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RAINS ISD

Trustees begin plans for new tennis courts on campus

By **CHUCK FITTS**
Rains County Leader staff

The Rains ISD Board of Trustees moved forward with plans to build new tennis courts for the district during the regular meeting on Monday, November 11.

Rains ISD Superintendent Joe Nicks informed the board on options to improve courts for the district's tennis team. He stated that repairs to the two courts next to the administration building could cost between \$30,000 and \$50,000.

Nicks presented the board with concepts to build four to eight courts on district land next to the Rains ISD baseball field. As the idea was only a concept,

the board would need to authorize him to seek designs and proposals to build courts.

Rains High School Tennis Coach Colton Smith spoke to the board about the growth in the program from when he started in 2019. He said that he expects around 30 kids to participate in the spring sport.

Nicks stated to the board that better than expected returns on investments from the Permanent School Fund and the audit of the district's fund balance from the audit in January should provide the funds to build the new facilities.

The board unanimously approved the motion to pursue construction of new tennis courts for the district.

Board members were presented with a proposal to apply for the Learning Acceleration Support Opportunities (LASO) Cycle 3 grant to help the district. The motion to apply for the grant was unanimously approved.

Trustees were presented with a Bilingual English as a Second Language (ESL) evaluation of the district, a board planning calendar, district activities report and personnel changes report.

The Wildcat Roar was presented by the Rains Elementary School and showcased how the students celebrated and learned about Veterans Day.

The board entered into closed session for a personnel issue as they evaluated

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RAINS COUNTY

Sheriff, animal rescue seize animals from local property

By **CHUCK FITTS**
Rains County Leader staff

The Rains County Sheriff's office assisted in the seizure of animals from a property on Rains County Road 1490 on Monday, November 11.

Hunt County Pets Alive, an animal rescue, took possession of nine dogs and two cats taken from the property by law enforcement officers as Rains County does not have a county shelter.

"Honestly, I've seen worse," the owner of the shelter stated on social media. "Regardless, these animals needed to be removed."

Rains County Justice of the Peace Jenkins Franklin stated on social media that he signed the seizure warrant on Sunday night, November 10, after a review of evidence presented by the sheriff's office.

The animals will be held for 10 days until a court hearing about custody can be held. In that time, there will be a determination if charges will be pressed on the owner of the property.

A Rains County deputy had observed what appeared to be neglect of the animals during a separate call on

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RAINS COUNTY

Sales tax revenues up in the state, local tax revenue down

By **CHUCK FITTS**
Rains County Leader staff

The office of Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar stated that his office will return 1.1 percent more sales tax revenue to local districts in the state in November, but sales tax returns for Rains County remained down compared to 2023.

The press release from Wednesday, November 6, announced that \$1.2 billion would be returned this month to Texas cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts based on sales made in September by businesses that report tax monthly and sales made in July, August and September by quarterly filers.

With \$79,703.76 or 6.57 percent less expected to be returned, Rains County, with a half-cent sales tax rate, sees an increase in the year-to-date total to \$891,366.34. That total remains 1.91 percent behind 2023.

As for the cities in the county, they continue to see a decline in the amount of money being returned in November from the 1.5 percent sales tax rate.

East Tawakoni saw the smallest de-

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Remembering those who served



Leader photos by
CHUCK FITTS

Above, a Rains County resident solemnly admires the Veterans Memorial display set up on the Emory Methodist Church's property across from the Rains County Courthouse. While on the square, a young resident considers showing his patriotism with one of the many American flags around the courthouse during the Veterans Memorial parade and celebration on Saturday, November 9.

SPOTLIGHT

Mikaela Williams heads Emory branch of CNB

By **JUDY KRAMER**
Rains County Leader contributor

Mikaela Williams is a relatively new face in the Emory banking world at City National Bank (CNB) with a goal of serving the local community through their needs such as lending, banking and community events. She serves as president-vice president of the Emory branch of CNB working with a strong team of eight ladies who are "like family."

Williams previously served seven years at the Yantis CNB branch beginning as a mortgage loan processor, then moved up to loan officer and branch

manager before being selected for her current position in Emory. It is her goal to stay with CNB and continue to develop an association with the community and clients.

Williams earned a bachelor's degree in business administration (real estate) at the University of North of Texas in Denton. She then went to work for Ryder Integrated Logistics. She married college boyfriend, Chad Williams, in 2009 and when they had their son, Landon, she became a stay-at-home mom until he started prekindergarten at Rains ISD. Husband Chad worked for Bell Helicopter for a time, and transferred to L3 in Greenville. The family

moved to Emory mainly because Chad's brother and family lived here. They have since moved to Alba where their son, 13, is in eighth grade and plays a lot of sports.

In their free time, the Williams family likes to travel, taking many short trips to see family living in the general Dallas/Fort Worth area. They also visit a family home in Montana and take other long-distance vacations. When the couple were dating in college they often went camping together.

The family is also involved in their church at Lake Fork where she works with the women's ministry, and he works in the archery ministry.



Mikaela Williams



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

Am. Legion Dinner Sat., Nov. 23

Rabb Brothers Memorial American Legion Post #156 will offer dinner with desserts and drinks on Saturday, November 23, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at the Post home at 215 N. Duffy St. in Emory. Takeouts are offered. Payment is by donation, which goes towards the upkeep of the home and for veterans' projects.

Rains County Republican Meeting

Rains County Republican Assembly welcomes Texans for Judicial Accountability's Executive Director Jennifer Lundy on Monday, November 19, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at House of Prayer, 1382 FM 515.

The Rains County Angel Trees Are Out!

The Angel Trees will be delivered to City National Bank, Commercial Bank of Texas, Sidekicks, Y'All Come Back Restaurant, El Manna Restaurant, Marshalls BBQ, Wild West BBQ, Roma Restaurant, The Local Fork Restaurant, Brookshire's, Potts Feed, and Hooten's Hardware (teen tree only). The gifts purchased for the Angels who were adopted need to be delivered back to any of the above locations no later than December 4. Please do not wrap the gifts. We prefer you to use a large black garbage bag. Any questions should be directed to 903-268-2720. If you get our voice mail, please speak clearly, leave a detailed message, and be sure to leave your phone number so your call can be returned.

Service of Remembrance

Emory Methodist Church is holding a Service of Remembrance on Wednesday, December 4, at 6:00 p.m. If you are struggling between the desire to participate in the holiday festivities and an overwhelming sense of loss, you are invited to attend the service. Attendees will have the opportunity to light a candle in remembrance of a loved one. The Meditation will be delivered by Ned Ross.

RISD

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the superintendent. After 35 minutes, they returned to the open session and took no action.

All trustees were present for the regular meeting.

The next regular meeting

of the Rains ISD School Board is scheduled for Monday, December 9, at 6:30 p.m. in the boardroom of the Rains ISD Administration building.

SEIZURES

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the property. After obtaining a search warrant, further evidence was gathered by the county's drone for the seizure warrant.

Investigation into the incident is ongoing. All parties are innocent until proven guilty.

What will rate cuts mean for you?

The Federal Reserve has cut short-term interest rates, and this rate cut may be followed by several others. What will these lower rates mean for you?



BRANDON ROBERTS
Edward Jones
Financial Advisor

As a consumer, you should find that lower interest rates are helpful. But you won't see the benefits all at once. For example, you might start seeing lower rates on car loans more quickly than on credit cards.

If you took out a mortgage at a higher rate in the past few years, you may be able to save some money by refinancing.

As an investor, you might

find the new, lower rates provide you with some opportunities. Lower interest rates are generally good for the stock market. If you own bonds, you may see their value increase as interest rates fall.

On the other hand, certificates of deposit may no longer pay the relatively high rates of recent years. But if you have longer-term CDs, your higher rates will continue until your CDs mature.

In any case, you'll always want your investment mix to reflect your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon - and that's true no matter what's happening with interest rates.

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SALES TAX

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crease, or 2.66 percent, in the amount of sales tax allocations being returned compared to last year. The state will return to the city \$11,708.84 in November which will increase the city's year-to-date total to \$93,109.71, but remains 1.84 percent behind 2023.

Compared to November of last year, the City of Emory stayed 6.12 percent behind the year-to-date total at \$1,629,583.70. They expect to receive \$140,157.86 from the state this month compared to

\$159,714.86 that was received in November of 2023.

The City of Point is expecting to receive \$12,980.28 from the state in November. Compared to last year, the city's year-to-date total of \$123,417.51 is 21.84 percent behind 2023.

The Texas Comptroller's office is expected to release local sales tax allocations made from sales in October for those reporting monthly during the second full week of December.

NOVEMBER '24 SALES TAX STATISTICS							
County City	Taxed	Net pymt. this period	Net pymt. prior year	Pct. change	'23 pymt. to date	Net pymts. prior year	Pct chg. from '23
Rains	0.5%	\$79,703.76	\$85,308.57	-6.57%	\$891,366.34	\$908,812.06	-1.91%
East Tawakoni	1.5	11,708.84	12,028.34	-2.66	93,109.71	94,858.17	-1.84
Emory	1.5	140,157.86	159,714.86	-12.24	1,629,583.70	1,735,853.52	-6.12
Point	1.5	12,980.28	16,139.59	-19.57	123,417.51	157,914.14	-21.84
Hopkins	0.5%	\$325,861.66	\$301,957.29	7.91%	\$3,406,270.60	\$3,635,557.04	-6.30%
Como	1.0	6,728.11	5,860.66	14.80	62,293.50	56,196.58	10.84
Cumby	1.5	15,366.71	20,375.18	-24.58	145,722.49	153,969.10	-5.35
Sulphur Springs	1.5	809,046.33	769,934.61	5.07	8,428,668.19	8,153,761.62	3.37
Hunt	0.5%	\$778,201.41	\$693,296.62	12.24%	\$8,103,575.68	\$7,924,154.05	2.26%
Caddo Mills	1.5	126,688.00	87,853.95	44.20	1,065,190.30	904,790.65	17.72
Campbell	1.5	10,357.50	13,293.28	-22.08	130,916.30	116,604.60	12.27
Celeste	1.25	14,361.25	12,335.54	16.42	124,077.13	116,151.41	6.82
Commerce	1.5	271,757.78	267,790.50	1.48	2,179,946.43	2,100,749.79	3.76
Greenville	1.5	1,119,573.71	1,015,493.42	10.24	12,363,448.59	11,356,894.69	8.86
Hawk Cove	1.0	2,141.45	2,160.02	-0.85	23,829.22	23,746.89	0.34
Lone Oak	1.5	22,267.75	21,365.90	4.22	227,036.68	185,422.36	22.44
Neylandville	1.0	496.92	663.39	-25.09	7,869.32	7,347.66	7.09
Quinlan	1.5	162,931.03	151,070.36	7.85	1,766,602.02	1,688,381.05	4.63
Union Valley	1.0	4,461.99	3,739.04	19.33	43,752.03	41,327.29	5.86
West Tawakoni	1.5	24,842.53	24,690.95	0.61	196,821.37	201,710.42	-2.42
Wolfe City	1.5	19,432.11	19,580.83	-0.75	194,791.48	182,833.91	6.54
Van Zandt County does not Collect sales tax							
Canton	2.0	461,873.37	437,485.07	5.57	4,802,378.78	4,752,639.12	1.04
Edgewood	2.0	49,841.25	46,379.30	7.46	468,125.00	440,709.25	6.22
Edom	1.0	2,333.07	2,987.21	-21.89	23,467.45	26,262.20	-10.64
Fruitvale	2.0	8,014.62	8,519.29	-5.92	86,351.48	87,149.85	-0.91
Grand Saline	2.0	73,749.35	80,791.15	-8.71	718,944.96	720,405.12	-0.20
Van	2.0	113,636.91	108,578.55	4.65	1,145,221.20	1,067,707.54	7.25
Wills Point	2.0	216,379.44	189,367.41	14.26	2,083,752.62	2,054,780.40	1.40
Wood	0.5%	\$260,613.49	\$252,348.49	3.27%	\$2,730,388.30	\$2,733,606.12	-0.11%
Alba	1.5	39,339.96	32,447.18	21.24	345,021.79	338,302.43	1.98
Hawkins	1.5	44,620.86	39,103.59	14.10	462,480.46	468,058.65	-1.19
Mineola	1.5	277,582.70	271,193.37	2.35	2,836,197.90	2,817,560.27	0.66
Quitman	1.5	68,746.36	82,873.35	-17.04	853,712.70	904,920.64	-5.65
Winnsboro	1.5	140,546.61	139,649.47	0.64	1,374,190.00	1,377,412.56	-0.23
Yantis	1.5	12,484.25	14,134.51	-11.67	131,481.56	121,002.80	8.66

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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Voters Spoke

On Tuesday, November 5, 2024, a very large segment of the electorate sent a loud voice in their dissatisfaction with Our Country's current path.

A greater percent of American voters chose to return Donald J. Trump to the Presidency of the United States of America.

Republicans, Democrats and Independent voters.

The election results were still close. Government Control could be in the hands of the Republican Party.

I'm looking forward to the solutions offered by Republican Leadership providing assurance that the issues identified during campaigning will actually be delivered on!

Inflation, Immigration Reform, Housing affordability, Personal Healthcare decisions are my Top Choices.

I look forward to hearing from the people running for both the Senate Leadership and the House Speakership positions. John Barazo or John Cornyn are 2 members having expressed interest in running for Senate Leader. Either one would be a good choice from my perspective.

Florida Senator Tim Scott has also announced his intention to run.

We will have to wait and see who potential challengers for Speaker of the House will be.

Marvin Henson Point, Texas

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A Charlie Brown Philosophy

By Linda Brendle

I recently followed a Facebook group called The Snoopy Fans. Sunday's post showed that great philosopher, Charlie Brown, sharing a bit of wisdom with Snoopy. He said:

"Do not focus too much on things that make you sad! There are so many things that can make you happy!"

I understand there's a profound difference between happiness and joy or contentment. While happiness generally comes from the outside in, true joy and contentment come from the inside out. However, I also know that those who focus too much on the negatives of life have a much lower chance of achieving true joy.

During the last several months of constant political fighting and bickering, positive input has been difficult to come by. We all looked forward to November 6 when it would all be decided and peace would be restored. We knew better, of course, but one can always hope. Unfortunately, approximately half the country is happy about the results while the other half – not so much. Both sides are very vocal about their feelings, and neither side seems to be following what our mother's always told us – "If you can't say anything nice, don't say anything at all."

Most conversations eventually get around to the results of the elections, and if there is no conversation, we are surrounded by the talking heads on TV, podcasts on our handheld devices, and Facebook on our computers. Accusations are flying, fingers are being pointed, criticisms are leveled, and names are being called that are not fit to print in a family newspaper. With

all this negativity, it's hard to stay centered and hold on to your contentment much less your happiness.

When I saw Charlie Brown's advice, I shook my head and thought, "I know that. Why am I not doing that? Why am I letting all this negativity get to me?" I decided then and there to shift my focus. Sunday's are easy because worshipping with my church family always makes me happy, but I assumed Monday, when I had to get out in the real world, would be more of a challenge. It turned out to be easier than I thought to find things that made me happy, so I want to share a few of them with you.

Monday was Veterans Day, and our calendar was clear. That meant we could start the day slowly, sipping our coffee while we spent some quiet time before we decided what the rest of our day would look like. I've always been a slow starter, so that made me very happy.

The Senior Center was closed for the holiday, but we knew some restaurants had special discounts or free meals for veterans, so we went in search of one. When we stepped out the front door, we saw that one of our hibiscus plants had a late season bloom. It was a brilliant red with a deep maroon center, and it made us both happy.

We couldn't confirm exactly which restaurants were offering what, so we decided to go to Y'all Come Back. We could say hello to Carla and Jay and have a great meal even if they didn't have a special deal. They did, though. There was a sign on the door saying veterans would be treated to a free breakfast or lunch special. Being the frugal person he is, that made David very happy.

One of the things I like about living in a small town is that you never go anywhere without seeing someone you know. Some people consider that a negative

thing since you can never get away with anything, but that's another story for another time. It always puts a smile on my face to see someone I know and exchange greetings either across the room or more up close and personal.

David and I chose a booth against the far wall close to a table for four occupied by a woman and three younger adults, probably two of her children and one in-law. I didn't intend to intrude, but it was hard not to notice the steady stream of people who approached their table, hugged the woman – and sometimes one or more of the young adults – and spoke quietly into her ear. It looked like a sadly familiar scene, and my suspicions were confirmed when someone mentioned a funeral. Some of the interactions brought tears to my eyes, but it warmed my heart that our community is made up of people who care for each other and aren't ashamed to show it.

Before we left, several people thanked David for his service. We found that the free meals had been provided by generous customers who wanted to express their gratitude in a more concrete way. It was another happy evidence of a community of people who love, and love big.

There were more happy events through the afternoon, but you get the general idea. The post-election rhetoric will continue for months if not years, but we can choose how much we will participate and how we will be affected. As for me, Snoopy, and Charlie Brown, we choose to focus on the hibiscus blooms, the hugs, and the free food. Why don't you join us?

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Leader photo by CHUCK FITTS

The Rains Intermediate School Choir sings "Sacrifices Made" during the Veterans Day program at Rains ISD on Monday, November 11, in Talkington Gym.



Leader photo by CHUCK FITTS

The Hella Shriners A La Karts zoom around on Hwy. 19 during the Veterans Day parade through downtown Emory on Saturday, November 9.

TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION

Picking the perfect Thanksgiving turkey

Things to know when selecting your centerpiece bird

by Susan Himes

The turkey is the star of the show for most Thanksgiving tables and cooking your bird to perfection can seem hard. However, choosing the right bird at the store should be easy.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service poultry expert Brett Meisinger, lecturer and collegiate poultry judging team coach in the Texas A&M College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Department of Poultry Science "talked turkey" with us and answered some questions consumers may have while searching for the perfect Thanksgiving turkey.

What size turkey do I need to buy?

Choose the weight of your Thanksgiving turkey based on the number of guests you plan to invite. The safest method for choosing the size of the bird is to purchase 1.5 pounds of whole bird per

guest. On average, each person consumes 8 ounces of turkey. If you don't need a whole bird for your Thanksgiving crowd, you can choose a smaller product option such as a turkey breast.

What do labels tell us and what do the words mean?

Labels simply allow consumers to have an option when putting food on the table. There is no right or wrong label to source as the cost and visual appearance of packaging can also impact consumer preferences.

Free-range is a common label seen on poultry products. Free range means farmers give turkeys access to the outdoors as they grow. Organically produced birds have free-range access, yet not all free-range birds are grown organically.

Free-range and organic labels can include a variety of rearing practices for turkeys. Organic production sets

standards for feed ingredients, antibiotic use, housing designs and labeling. The U.S. Department of Agriculture outlines the rules in its Guidelines for Organic Poultry Certification.

How early do I need to buy my turkey and when do I need to defrost it?

Buy early for the best selection. A frozen bird can keep for over a year so there really is no such thing as "too early" to buy. Consumers can freeze fresh turkeys for storage also if they wish.

Plan for defrosting time when making your purchase. The recommended method for defrosting for food safety is from the freezer to the fridge. Allow 24 hours for each 4-5 pounds of bird weight in a refrigerator 40 degrees or lower. Once refrigerator-thawed, a turkey can be left in the refrigerator for one to two days before cooking.

Coffee - A Good Key to Great Health



"Without my morning coffee, I'm just like a dried-up piece of goat."

J.S. Bach

If you feel like a dried-up piece of goat without your morning coffee, you are not alone. It is estimated that nearly three in four Americans drink coffee daily. Their morning coffee makes them feel better. Life happens, coffee helps. But coffee not only makes us feel better, it seriously benefits our health. A recent study published in the *Endocrine Society's Journal of Clinical Endocrinology & Metabolism* (JCEM) found that consuming three cups of coffee daily lowered a person's risk of heart disease, stroke, diabetes, and high blood pressure. But there is more. The physical and mental health benefits we get from consuming coffee daily are staggering.

Coffee may help prevent Parkinson's disease. A recent study published in *The Lancet Regional Health-Western Pacific* tracking over 4,000 subjects highlighted a decreased risk of Parkinson's for certain populations if they consumed coffee or tea. (read the study - [thelancet.com/journals/lanwpc/article/PIIS2666-6065\(23\)00195-5/fulltext](http://thelancet.com/journals/lanwpc/article/PIIS2666-6065(23)00195-5/fulltext)).

A 2007 study published in *Movement Disorders* found that consistent coffee drinkers had a lower risk of developing Parkinson's disease (read this at movement-disorders.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1002/mds.21706). The caffeic and chlorogenic acid found in high amounts in coffee is believed to provide anti-

inflammatory and antioxidant properties that combat Parkinson's and other diseases.

Coffee can reduce your risk of developing Alzheimer's disease. This is the big one. Alzheimer's slowly causes memory loss and mental decline. Unfortunately, a cure has not yet been found for this horrific disease. But regular coffee consumption can help reduce the risk of developing it. A review published in *Neurology Research* in 2006 was able to associate high levels of coffee consumption with up to a 30 percent reduction in Alzheimer's risk. The results emphasized that there was an obvious protective effect for serious coffee drinkers (pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/174272821).

Drinking coffee can also help protect against plain old dementia. A *Scientific Reports* study from 2017 found that the natural caffeine in coffee can boost a brain enzyme that protects against dementia. (nature.com/articles/s-rep43846)

Another study, published in 2023 in the journal *Nutrition Reviews* revealed that regular tea and coffee drinkers are 32 percent and 27 percent less likely, respectively, to develop dementia and cognitive disorders compared to those who don't enjoy coffee or tea.

Coffee may help ease depression. Drinking coffee makes you feel good mentally. Coffee actually acts as a mild antidepressant. It does this by boosting the feel-good transmitters in your brain – dopamine, serotonin, oxytocin, and endorphins – sometimes called the happy hormones.

Coffee can help prevent heart disease. Heart disease causes more than 700,000 deaths in the U.S. each year. Fortunately, drinking coffee

every morning can help reduce your risk. Another recent JCEM study looked at participants with cardiometabolic multimorbidity (CM), the presence of at least two of the following conditions: coronary heart disease, stroke, and type 2 diabetes. Compared to non-coffee drinkers, participants who had three cups of coffee a day had the lowest risk for new-onset CM. A reduced risk of developing heart arrhythmia has also been linked to coffee consumption. (jamanetwork.com/journals/jamainternalmedicine/fullarticle/2782015)

Stroke risk may be lessened by drinking coffee. Another JCEM study from 2017 published in the *Annals of Internal Medicine* found that regular coffee drinkers had a reduced risk of death from stroke and many other causes.

But here is the big one – cancer. Although there is some controversy and conflicting research, recent studies do show that drinking coffee may reduce the risk of several types of cancer, including breast, colorectal and liver cancer. Coffee is brimming with biologically active compounds including lignans, polyphenols, flavonoids, and more. These compounds inhibit cellular damage, foster DNA repair, and offer beneficial properties that help your body fight disease.

Coffee is a good key to great health. Enjoy it every day!

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ACROSS

- In Lubbock: Texas _____ University
- "March Madness" is a _____ basketball tournament
- TX Jim Reeves hit: "Welcome _____ World" (1964)
- Harris of 2008 film "Appaloosa" with TX Renee Zellweger
- _____ City, Texas
- what hurricanes produce on the Texas coast
- "It weighs _____" (heavy)
- most fleecy
- In Wood County on U.S. 69
- Cowboys fly their _____ away
- Nicaraguan rebels (1979-90)
- worst cattle drive position
- Bellville's county
- noisy sleeper
- TX Jody Arrington House committee: "_____ Means"
- gym class abbr.
- excitable
- TX Zellweger has been dressed by _____ Cassini
- miles _____ hour
- every state except Alaska is _____ than Texas by area
- those who served in the military
- heap of something
- lited women in the UK
- rip apart
- Texas creek name: "Yo _____ Digo"
- TX J. B. Williams 1980 film: "_____ Crazy"
- horse morsel
- "humble" as this regarding Texans
- high maintenance person
- tree chopper
- Texas singer, Stuckey who sang "Sweet Thang"
- Fabio Luisi directs this "Big D" orchestra (abbr.)
- big amusement park in Arlington: "Six _____"
- Beaumont univer.
- TXism: "out _____ killer" (broken)
- 1972 film about a Texas magistrate: "The Life and Times _____ Bean"
- TXism: "gives up the ghost"
- badger's den
- TX George Strait 1982 hit: "_____ by Morning"
- peel the skin off
- this Thorpe helped the Rockets win a NBA title in 1994
- cartridges with a black powder for printing
- not written
- actress in Texas-based "The Last Picture Show" (init.)
- TXism: "_____horse town" (small town)
- pen names: _____ de plume
- walk heavily
- not wholesale
- Gulf shrimp catcher (2 wds.)
- bitter beers
- Willie Nelson is one Texas member of the Grand _____ Opry
- dir. from Mineola to Pittsburg, TX
- breathe hard
- 500 sheets of paper
- South Padre Island acquisition (2 wds.)
- TX Dennis Quaid 2005 film: "Yours, _____ Ours"
- TX-born Robby Benson film: "_____ Billy Joe"
- Yankee state (abbr.)

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Sheriff's Report

The Rains County Sheriff's Office took the following reports of activity during the week of November 4-11:

Arrests

11-4: Valorie Funk. Harassment of public servant, probation violation \$150,000 cash/surety bond; criminal mischief greater than or equal to \$500 less than \$500, probation violation \$150,000 cash/surety bond; burglary of habitation, probation violation \$150,000 cash/surety bond

11-5: William Wayne Schulze. Violation of bond/protective order, \$10,000 cash/surety bond with conditions;

11-6: Trina Paulette Willoughby. Theft of property greater than or equal to \$2,500 less than \$30,000 (Kaufman County), \$10,000 cash/surety bond.

11-7: Aaron Russell Jackson. Two week commit.

11-7: William Keith Lawson. Intoxication assault (serious bodily injury), \$15,000 cash/surety bond; speeding 65/50, \$500 PR bond; failure to appear, \$500 PR bond; open container, \$500 PR bond.

11-7: Gene Donald Loftin. Probation violation Dallas County - Possession of a controlled substance PG 1 less than 1 gr., bond denied; Probation violation Hunt County Possession of a controlled substance PG 1 less than 1 gr., bond denied.

Calls

11-4: W Lennon Dr. Air breathing products van parked on property and land owner would like to have the vehicle removed; Lone Oak Pueblo Mutual aid for a fire; W Tawakoni Dr. Someone is sleeping near the front door of the bank and employees would like him removed; S 1st St. Horses near the roadway; N Texas St. Tree

on fire by a power line that hit the tree; N Locust St. Female detained for burglary; CR 4452 Medical assist 71-year-old having trouble breathing; Ave. D Abandoned vehicle; CR 3333 Female wants the man who is staying with her to leave; Doris Briggs Pkwy. Female is causing problems and the director wants her to leave and be given a criminal trespass; Hwy. 276 People ran out of a home and jumped into a black GMC; CR 1280 Medical assist 44-year-old male having a reaction to medication; E Lennon Dr. Male grabbed a woman in the ditch; FM 2737 Motorist assist for people who lost stuff off their truck; Duffy St. Dirt bike stolen; CR 4480 Vehicle upside down in the road with people inside; Ave. D Man walking down the street in the rain got into a vehicle.

11-5: CR 3415 White bull calf on property causing stress to other cattle; FM 779 Suspicious vehicle; Suspicious vehicle parked at the rear of the church. FM 514 Livestock on the roadway; CR 3319 Facebook marketplace scam; Smith Cir. 8-month-old female fell and hit her head; FM 2737 Suspicious male on property in dark clothes and carrying a bag; CR 1495 Male wants to know why another male with a warrant hasn't been arrested; FM 2795 Voter at polling place is angry over not being allowed to take a picture of his ballot; Hwy. 19N Over sized load had a chain break and the load is hanging off the trailer; E Lennon Dr. Female at a salon is having a panic attack; CR 1495 Female complaining that a male is harassing her; PR 8515 92-year-old female sick for over a week; Alba Hwy. 69 Domestic dispute; Sheriff's Office (SO) lobby Male wants to get a restraining order against a male and female but the male and female have previously reported that the male had been harassing them; Hwy. 69 Motorist assist for person locked out of their vehicle; N

Texas St. Caller wants a criminal trespass issued on the male waiting outside the door; CR 1402 Medical assist 84-year-old female needs to be taken to the hospital; W Hwy. 69 Max's Liquor Store Male with a restraining order is at the store intoxicated; S Texas St. Phone line fell across the driveway; PR 7309 Female walking down the road disappeared into the woods and then came out; FM 3274 Male is standing in the middle of the road and its getting dark; Hwy. 19N Reckless driving; FM 779 Male walking down the road; N Planters St. Package was delivered and a male was seen at the residence and the packages were moved; CR 1495 18-year-old is being aggressive; FM 515 Someone left the store with a cart full of items; CR 1490 Lift assist for 68-year-old male.

11-6: Hwy. 276 Officer to meet Hunt Co. Officer for prisoner delivery; Hwy. 276 Dead calf in the roadway; N Planters St. Criminal trespass warning given; CR 3374 White dump truck keeps passing and endangering other vehicle; CR 1141 Female reports someone went through her car console and trashed it; CR 1315 EMS call male having abdominal pain after surgery; SO lobby Citizen has questions about a theft report that was filed on Sunday; CR 1310 Vehicle ran over a metal rod and it went through the door; CR 1425 Traffic stop female arrested; E Lennon Dr. Broken down truck in the parking lot has been there a long time; CR 4267 EMS call 63-year-old male having a seizure; FM 2946 Longhorn out at the intersection.

11-7: Hwy. 19 at Lake Fork Bridge Vehicle struck a deer; Hwy. 69n Debris in the roadway; CR 2420 Horses out on the road; Point Locust St. Horse out on the road; N Texas St. EMS call for patient with pulmonary abscess; CR 1150 Medical assist for 70-year-old male with brain cancer; W Lennon Dr. Suspicious activity dark colored vehicle

parked against the side of the building; Lake Tawakoni Stranded boat; Ave. B Female locked herself out of her car again; FM 2081 Elderly female walking around; CR 2341 Kids riding golf carts woke up caller's son.

11-8: EMS call for elderly male with cancer; CR 1274 Medical assist for 52-year-old male having chest pain; FM 47 Welfare concern for suicidal female; FM 2737 Livestock on the roadway; Planters St. Caller stated their power was out and they could smell something burning; SO lobby Female reported that stray dogs killed her chickens; CR 3120 Two juveniles riding four wheelers up and down the road at high rate of speed; FM 2946 Theft at storage buildings; SO lobby Male wants to speak with deputy about stolen guns; Duffy St. Stolen dirt bike recovered and returned to owner; Quitman St. One vehicle accident and airbags deployed; Hwy. 69 Livestock in the roadway; Hwy. 69 Reckless driving truck with trailer; Hwy. 69 at Smith Cir. Suspicious vehicle parked behind the church; N Texas St. EMS call for patient with femur fracture; Hwy. 19 Livestock on the roadway.

11-9: CR 3422 Suspicious vehicles with shining lights backed down to the lake; CR 1307 EMS call 69-year-old male hit his head; CR 3400 Medical assist 86-year-old female with bad nasal pain; FM 2324 Livestock on the roadway; FM 79 Welfare concern for young children riding four wheelers and not wearing helmets; CR 1420 Amazon Driver was bit by a dog; Lakeview Dr. Husband shot someone's dog with a BB gun and the owners threatened to shoot him; Quitman St. Special assignment for Veteran's Parade; PR 8515 EMS call female needs transport to the hospital; PR 7711 Smell of propane near the small pool and pavilion; N Texas St. Animal welfare concern for skunk in the culvert; FM 779

EMS call female passed out and woke bleeding from her face and ankle is broken; Rhodes Dr. Civil matter female is leaving her boyfriend and he told her the people helping her can't come on the property; FM 514 EMS call 84-year-old female fell and possibly dislocated her shoulder; Hwy. 276 Cruelty to animals someone is skinning catfish and throwing them back in the water; Hwy. 69 Funeral escort; FM 515 Storage units broken into; CR 3309 Male is trespassing; Hwy. 276 Suspicious vehicle; English Crossing Brush fire; FM 275 Female driving a vehicle stopped in front of caller and made him run into her; Rhodes Dr. Verbal disturbance from a male and female; CR 3319 Noise complaint for people who live across the road playing music too loud; CR 1515 Suspicious activity red truck and black tent on the road; Rains Co. Jail Inmate that is acting out needs to be moved; CR 4515 Side by sides drove by and shot at something; E Lennon Dr. Intoxicated male at Kim's; FM 515 Customer got bit by a dog; CR 3345 Two vehicle trying to run people off the road; CR 4515 ATV is back and caller heard firearm chamber a bullet; S Texas St. Pink bond found on the side of the road; CR 1230 Someone shot five or six shots and extra patrol is requested; FM 2324 Seven or eight cows out near the roadway; CR 3200 EMS call for 2-month-old having trouble breathing; Duffy St. Someone is at caller's apartments and he doesn't want them there; FM 2324.

11-10: Hwy. 19S Motorist assist; CR 3210 EMS call 34-year-old female having a seizure; Old Mill Ln. Noise complaint for neighbor's barking dogs; CR 4510 Gun shots heard near a house; SO lobby Female is missing her black and white dog and she believes it is at her neighbor's house; PR 7704 Medical assist 71-year-old diabetic female; SO lobby Male wants to make a report that some-

one was taking pictures of him during his court date; FM 513 Someone broke into a warehouse and items were stolen; CR 1402 Suicidal male; CR 1490 Livestock on the roadway; CR 3201 Assistance requested for child protection investigation; CR 3309 Male trespassing and taking golf balls; CR 3202 Stolen vehicle; S Texas St. EMS call for 91-year-old female with high blood pressure; E Lennon Dr. Medical assist for 42-year-old male not feeling well; CR 3309 Criminal trespass requested for a male; Rains Co. Jail Inmate needs to make a complaint; FM 2324 Livestock on the roadway; W Hwy. 69 EMS call 78-year-old female having medical issues; CR 1490 Livestock on the roadway; CR 1490 Special assignment for cruelty to animals; CR 1315 Medical assist 72-year-old male with abdominal pain; FM 47 Livestock on the roadway; FM 2324 Livestock on the roadway; FM 515 Suspicious activity flat bed pickup truck at boat storage.

The Sheriff's Department reported 265 calls for the week. Among the calls were: 3 criminal trespass; 1 cruelty to animals; 1 debris in roadway; 3 disturbances; 14 EMS calls; 2 extra patrols requested; 1 family violence; 1 brush fire; 1 harassment; 1 structure fire; 11 livestock on the roadway; 10 medical assists; 1 overdose; 1 problems with a juvenile; 1 scam; 1 stolen vehicle; 1 stranded boat; 1 suicidal subject; 4 suspicious activity; 3 suspicious persons; 5 suspicious vehicles.

Breakdown of calls: 4 arrests; 2 arrest warrants; 6 civil issues; 13 citations; 3 criminal trespass warnings; 11 EMS transports; 2 follow ups; 6 public assistance provided; 19 warnings; 6 thefts; 77 traffic stops; 4 welfare concerns 2 trespassing; 6 livestock; 2 accidents; 1 abandoned vehicle; 5 business alarms; 3 residence alarms; 2 animal bites; 4 motorist assists and 2 civil matters.

TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION SERVICES

November is Diabetes Awareness Month

Nearly 40 million Americans currently live with diabetes and every year around 1.2 million more people are diagnosed with diabetes with roughly 1 out of 4 not even realizing they have it.

Even more alarming, an estimated 97.6 million youth under the age of 18 are classified as having prediabetes. Discussing various aspects of the disease may provide insight into what diabetes is and how to lower your risk of getting it by living a healthier lifestyle.

Diabetes is diagnosed when higher than normal levels of glucose are circulating in the blood. Type 2 diabetes, the most common form of the disease, develops from the body's inability to produce or use insulin correctly. On the other hand, Type 1 diabetes (previously known as insulin-dependent, juvenile, or childhood-onset) is caused by an autoimmune reaction, making it impossible for the body to create any insulin at all, according to the Center for Disease Control (CDC).

Unlike Type 1 diabetes, Type 2 diabetes is preventable. Unfortunately,

symptoms of Type 2 diabetes are often discreet, making it hard to diagnose the disease. The CDC recommends getting your blood sugar tested if you believe you are at risk for the disease. Those at higher risk typically fall under these categories:

- Overweight or obese
- 45 years or older
- Have a parent or sibling with Type 2 diabetes
- Physically active less than three times a week
- Had gestational diabetes or given birth to a baby that weighed more than nine pounds
- African American, Hispanic, American Indian, or Alaska Native

Managing eating habits and living a healthy lifestyle can both aid in the prevention of diabetes and help those currently diagnosed with the disease. Effective diabetes self-management includes healthy eating, regular exercise, weight management, tobacco cessation, monitoring blood glucose, medication adherence, and getting support.

The Harvard School of Public Health recommends following these key steps when it comes to diabetes self-management and prevention:

- Control your weight - being overweight makes you 7 times more likely to

develop diabetes than someone with a healthy weight.

- Get moving - stay physically active with at least 30 minutes of moderate exercise each day; working your muscles more often improves their ability to use insulin and absorb glucose.

- Tune up your diet -
- Choose whole grains over highly processed carbohydrates.

- Skip the sugary drinks, and choose water, coffee, or tea instead.

- Choose good fats instead of bad fats, such as polyunsaturated fats found in liquid vegetable oils, nuts, and seeds.

- Limit red meat and avoid processed meat - choose nuts, whole grains, poultry, or fish instead.

- If you smoke, try to quit - smokers are 50% more likely to develop diabetes than nonsmokers.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact me, (903) 473-4580 or email Sarah.Latham@ag.tamu.edu. You may also read more about this and many more topics on my blog, <http://agentsarah.blogspot.com/>. To view upcoming events or additional information please visit <https://rains.agrilife.org/> or follow Rains County AgriLife on Facebook.

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

Regents Approve Name change for A&M-Commerce

BRYAN/COLLEGE STATION, Texas — During its quarterly meeting on November 7, 2024, The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents voted to change the name of Texas A&M University-Commerce to East Texas A&M University, effective immediately. The university will have several months to transition to the new name.

This decision reflects the Board's commitment to strengthening the university's identity and increasing its regional visibility. The change aims to reinforce the university's mission to serve the educational needs of rural and urban East Texas communities.

"The growth and success of A&M-Commerce over the past several years have been remarkable," said Bill Mahomes, chair of the Board of Regents. "However, we must enhance our identity and outreach to continue building on this foundation. Changing the university's name is a crucial step in our broader strategy to serve our state better."

Chancellor John Sharp agreed.

"This is long overdue, and it returns to the original tradition of 'ET' as the university's symbol while raising its prominence," he said. "This university has always been bigger than one town in

Texas."

The rebranding to East Texas A&M University aligns with the institution's goals to improve name recognition. It also represents an opportunity to highlight the university's commitment to regional engagement and educational excellence.

"We believe that this name change will better reflect our heritage and mission while allowing us to connect more deeply with the communities we serve," said Mark Rudin, president of East Texas A&M University. "This is not just about a name; it's about creating a stronger, more unified vision for our future."

The transition to the new name will involve updates to the university's branding, signage, website, URL, email addresses and communication materials over the coming months. The university community and stakeholders will be engaged throughout this process to ensure a smooth transition.

About The Texas A&M University System

The Texas A&M University System is one of the largest systems of higher education in the nation, with a budget of \$7.3 billion. Through a statewide network of 11 universities, a comprehensive health science center, eight state agencies, Texas A&M-Fort Worth and

Texas A&M-RELLIS, the Texas A&M System educates more than 157,000 students and makes more than 21 million additional educational contacts through service and outreach programs each year. System-wide, research and development expenditures exceed \$1.5 billion and help drive the state's economy.

About East Texas A&M University

East Texas A&M University is a student-ready institution serving rural and metropolitan East Texas with a dedicated mission to transform lives. With an enrollment of approximately 13,086 students, East Texas A&M is the third-largest member of The Texas A&M University System. Students choose from among 143+ academic degrees at the undergraduate and graduate levels and learn from world-class faculty who conduct nationally recognized research. A vibrant student experience includes a thriving Greek community and more than 95 student-led organizations. As a member of the Southland Conference, East Texas A&M features 14 NCAA Division I athletic teams. The university offers classes online and on-site in Commerce, Dallas, Corsicana, McKinney, Mesquite, and Bryan (RELLIS).

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THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY

Factory Farm goes Bust in Panhandle

by Bartee Haile

“What is believed to be the largest field in the country under one fence was broken and sown to wheat this fall by Hickman Price, the most extensive wheat farmer in the Panhandle of Texas,” the *Kerrville Times* reported on November 13, 1930.

One sure way to get off on the wrong foot in any small town is to treat the inhabitants like a bunch of ignorant yokels. The well-dressed stranger was smart enough to grasp that fact of life, but he did not let something as trivial as common courtesy stop him from straightening out the editor of the Plainview paper.

Brothers Hickman and Andrew Price made the long trip to the Panhandle in 1914 to take a look at 30 sections of farm land a rich relative left them. Walking into the office of the local semi-weekly, Hickman recited his media credentials, which included his present position as publisher of the *Nashville Democrat*, before proceeding to tell the editor that Plainview needed a daily newspaper.

Herbert Hillburn knew better, but he was not about to argue with a stranger who seemed so full of himself. He offered to print the publication but only if the big-shot footed the bill. Price agreed but, as Hillburn suspected, quickly lost interest in the project.

That was the last the good people of the Texas Panhandle heard from Hickman Price for a decade and a half. Then in 1929 he quit his \$80,000-a-year job with Fox Film and went back to Plainview with a grand plan

to apply the assembly-line methods of his hero, Henry Ford, to the production of wheat.

“If there is one thing that agriculture can learn from other industries,” Price said over and over again with total confidence, “it is the certainty that the twentieth century ushered in the passing of the individual producer.” The inherent inefficiency of the small farmer doomed him to a life of poverty, but like the white knight riding to the rescue of the helpless princess Price had come to change all that.

By leasing his brother's share of their inheritance along with the 7,000-acre “Nanny Pasture” in Swisher County, Price increased his holdings to 34,000 acres or close to 54 square miles. Next he hired a legion of employees: “wheat men” from the northern Plains and everyone else – bookkeepers, mechanics, laborers, drivers and the like – from nearby towns and the countryside.

Price even put a barber on the payroll for every contingency, Price bet the farm – literally – on an even bigger and better harvest in 1932. But that was before a late freeze, hail storms, cutworms and drought destroyed 90 per cent of his crop.

At a meeting of his creditors that August in Plainview, Price broke the bad news that he was busted. He begged for more time to somehow find a way to avoid bankruptcy, but a hardware company insisted upon immediate payment of a \$600 bill. When Price could not come up with the money, the hard-headed creditor took him to court and the whole house of cards collapsed.

And that was that for the “factory farm” visionary, who locked himself in his study and cried his eyes out for 14 straight hours. His big-as-Texas dream cost Hickman Price everything he owned, and he spent the last years of his unhappy life in impoverished seclusion.

time and moved from one location to the next on a specially constructed truck.

At first, it looked like Price might pull it off, at least according to the July 27, 1931 issue of *Time*. “Last week he was getting in a 500,000-bushel crop from 23,000 acres. One hundred trucks haul the wheat to Kress where Mr. Price sells it direct to the big city terminals in carload lots at a price five cents or six cents above that which the small farmer gets at the local elevator.”

Popular Mechanics also sang Price's praises in a piece that portrayed the ex-executive as the working man's best friend: “He has set a new standard of wages for farm hands which is the most generous ever paid in this country.” The magazine described in detail the company train that served as the workers' home away from home complete with sleeping, dining and fully equipped club cars.

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Roger Don Hooten
1948-2024

The story of Roger started out in Point, Texas. His parents, Ferris Roger and Cleo Pauline (Plumber), and his older brother, Tommy, were all part of instilling a strong work ethic in him. He spent his days as a baby and toddler being pulled on a burlap sack behind his mom as she pulled cotton bolls. He would later pull many a cotton boll himself as one of his jobs he held growing up. With the money he earned, he would go to Ray's Hardware in Point and purchase two shotgun shells at a time. Ray was nice enough to keep an open box for Roger allowing him to buy individual shells since he could not afford to purchase the whole box. His brother Tommy would reload the shells for him to use again. This would feed what would become one of his greatest passions. Hunting!

Roger graduated from Rains High School where he met Shirley Nell Rice. He and Shirley were married on June 5, 1970. They lived in Greenville, Texas where he worked while attending his senior year at East Texas State University where he obtained a degree in Business with an emphasis in Accounting. He worked for the Hunt County Highway Department during that time. After graduation, the couple moved to Dallas where Roger worked at Atlantic Richfield Oil Company. He opened his bookkeeping tax service in Dallas in 1972 and moved back to Rains County in 1986 where he had established the accounting business during his time in Dallas. He continued in the accounting industry growing and expanding throughout East Texas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas as a franchisee throughout his career which has surpassed him.

Roger and Shirley had four children, sons, Nathaniel Roger and Jonathan (deceased), and twin daughters, Brooke Paige and Morgan Paige (Jerry). One of Roger's greatest joys in life was being Papa! Nathaniel and Pam gave him two beautiful granddaughters, Meredith Noelle and Ashland Natalie. Corey and Morgan gave him two handsome twin grandsons, Randall “Cage” and Roger “Colt” Jerry. Roger was always thrilled to take them to the University of Texas Longhorn's football games, a tradition

he and Nathaniel started in the mid-1980s. Taking his grandchildren on great adventures from hunting whitetail in Rains County, touring the great Alaskan wilderness, to hunting plains game in Africa was at his core pure joy.

Though Roger grew up with extremely humble beginnings, he would go on to do great things considered far outside his means. A quote he was known to say often was, “God, Family, Work.” He lived by this saying. He did add in a good dose of play...aka HUNTING...after work. He became a world traveler and international hunter. He was blessed to take more than 150 species across the world. His passion for hunting fed his endless appetite for adventure and thousands of people who ate well from the harvests. He traveled to all seven continents and was able to hunt on six of them. Antarctica is particular about their penguins...No hunting there! He was able to continue the tradition of international hunting with his children and grandchildren. He was a God-fearing Christian man who lived his life to the end telling others about Christ. He was a member of Emory Baptist Church. He never went on a hunting trip without extra Bibles to leave with individuals around the world he was able to witness to.

Roger was preceded in death by his unborn son, Jonathan; his parents, Ferris Roger and Cleo Pauline Hooten; and his brother, Tommy Plummer.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Shirley Nell Hooten (Rice); son, Nathaniel Roger Hooten (Pam); and twin daughters, Brooke Paige Hooten and Morgan Paige Jerry (Corey); grandchildren, Meredith Noelle Hooten, Ashland Natalie Hooten, Randall “Cage” Jerry, and Roger “Colt” Jerry; and, many family members, loved ones, and friends.

The service was held at Emory Baptist Church, where Roger was a member, on November 13, 2024 Interment was at Lone Star Cemetery in Point, Texas. In lieu of flowers, Roger requested donations be made to the Family Life Center fund online at Emory Baptist Church.

Paid obituary

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Believer's Baptist Church

By Linda Brendle

And they were all amazed and said to one another, "What is this word? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out!"

Luke 4:36

This week Pastor Jason Rolan's message from Luke was called "Who Is in Charge, Part II."

Jesus has authority over all things including our lives. While in Capernaum: 1) He exercised His authority by casting out a demon. 2) The people exclaimed His authority when they saw His power. 3) He exhibited His power over disease by healing Simon's mother-in-law. 4) The people brought their sick to Him and, feeling compassion, He healed them all. 5) He expanded His mission by moving on to other

cities. Today Jesus knows what you need and has the authority and power to take care of you.

Sunday evening we met to worship and to hear Lane Garland teach part four of a five-part series on the Epistle of Jude.

Next Sunday is Family Fun Day immediately following morning worship. Bring a lunch for your family, lawn chairs, games, bikes and other toys for children of all ages.

The Church Praying will meet on Sunday, November 24, at 6:30 p.m.

There will be no scheduled activities on Wednesday, November 27.

BBC will host Miles Pike in Concert at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 1. Miles will present his new Christmas album. A free-will offering be received.

Emory Baptist Church

By Ronnie Witt

On Sunday morning, the service opened with a song to recognize veterans who were in attendance. Bro. Richard Piles shared a message from the book of Luke titled, "Jesus' Recipe for Greatness." In it, Bro. Richard shared Jesus' instructions that Christians pursue greatness by embracing humility and serving others. On Sunday night, Bro. Richard shared a message from the book of Song of Solomon titled, "The Honeymoon Is Over."

Operation Christmas Child boxes are still being accepted until Sunday, November 17. Be sure to bring a completely packed shoebox and \$10 for the shipping fee per box. These will be delivered to collecting sites next week.

The Senior Adult Lunch and Game Day is Thursday, November 14, at noon. Bring a

dish to share and join the fun. After lunch, the attendees gather to play games around the tables.

Looking ahead to next week, EBC holds the November members' meeting on Sunday night during the evening service. The "Intentional Christian Grandparents" group meets on Monday, November 18, at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. This will be the final meeting of 2024. T.E.L. will host a Thanksgiving Potluck on Tuesday, November 19, at noon in the Memorial Hall building. Bring a side dish or dessert to go with turkey, ham, and dressing. Sonbeam will also host their Thanksgiving celebration on Tuesday at noon in the fellowship hall in the main building. Then, Backpack buddies will meet on Wednesday morning, November 20, at 10:30 a.m.

Emory Methodist Church

By Mary White

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

Matthew 5:16

We had a great celebration Sunday morning with a breakfast for our Veterans. It was a wonderful time of great food and fellowship. Rev. David Banks continued his series *What Do We Do Now?* with a message titled "Use Your Eyes!" with scripture text taken from Matthew. Our first lesson encouraged us to pay attention and then use our ears. Last week was "Cultivate Your Appetite." David said we use our eyes to see, but can we see light? That's an interesting question. We can see in God's creation

beautiful sun rises. Don't those bring us light? Actually the only light we need to see is the light of Christ and submit to His sovereign power and gracious love.

The Methodist Women will have their lunch meeting this Sunday after worship. In December we will start a Bible study on the Gospel of Luke on Wednesdays. There will be a Service of Remembrance December 4 at 6:00 p.m. AA meets every Tuesday and Thursday at 7:00 p.m., and Saturday noon.

Birthday wishes go to Linda Ross, Steve Haupt, Julie Vasek and Lonnah Basham.

Pray for Ron Jones, James McMahon, Dorothy Riddle and Margaret McNear.

Have a great week and use your eyes to see God's wonderful creation.

And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;

Colossians 1:9-10 (NIV)

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How to Write a Living Will

Dear Savvy Senior, What's the best way to go about writing a living will? I'm approaching age 73 and in poor health and would like to get this done without spending a lot of money.



JIM MILLER Savvy Senior

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Dear

Preparing a living will now is a smart decision that gives you say in how you want to be treated at the end of your life. Here's what you should know, along with some resources to help you write one.

What to Prepare

To adequately spell out your wishes regarding your end-of-life medical treatment you need two legal documents: A "living will" which tells your doctor what kind of care you want to receive if you become incapacitated, and a "health care power of attorney" (or health care proxy), which names a person you authorize to make medical decisions on your behalf if you become unable to.

These two documents are known as an "advance directive," and will only be utilized if you are too ill to make medical decisions yourself. You can also change or update it whenever you please.

It isn't necessary to hire a lawyer to prepare an advance directive. There are a number of free or low-cost do-it-yourself resources available today to help you create one, and it takes only a few minutes from start to finish. Some top options

include:

CaringInfo.org: This is a program created by the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization that provides free state-specific living will forms that you can download, print and fill out. Or you can call 800-658-8898 and they will mail them to you and answer any questions you may have.

MyDirectives.com: If you'd rather create a digital (online only) advance directive, MyDirectives is an online tool and mobile app that will help you create, store and share a detailed, customized digital advance directive.

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VA Advance Directive: If you're a veteran, the VA also provides a free advance directive form specifically for you at VA.gov/find-forms/about-form-10-0137.

Other Options

If you're interested in making an entire estate plan that will include your will and/or trust, power of attorney and advance directive, there are many do-it-yourself online services that typically run between \$100 and \$250. Some top services include Quicken WillMaker & Trust software (WillMaker.com), Trust & Will (TrustandWill.com), and Legal Zoom (LegalZoom.com), which also makes basic living wills for only \$39.

Or, if you'd rather have a professional do it for you,

contact an estate planning attorney. See NAELA.org or NAEPC.org to help you locate someone in your area. Costs will vary depending on where you live, but you can expect to pay somewhere between \$500 and \$2,000 for a basic estate plan.

Add-ons

You should also consider getting a do-not-resuscitate order (DNR) as part of your advance directive, since advanced directives do little to protect you from unwanted emergency care like CPR. To create a DNR, ask your doctor to fill out a state appropriate form and sign it.

Another tool you should know about that will complement your advance directive is the Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment, or POLST (sometimes called Medical Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment, or MOLST). A POLST form translates your end-of-life wishes into medical orders to be honored by your doctors. To learn more about your state's program or set one up, see POLST.org.

Tell Your Family

To ensure your final wishes are followed, make sure to tell your family members, health care proxy and doctors so they all know what you want. You should also provide them copies of your advance directive or if you create a digital version, make sure you share it electronically.

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

FISHING REPORT

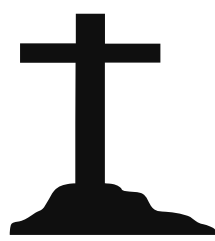
The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department released the following information for Lake Fork and Lake Tawakoni taken on October 2:

Fork: Good. Water Stained; 81 degrees; 2.14 feet below pool. Bass are good in shallow water early morning on topwaters around grass. Offshore bass are on mid range flats or first break line in 4-6 feet with square bill crankbaits and spinnerbaits. Carolina rig bite is still good on long points or ridges 6-10 feet. The crappie fishing on Lake Fork is just phenomenal right now going into the early winter months. We have fish in depths from 14-58 feet. You can find crappie almost everywhere

on the lake but if you find the right area they are loaded up. We are seeing some black crappie grouped up in numbers. The huge white crappie has been showing off the past month also. We are catching fish on timber mostly and pole timber and Bois D Arc trees are both good. Some fish will be holding to bridges as they migrate as well. Minnows continue to be the best bait, but jigs will work too. The catfish bite on Lake Fork is nothing short of incredible. There are so many catfish in the 20-25 feet range around timber you can almost fish anywhere.

Tawakoni: Good. Water stained; 66 degrees; 1.84 feet below pool. Striper fishing is excellent on live shad and

topwaters. Fish are running river ledges in 25-40 feet of water and feeding on points and sand flats. Look for gulls on the main lake and birds on the banks near creeks. Catfishing is also great, with larger fish starting to show up thanks to recent rain and inflow. We're still seeing good numbers of fish on cut shad in 40-60 feet of water on the main lake. Drift deep flats 30-50 feet of water with whole gizzard shad for bigger fish. Crappie fishing is picking up near docks and on brush. Use jigs tipped with a crappie nibble, using electronics to locate active fish. Crappie are still roaming near structures, with many sitting on the bottom of the brush.



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c/o Peter Flores
 Attorney at Law
 5050 Quorum Drive, Suite 700
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DATED the 6th day of November 2024

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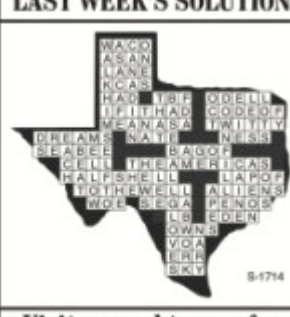
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RAINS WILDCAT FOOTBALL

Wildcat season ends on soggy night with loss



Leader photo by CHUCK FITTS

Wildcat Trinton McKinney (15) sells out for the block of the extra point attempt by the Yellowjacket kicker during the 63-41 district loss to Mineola on Friday, November 8.

By CHUCK FITTS
Rains County Leader staff

The Rains Wildcat football team battled the weather and the Mineola Yellowjackets on Friday night, November 8 with playoffs on the line, but the season came to an end in the 63-41 loss.

As the game started 30 minutes late due to a weather delay, both teams knew that the winner would make the playoffs.

The game became a slugfest as both team committed to running the ball in the wet weather with the Wildcats gaining 401 yards on the ground, but the Yellowjackets churned out 552 yards on the night.

Junior Taisean Shields led the team with 136 yards and two touchdowns on 18 carries, while sophomore Jabari Shields carried the ball 16 times for 107 yards and two touchdowns.

Senior Tylin Oakes had 93 yards and two touchdowns on 14 carries, and senior Danny Centeno toted the rock six times for 65 yards.

Due to the weather, Oakes attempted only four passes with three incompletions and one interception.

On the defensive side of the ball, senior Trinton McKinney led the Wildcats with six tackles, while junior Nate Scott, Oakes, Centeno made five tackles in the game.

The Wildcats started with the ball and moved to the

end zone in eight plays with Oakes scoring from 19 yards out.

Mineola answered with a 64-yard drive that ended with a 7-yard touchdown run.

Jabari Shields took the second handoff of the next drive 41 yards to the house to put the Wildcats back on top.

The Yellowjackets were held early on the next drive, but broke out with 16-yard run and a 31-yard touchdown run.

The Rains offense overcame an early false start penalty for a first down, but another penalty, a tackle-for-loss and an incompletion forced the punt.

The Mineola offense continued to churn as they went 51 yards in seven plays to score on a 13-yard run.

The Wildcats got back on track as Centeno broke free for a 45-yard run and Oakes punched it in from seven yards out.

Mineola started their next drive with a six-yard loss, but a pass to the back on a seam route turned into a 46-yard touchdown.

Rains ground out a 10-play drive and had to go for it on fourth-and-two. Taisan Shields got the first down, but the ball was punched out and recovered by the Yellowjackets.

On the next play, Minelo scored on an 81-yard touchdown run.

The Wildcats ran the ball for four yards, but a pass

down field was intercepted by the Yellowjackets.

Mineola ran out the clock on halftime and started with the ball in the second half. They scored in four plays with a 5-yard touchdown run.

Two plays into their next drive, Taisan Shields found a gap and ran 60 yards to the end zone.

The Yellowjackets overcame three straight false start penalties to score in four plays, and recovered the inside kick. They turned that into a 27-yard touchdown run.

The Wildcats had a big run called back on the next drive, but moved the ball down the field until Jabari Shields broke away for a 32-yard touchdown.

The Mineola offense turned the ball over on a bad snap and Rains scored on a 25-yard run two plays later.

The Wildcats recovered a fumble on the kickoff, but a penalty, two short runs and an incompletion turned the ball over on downs.

The Yellowjackets ran the clock down as they ground out a 10-play drive that was capped with a 9-yard touchdown.

The next four drives by both teams ended on failed fourth down tries until Mineola was able to run out the clock. Rains 41, Mineola 63.

The Rains Wildcats finish the season 2-4 in District 7-3A-1 and 2-8 for the season.

RAINS LADY CAT BASKETBALL

Stingy Lady Cats off to strong start



Leader photo by CHUCK FITTS

Lady Cat Presley Kilgore (20) beats the Maiden to the basket for a layup during the 42-36 loss to Jacksonville on Tuesday, November 12, in Talkington gym.

By CHUCK FITTS
Rains County Leader staff

The Rains Lady Cat basketball team started the season with defensive victories as they look to build on last year's success.

The Lady Cats opened the season at home against the North Lamar Lady Panthers on Monday, November 4.

Their suffocating defense held the Panthers to 16 points as they rolled to a

66-16 victory.

Junior Presley Kilgore led with 18 points including four three-pointers, and junior Caroline Piles contributed 14 points in the win.

On the road in Palestine on Saturday, November 9, the Rains varsity held the Palestine Lady Cats in check on the way to a 33-19 win.

Junior Kenzy Thompson led the team with eight points, while senior Jazzy Phillips, sophomore Jaycee

Phillips and junior Taytum

Osornio had six points each. The Lady Cats suffered their first loss on Tuesday, November 12, to the Jacksonville Maidens, 42-36.

The Lady Cats start the season at 2-1.

They are scheduled for two home games in Talkington gym against the Van Lady Vandals on Friday, November 15, and the Mabank Lady Panthers on Tuesday, November 19.

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Swatting away the Yellowjacket, Wildcat Danny Centeno (0) fights for the edge to get more yards during the 63-41 season-ending loss to Mineola on November 8.

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