, ON 10/17/2024 IN CAUSE 3321 IN THE COUNTY COURT OF RAINS COUNTY, TEXAS AND BEING STYLED: **IN THE ESTATE OF WYMAN, ROSE VIRGINIA, DECEASED** ON OR BEFORE THE MONDAY NEXT FOLLOWING THE EXPIRATION OF 10 DAYS FROM THE DATE THIS CITATION WAS PUBLISHED. BY THE APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP AND APPLICATION FOR DEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION AND LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION, APPLICANT SEEKS THE COURT TO DETERMINE AND DECLARE THE HEIRS OF **WYMAN, ROSE VIRGINIA, DECEASED** AND THEIR INTERESTS IN SAID ESTATE.

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 By: Molly Lennon

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# Sports

## RAINS WILDCAT FOOTBALL

### Wildcats overwhelmed by ranked Red Raiders



Leader photo by CHUCK FITTS

After juking one Raider to the ground, Wildcat Tylin Oakes (3) looks to do the same to another during the 70-14 loss to Winnsboro on Friday night, October 18.

By CHUCK FITTS  
Rains County Leader staff

The Rains Wildcat football team saw their winning streak come to an end on the road against the state ranked Winnsboro Red Raiders, 70-14, on Friday night, October 18.

The Wildcat offense was held to 273 yard, while the #10 Red Raiders amassed 564 yards, including five one-play drives of over 40 yards each.

Senior Tylin Oakes returned to the offensive side of the ball and gained 119 yards on ten carries including an 80-yard touchdown run. Sophomore Jabari Shields had 16 carries for 99 yards and a 29-yard touchdown run.

Shields and Oakes split time at quarterback, with Oakes completing three passes for 41 yards. Shields completed one pass for 12 yards, but threw an interception late in the first half.

Senior Luke Corbin caught a 26-yard pass, while senior Trent Kirby hauled in a 12-yard catch for a first down.

On the defensive side of the ball, Oakes led the Wildcats with 10 tackles, while Corbin notched six tackles.

Winnsboro started with the ball at their own 47-yard line and moved the ball 41 yards in six plays. A touchdown toss into the corner of the end zone capped the drive. Rains 0, Winnsboro 7.

The Wildcats came out fighting as they came up with big plays on two fourth-down plays. They got an offside penalty on the punt for a first and Shields connected with Kirby for 12 yards and another first down on fourth.

Their luck ran out as Shields was sacked on a third fourth down try to turn the

ball over on downs. Winnsboro took no time to strike as they scored a 67-yard touchdown pass on their next play. Rains 0, Winnsboro 14.

After Rains experienced a three-and-out, the Raiders put up a 57-yard touchdown pass on the first play after the punt. Rains 0, Winnsboro 21.

The Wildcat offense moved the ball 15 yards in seven plays, but were forced to punt to Winnsboro.

A couple of big plays by the defense forced a fourth down. The Raiders tried a field goal, but it sailed wide to turn the ball over.

Rains used the momentum that the defense gave them and moved the ball 51 yards in 10 plays to get to the Raider 29 yard line. Shields took the handoff, found a hole on the left side, and sped 29 yards to the end zone. Rains 7, Winnsboro 21.

Winnsboro answered as they drove the ball 60 yards in eight plays to score on a 9-yard touchdown pass. Rains 7, Winnsboro 28.

The Wildcats fumbled the ball during the kickoff return, so the Raiders scored on a 54-yard touchdown pass. Rains 7, Winnsboro 35.

Winnsboro decided to rub it in, as they onside kicked the ball and recovered it at the Wildcat 32-yard line. In one play, they scored on a touchdown run. Rains 7, Winnsboro 42.

Rains started to move the ball again, but a fumbled snap turned the ball over to Winnsboro.

With the short field, the Raider offense needed four plays to go 27 yards for another score. Rains 7, Winnsboro 49.

The Wildcats gained 27 yards in seven plays, but were forced to punt again. The punt was partially blocked

and gave Winnsboro another short field. They took advantage with a 40-yard touchdown run on the next play. Rains 7, Winnsboro 56.

Shields threw an interception on the first play of the next drive, but the Rains defense held the Raiders until halftime.

The Wildcats started with the ball after halftime, but the first run was stopped for a negative yard. On the second play, Oakes faked the handoff to Shields, got around the end on the right side, and outran everyone for an 80-yard touchdown run. Rains 14, Winnsboro 56.

On the kickoff, Rains struck again, as they stripped the ball from the Raider and recovered the loose ball.

The offense got a first down on the first play, but four incompletions turned the ball over on downs to Winnsboro.

The Raiders managed 26 yards on the ensuing drive, but had to punt for the first time that night.

The Wildcats went three-and-out, while Winnsboro scored again on a four-play, 34-yard drive. Rains 14, Winnsboro 63.

The Rains offense was held to another three-and-out. The Raiders put together a 10-play drive, but on the three-yard line, Corbin stripped the ball from the running back to prevent the score.

Unfortunately, the Wildcats would lose the ball on a fumble on their second play. The defense stepped up and held the Winnsboro offense to negative yards.

Rains got the ball back after the Raider field goal attempt sailed wide, again. They were forced into a three-and-out and punted.

Winnsboro moved the ball 41 yards in six plays and finished the scoring for the game with a five-yard touchdown run. Rains 14, Winnsboro 70.

The Wildcat last possession was another three-and-out with a punt, and the Raiders ran out the clock.

The Rains Wildcats fall 2-1 in District 7-3A-1 and are 2-5 for the season.

They will host the #2 ranked Malakoff Tigers at Wildcat Stadium on Friday night, October 25, with kickoff at 7:30 p.m.

## RAINS LADY CAT VOLLEYBALL

### Lady Cats fall to Buffaloes, Tigers



Leader photo by CHUCK FITTS

Lady Cat Arianna Philson (10) skies for the block of the Lady Tiger spiker during the 3-2 district loss to Commerce on Tuesday, October 22, in Talkington gym.

By CHUCK FITTS  
Rains County Leader staff

The Rains Lady Cat volleyball team began their three-game home stand with losses to Lone Oak and Commerce in District 12-3A play.

The Lady Cats hosted the Lady Buffaloes on Friday, October 18, in Talkington Gym, and lost the district

contest to Lone Oak, 3-1 (25-21, 18-25, 25-15, 25-22).

On Tuesday, October 22, Rains battled the Commerce Lady Tigers in a five-set match. They lost the first two-sets 25-22 and 25-16, but took the next sets, 25-23 and 25-19, to setup a deciding set.

Unfortunately, the Lady Tigers took the final set

15-11 to win the match, 3-2. The Lady Cats fall to 1-7 in District 12-3A and 7-26 for the season.

They will play their final home match on Friday, October 25 against the Chisum Lady Mustangs.

The Lady Cats will wrap up the season in Mount Vernon against the Lady Tigers Tuesday, October 29.

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