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**POINT** 

# Former Point city official found not guilty of theft

By CHUCK FITTS Rains County Leader staff

Former City of Point employee Lois Hangaman was found not guilty on the day, September 29.

8th District Court stated that "having heard the evidence submitted, the court finds defendant not guilty of the charged offense.'

Hangaman had waived a jury trial for charge of theft of property between a trial before the court on the state \$2,500 and \$30,000 by 8th District felony charge. The punishment for the Court Judge Eddie Northcutt on Mon- charge could have been a fine of no more than \$10,000, imprisonment rang-The Judgement of Acquittal from the ing from 180 days to two years, or both. theft of service between \$30,000 and

The case was prosecuted by Rains \$150,000. That is a third-degree felony County Attorney Robert Vititow after a with punishment to include imprisongrand jury indicted Hangaman and for- ment for two to ten years and a fine of mer City of Point employee Angela up to \$10,000. Good in September of 2024.

Good was indicted on the charge of Courthouse Annex.

Good's case is still pending before the Hangaman and Good were both ar- court with records stating the next prerested in October of 2024 and bonded trial date will be Thursday, October 16, in the courtroom of the Rains County

# Meeting local law and fire departments







Leader photos by CHUCK FITTS

Residents and kids of Rains County enjoyed a fun night out with local law enforcement for National Night Out. In the top photo, a resident talks with members of the Emory Police department at their table set up at the entrance to Sandy Creek Park on Tuesday, October 8. Kids run to meet Sparky the Fire Dog and Ember for pictures at Sandy Creek Park on Tuesday, while young residents battle in a game of Gellyball during the National Night Out Kickoff in Point on Saturday, October 4.

**ELECTION 2026** 

# **Candidate** packets for 2026 election available for pick up

By CHUCK FITTS Rains County Leader staff

The Rains County Election office announced on Friday, October 3, that candidate packets for the 2026 election are available for pickup at the election office at 220 W Quitman in Emory.

The first day to file for a place on the ballot with a party chair is November 8 and the last day to file will be December

The Rains County Republican Party chair is Lisa Kruger and her email address is rainsrepublicanchair@gmail. com. The Rains County Democratic Party chair is Johnnie Hobbs and she can be reached at (903) 948-4533 or jabernathy24@yahoo.com.

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**SALES TAX ALLOCATIONS** 

# County, cities continue to see increase in sales tax revenues

By CHUCK FITTS Rains County Leader staff

The revenue from the sale of taxable goods in Rains County continued on an uptick for the county, Point and East Tawakoni according to the numbers released by the Texas Comptrollers Office on Wednesday, October 8.

The allocations are part of the local sales tax allocations being returned to cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts by the office of Acting Texas Comptroller Kelly Hancock from sales made in August by businesses that report tax monthly.

Rains County, with its half-cent tax on taxable sales, sees \$87,239.80 being

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**SPOTLIGHT** 

# J.C. Vance is principal at Rains Intermediate School

**By JUDY KRAMER** 

Rains County Leader contributor

J.C. Vance has been principal of Rains Intermediate School for seven years. He previously spent seven years at Rains High School where he was a coach and spent three years as Dean of Students where he managed dual credit, credit by exam and the master schedule. He coached for two years in Overton, Texas before buying a house in Quitman and moving to Rains ISD.

"I began looking for a change while at the high school, ending up as principal at Rains Intermediate," said Vance. "The best part of working in schools is being with the kids. I do bus duty, car duty, and love being in classrooms. It is important to be visible, approachable with the parents, community and kids."

Vance said that there are 26 certified teachers in the intermediate school and a total of 52 employees. A ried since 2009. They raise AKC positive feedback to teachers and that he uses to hunt deer and to fish. work closely with them to look for what their strengths are.

in education from the University of ministration at Steven F. Austin. sures. Then, he went back to get a degree to qualify as a superintendent.

daughter in fourth grade and a son in long. He said that kids he knew from seventh in Quitman schools. Although the children could have at- multi generations. tended Rains ISD schools, they

wanted to remain in Quitman schools where their friends were located.

Vance and his wife have been marstaff member reported that he and the Weenie dogs and currently have vice principal are all about being three. He said that most litters have hands-on leaders who work to give four or five puppies. He has a farm

The Vances did something different last summer by traveling out of Vance earned his bachelor's degree the U.S. to Mexico and their children got to experience what it is like to be Texas at Tyler, and a master's in ad- in an airport with its security mea-

Vance said that he feels like a member of the Rains County commu-He and his wife, Stephanie, have a nity now that he has been here for so school now have kids of their own -



J.C. Vance



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# **Rain Report**

No rain reported this week. Total for Oct. . . . . . 0.00 in. Year to date . . . . . 38.38 in.

# Community outreach & organizations

#### **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**

Emory – Tues. & Thurs. 7:00-8:00 p.m., open meetings. Emory 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 - Mon., 7:00 -9:30 p.m., Arbala Community

**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

**LAKE COUNTRY NEIGHBORS -**

Center, Rains Co. Public Library

1st Thurs., 11:30 a.m., www. lakecountryneighbors.com

LAKE FORK BAPTIST CHURCH **FOOD PANTRY** – 2nd Tues., 1-3 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

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

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-

**RAINS AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION** 

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

**RAINS GARDEN CLUB -**

1st Mon., 11:00 a.m., House of Prayer Family Life Center, 1382 FM 515, 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. &

**RAINS COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY -**3rd Sat., 1:00 p.m.

Meadows Cultural Center, Rains County Public Library

**RAINS COUNTY REPUBLICANS** - July 31 & Oct. 30, 6:30 p.m.,

Roma Restaurant, 2450 FM 47

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 Tues., 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., Philip Alexander Board Room Rains ISD Administration Building.

**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.

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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

#### Rains Co. Good **Samaritans Annual** Coat Sale

The Rains County Good Samaritans will hold their Huge Annual Coat Sale for two days only, Friday, October 10, 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., and Saturday, October 11, 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Nothing over \$10, (sales tax included).

#### **Hooker Cemetery** Clean-up Oct. 11

The Hooker Cemetery Association will hold its annual clean-up day on Saturday, October 11, beginning at 8:00 a.m., weather permitting. Bring tools and a sack lunch. Many volunteers are needed. For more information, call Donna Fletcher at 903-268-0412. Anyone unable to attend the meeting may send contributions to Hooker Cemetery Assoc., c/o Donna Fletcher, 819 RS CR 4470, Point, TX 75472.

#### **American Legion Breakfast Sat.**, Oct. 11

Rabb Brothers Memorial American Legion Post #156 will hold a breakfast buffet on Saturday, October 11, from 7:00-10:00 a.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.

#### **Woosley Cemetery Association to hold Annual Meeting**

The Woosley Cemetery Association will hold their Annual Meeting on Saturday, October 11, at 10:00 a.m. at the Woosley Cemetery under the gazebo. The Trustees will meet at 9:00 a.m. for a board meeting. If you have questions, call 903-951-8973. Donations may be mailed to Woosley Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 113, Point, TX 75472. A Facebook page has been started and will have a link so donations can be accepted online. As of this date, the link has not been activated, but is in the works. The FB page is Woosley Cemetery of Point, TX.

## **Class of 1964** Reunion Oct. 18

The Class of 1964 will hold its reunion on Saturday, October 18, at 1:00 p.m., at El Manna's Mexican Restaurant on Hwy. 69, in Emory. For more information, call 903-413-1243.

#### **First Responders** Banquet, Oct. 30

American Legion Post #156 will host the 6th Annual First Responders banquet on October 30, from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., at the Wildflower Special Event Venue, located at 1466 Hwy. 19, Emory. For more information, contact Ed Chalk at 661-903-1663.

#### **Angel Tree Applications Available Online**

The 2025 Angel Tree applications will only be available online and must be received by 11:59 p.m. on November 8. Flyers with the link will be delivered to each RISD campus, the Rains County Leader office, and will be on the Rains County Angel Tree Facebook page. Help with filling out the applications will be available at the Rains County Library each Saturday through November 8. For more information, text 903-662-

#### **Volunteers Needed** For Veteran's Day **Activities**

The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary are looking for volunteers for the 2025 Golf Ball Drop and Veteran's Day Parade and Program. The Golf Ball Drop will be held on November 1, from noon to 2:00 p.m. The Veteran's Day Parade will be held on November 8, at noon, with lineup beginning at 10:00 a.m. The program will begin at 1:00 p.m. Help is needed for displays, programs, small flag distributions and retrieval, and clean up. Contact Griselda Chalk at gselda312@aol.com for more information and to volunteer.

#### **Veteran Photos** Needed

The American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary, along with the Rains County Leader, will be honoring Veterans whose photos are submitted by the community. The photos will be displayed during the week of Veteran's Day in the Rains County Leader as a tribute to their sacrifice and dedication. Submit photos to ads@rainscountyleader. com by October 30, or call Lana Carlisle at 214-264-9149. Include the Veteran's name and branch of service. Photos of individuals in their uniforms are preferred.

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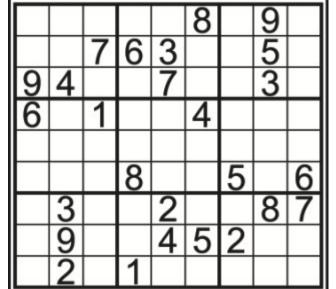
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# A retiree's guide for National **Financial Security Month**

to put your finances on autopilot. But checking in



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retirement. Here are some suggestions:

First, choose an appropriate withdrawal rate for your retirement accounts. If you take out too much income early in retirement, you risk running short later.

Next, be realistic when estimating future health care costs. Even with Medicare, your unreimbursed expenses for medical costs and longterm care needs could be

If you're retired, it's easy tens of thousands of dollars.

Also, see if you can delay taking Social Security until past age 62. The longer you wait, the more your monthly check could be.

Here's another tip: Consider if you're investing so conservatively that your portfolio can't keep up with

Finally, if you want to help your adult children and grandchildren financially, make sure you are not giving more than you can comfortably afford. Retirement can be a wonderful time, especially if

you take steps to maintain your financial stability.

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# **ELECTION**

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Candidate treasurer forms and financial forms will need to be turned in to the Elections Office before submitting the application to the party chair.

Local seats that will be up for election include County Judge, County Clerk, District Clerk, County Tax Assessor Collector, County Treasurer, Justice of the Peace, County Commissioner of Precinct 2 and County Commissioner of Precinct 4.

The County Treasurer election will be for a twoyear term while all other seats will be for a four-year

The Party Primary election will be held on March 3, 2026 with the general election to be held on November 3, 2026. For more information.

contact the Rains County Election office at 903-473-5009 or email lisa.kneifl@co. rains.tx.us.

# **SALES TAX**

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returned to the county, which is 16.33-percent better than October of 2024. The county's Year-to-Date increased \$935,651.14 which is 15.27percent better than this time last year.

Two municipalities in the county, which add an additional cent-and-a-half tax to all taxable items sold, saw a sizable increase in allocations being returned as compared to October of 2024.

The City of East Tawakoni saw the largest increase of the local cities from last year at 33.49 percent. The \$8,205.18 being returned in October increased the YTD payments to \$98,599.47, which is 15.27-percent ahead of October of 2024.

Point is ext receive \$11,111.76 from the state in October, which is 29.37-percent ahead of last year. The YTD total is 10.85-percent better than this time last year at \$122,424.21.

With \$143,871.50 being returned to the city in October, Emory's YTD payments remain behind last year's totals at \$1,407,599.32. The YTD is 5.49-percent lower than last year with the allocation for October being 4.56-percent less than 2024.

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

# OCTOBER '25 SALES TAX STATISTICS

County City	Taxed	Net pymt. this period	Net pymt. prior year	Pct. change	'25 pymt. to date	Net pymts. prior year	Pct cho from '2
Rains	0.5%	\$87,239.80	\$74,993.30	16.33%	\$935,651.14	\$811,662.58	15.27%
East Tawakon	i 1.5	8,205.18	6,146.21	33.49	98,599.47	81,400.87	21.1
Emory	1.5	143,871.50	150,757.45	-4.56	1,407,599.32	1,489,425.84	-5.4
Point	1.5	11,111.76	8,588.76	29.37	122,424.21	110,437.23	10.8
Hopkins	0.5%	\$359,208.69	\$279,955.14	28.30%	\$3,841,343.81	\$3,080,408.94	24.70%
Como	1.0	5,811.95	5,936.17	-2.09	60,475.05	55,565.39	8.8
Cumby	1.25	11,438.86	11,484.57	-0.39	121,504.84	130,355.78	-6.7
Sulphur Spring	gs 1.5	585,060.17	701,512.68	-16.60	7,857,050.83	7,619,621.86	3.1
Hunt	0.5%	\$733,990.31	\$699,801.44	4.88%	\$7,505,479.13	\$7,325,374.27	2.45%
Caddo Mills	1.5	116,791.79	113,868.55	2.56	1,147,945.66	938,502.30	22.3
Campbell	1.5	11,577.38	11,684.71	-0.91	134,915.82	120,558.80	11.9
Celeste	1.25	12,562.62	10,589.41	18.63	137,107.28	109,715.88	24.9
Commerce	1.5	177,992.18	215,172.35	-17.27	1,932,627.87	1,908,188.65	1.2
Greenville	1.5	1,037,647.55	1,038,581.81	-0.08	11,414,813.83	11,243,874.88	1.5
Hawk Cove	1.0	1,919.17	1,940.12	-1.07	21,219.92	21,687.77	-2.1
Lone Oak	1.5	20,991.88	20,348.55	3.16	218,462.89	204,768.93	6.6
Neylandville	1.0	1,058.86	799.94	32.36	9,772.51	7,372.40	32.5
Quinlan	1.5	166,829.89	158,648.81	5.15	1,690,017.21	1,603,670.99	5.3
Union Valley	1.0	6,582.95	3,692.88	78.26	47,218.37	39,290.04	20.1
West Tawakor	i 1.5	16,478.32	14,170.49	16.28	185,003.55	171,978.84	7.5
Wolfe City	1.5	20,002.62	16,112.41	24.14	201,800.66	175,359.37	15.0
Van Zandt Co	unty d	oes not Collec	ct sales tax				
Canton	2.0	414,239.83	416,338.64	-0.50	4,373,412.04	4,340,505.41	0.7
Edgewood	2.0	39,963.05	39,452.98	1.29	472,160.85	418,283.75	12.8
Edom	1.0	1,672.87	1,537.74	8.78	21,226.14	21,134.38	0.4
Fruitvale	2.0	7,291.92	7,364.59	-0.98	244,734.62	78,336.86	212.4
Grand Saline	2.0	61,916.94	60,882.56	1.69	660,459.77	645,195.61	2.3
Van	2.0	102,328.21	100,876.65	1.43	1,063,912.70	1,031,584.29	3.1
Wills Point	2.0	166,263.30	201,395.75	-17.44	1,827,353.46	1,867,373.18	-2.1
Wood	0.5%	\$353,679.06	\$259,094.76	36.50%	\$2,711,377.00	\$2,469,774.81	9.78%
Alba	1.5	30,342.04	31,915.50	-4.93	337,762.02	305,681.83	10.4
Hawkins	1.5	46,674.16	42,150.40	10.73	456,216.77	417,859.60	9.1
Mineola	1.5	258,301.24	257,213.24	0.42	2,637,725.79	2,558,615.20	3.0
Quitman	1.5	99,146.20	76,960.24	28.82	834,043.73	784,966.34	6.2
Winnsboro	1.5	119,590.03	162,755.91	-26.52	1,212,502.10	1,233,643.39	-1.7
	1.5	10,275.75	9,335.99	10.06	122,495.50	118,997.31	2.9

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**CLASSIFIED SALES** 

# Wacky World Series Fun & Facts

"Love is the most important Award. When the Oakland thing in the world, but baseball

The World Series, that

is pretty good too.'



JODY DYER

Fall Classic that stalwart Americans love so well, is again upon us. For fans of the game, get to the blessing of baseball one

last time before winter and football fever takes over. With baseball on my mind this week, it seemed appropriate to share some wacky World Series fun and facts.

Most World Series Wins -Those bombers from the Bronx, the New York Yankees, have the most World Series wins of any team in Major League Baseball. They have made 41 appearances in the Series and won the title 27 times.

Steinbrenner Fist Fight -Speaking of the Yankees, a funny thing once happened to owner George Steinbrenner. After the third straight loss to the Dodgers in the 1981 Series, George met reporters at a press conference with a cast on his hand and a wild story. He claimed to have had a fist fight in a hotel elevator with some unruly Dodger fans. The LA supporters had called the Yankees chokers. George apparently took offense and tried to punch out their teeth.

Longest Game - The longest World Series game took place on October 26, 2018, between the Boston Red Sox and the Los Angeles Dodgers. Game 3 of this series went 18 innings, lasting 7 hours and 20 minutes. The Dodgers won 3-2.

Most Rings – Known for his unintentional wit, baseball legend Yogi Berra has won 10 World Series rings, the most in MLB history. He earned them between 1947 and

Sneakiest Strikeout – In the 1970s the Cincinnati Reds were a force to be reckoned with, and Johnny Bench, their catcher, was the man. In 1972 Bench led the Majors in both home runs and RBIs, en route to winning his second National League MVP

A's met the Reds in the Series that year, they decided to get creative. After a conference on the mound, with Bench at the plate, catcher Gene Tenace faked an intentional walk, and then quickly ducked back down into a crouch to catch strike

Stolen Base Blunder - In 1926 the Yankees lost the Series to the St. Louis Cardinals. During game 7, in the ninth inning with two outs, Babe Ruth tried to steal second base. He was thrown out and the Cardinals won the Series. Ruth is the only player to end the Series by getting caught stealing.

Shoe Polish Evidence Among the weirdest things to happen in World Series history took place during Game 5 in 1969. In a match between the New York Mets and the Baltimore Orioles at Shea Stadium, shoe polish came into play. The Mets were trailing the Orioles 3-0 in the bottom of the sixth when Cleon Jones came to the plate. Oriole pitcher Dave McNally threw a pitch so low that it appeared to hit Jones in the foot before rolling all the way into the Mets dugout. Jones immediately began hopping around the batter's box, hoping to be awarded first base, but home plate umpire Lou DiMuro said no. With ball in hand, Mets manager Gil Hodges then came strolling out of the dugout to show DiMuro what appeared to be a shoe polish smudge on the ball. The decision was reversed, and Jones was sent to first. Orioles' manager Earl Weaver had a conniption fit that was fun to watch. The next batter, Donn Clendenon, then blasted a two-run homer out of the park and sparked the Mets to a Series win.

Parachute on the Field -Game 6 of the 1986 Series saw the Mets and Red Sox at Shea Stadium. In the first inning, an enthusiastic Mets fan, 37-year-old Michael Sergio, parachuted into the stadium trailing a giant banner on which he had painted "Go Mets." Landing near the first-base line. He was promptly arrested.

Save the Kid - Game 5 during the 2002 Series between the San Francisco Giants and the Anaheim Angels offered another wild call or text (preferred).

moment in sports. Giants' manager Dusty Baker's 3year-old son Darren was serving as a batboy for the team. Little Darren was pretty adorable. But trouble surfaced in the seventh inning. Kenny Lofton roped a triple to deep right field. As everyone was watching the ball, little Darren enthusiastically ran in to pick up Lofton's bat, putting him right in the path of the players racing for home. First baseman J.T. Snow scored on Lofton's triple, with David Bell running full speed right behind him. Thinking quickly, Snow snatched little Darren up by his collar as he raced across the plate, saving the tot from a serious colli-

JODY DYER (

Strange things happen and baseball is never boring. Hope you enjoy the World Series this year!

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# It's Angel Tree time Again!

The 2025 Angel Tree applications will be available online only from October 6 through November 8. Fliers with the link will be delivered to each RISD campus and will be on the Rains County Angel Tree Facebook page. The only requirement for participation in the Rains County Angel Tree Program is that the children must be full time residents in Rains County, and under 18 or currently enrolled at RISD. Students who have graduated are not eligible. Each child must have their own application. There will be someone available to help with the application process at the Rains County Library on Saturdays, October 11 through November 8, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. The application period will close at 11:59 p.m., on November 8. Questions should be directed to 903-662-8621,

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#### By Linda Brendle

I experienced the circle of life this weekend. No, I didn't go see "The Lion King" or listen to the sound track. I went



LINDA BRENDLE

Leader correspondent

the girl I met about this time of year in 2014 when she was nine years old. Now, she is a beautiful young lady of twenty, manager-in-training of a Journeys store in a northern suburb of Dallas, and expecting her first baby in a couple of weeks. We did all the usual things the one does at a shower. We snacked on finger foods, played games like baby gift bingo, and nodded in approval at the endless stream of bibs, pacifiers, onesies, and all the things modern mothers must have to raise their babies.

The hostess passed out cards on which we could make predictions about what the baby will look like and give our advice to the new parents. She also gave us cards with space to write out our prayers for the baby. Everyone looked forward to the coming weeks when a new life will come into the world, the months when he will learn to walk and talk and play, and the years when he will go through adolescence and emerge as the man his parents pray he will become. The afternoon was a joyful time of hope, love, and anticipation.

The funeral of Deb

# The Circle of Life

McMerrell on Sunday afternoon wasn't as joyful as the shower. A steady stream of mourners moved toward Emory Baptist Church, greeting each other quietly but avoiding too much conversation during which some of the grief might spill out. Each attendee signed a book so the family would know who had come to honor their loved one, and ushers passed out bulletins with a beautiful picture of Deb on the front and a beautiful poem by Patsy Gloor on the inside.

The service consisted of the usual welcome and the standing of the congregation as the family and friends of the deceased filed in. In a great tribute to a life welllived, it took several minutes for those Deb left behind to fill six pews. Then came a walk through memory lane by a long-time friend that brought both tears and laughter, especially when he paused in mid-sentence and commented about how much he was going to miss Deb's homemade salsa. The slide show that followed brought more laughter and tears as pictures of Deb's life flashed across the screen.

The main sermon focused on Jesus Christ and the hope that is available to those who believe in Him as Deb did. The service closed with a beautiful duet of "Go Rest High on That Mountain" that left most of the audience wiping away tears. After paying our last respects to our friend, we filed out quietly, a little surprised that the sun was still shining brightly outside and that the world was turning as it had before Deb left us.

The circle of life is described as the natural process of birth, growth, transformation, and death. followed by renewal. We see that every year as the flowers wither and die and the trees drop their leaves only to reappear in the spring with new growth and new life. Humanity as a whole follows this cycle as one generation passes away and a new one is born, but each individual life has a beginning and an end. Still, there is hope as, instead of an ending, death can be a step into a new life.

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.

John 11:25-26a Dedicated to Debera Kay McMerrell (1956 – 2025)

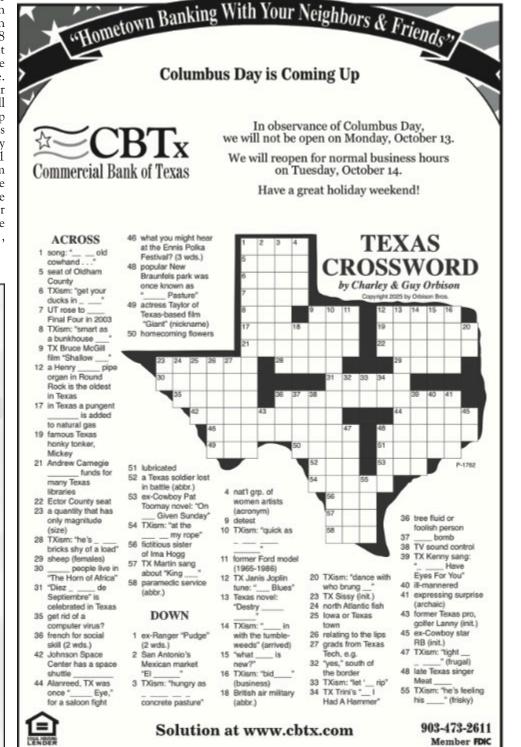
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# **Sheriff's Report**

iff's Office took the following reports of activity during the week of September 29-Octo-

#### Arrests



Driving while intoxicated with child under 15 years of

Charlotte Stevenson. Possession of

a controlled substance PG 1/1-B less than 1 gr., \$15,000 cash/surety bond.

#### Calls

**9-29:** FM 515 Roommate

more wild dogs running through neighborhood; CR 1308 Request for extra patrol due to increased traffic in area; Hwy. 276 Debris in roadway; FM 1495 Brayla Red cow out; Hwy. 69E iPhone alert of car crash; Sheriff's Office (SO) call Male would like his mother's phone back after it was taken by officers during 911 call for a suicide; Industrial Blvd. Brush fire; W Quitman St. Controlled burn; CR 4370 Public service call about neighbor target shooting; CR 1168 Agency assist for grass fire; SO lobby Male wants to speak with officer about daughter and young boys coming onto property for her belongings; FM 514E Medistole credit card; Planters St. cal assist 88-year-old female Two men running from the has been sick after getting church got into a Toyota the flu shot a week before; W

The Rains County Sher- Highlander; CR 4253 15 or Lennon Dr. Accident; Smith Cir. Controlled burn; FM 513 Medical assist for 58year-old male with infection after amputation of toes; W Quitman St. Controlled burn; Hwy. 19N Female keeps taking male's belongings and putting them on the road and he would like her to stop; Duffy St. Ex-girlfriend borrowed vehicle and will not return it; Hwy. 69W Suspicious activity, noises heard on porch and in backyard; CR 1308 Report of stolen vehicle.

9-30: PR 5503 Medical assist for 61-year-old female with history of epilepsy out of medicine; Prosperity Pkwy. Reckless driver in black truck; 3rd St. Animal at large, gray pitbull; North St. Request to speak with deputy about emotional and financial problems;

AMENDED 10/1/2025

#### RAINS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION FOR OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS (AVISO DE ELECCIÓN SPECIAL PARA OTRAS SUBDIVISIONES POLÍTICAS)

To the registered voters of the County of Rains, Texas: (A los votantes registrados del Condado de Rains, Texas)

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Trustees of Rains Independent has ordered a Special Election to be held on November 4, 2025, for the purpose of conduting a Voter-Approval Tax Rate Election (the "Election" or "VATRE"). Specifically, the following proposition will be on the ballot:

(Se notifica que la Junta Fideïcomisarios del Distrito Escolar Independiented de Rains ha ordenado que se celebre una Elección Especial el 4 de noviembre de 2025, con el propósito de llevar a cabo una Elección de Tasa Impuesto de Aprobación del Votante (la "Elección" o "VATRE"). Especificamente, la siguiente propuesta estará en la boleta:)

RAINS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTED DE RAINS) RAINS ISD PROPOSTION A.

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THIS IS A TAX INCREASE. Ratifying the ad THIS IS A TAX INCREASE. Ratifying the ad valorem tax rate of \$0.8443 per \$100 valuation in Rains Independent School District for the current year, a rate that will result in an increase of 4.99 percent in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the district for the current year as compared to the preceding year, which is an additional \$338,756.

**AGAINST** EN CONTRA

ESTE ES UN AUMENTO DE IMPUESTOS. Ratificar la tasa impositiva ad valorem de \$0.8443 por cada \$100 de valoración en el Distrito Escolar Independiente de Rains para el año en curso, una tasa que resultará en un aumento del 4.99 por ciento en los ingresos por impuestos de mantenimiento y operaciones para el distrito para el año en curso en comparación con el año anterior, que es un adicional de \$338,756.

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(RAINS ISD PROPUESTA A)

On Election Day, voters must vote in the precinct where registered to vote, unless the countywide polling place program is being used in the election. (El Dia de Elección, los votantes deberán votar en el precinto donde están inscritos para votar, a menos que el programa de sitios de votación dei condado se está utilizando en la elección.)

## LOCATION OF ELECTION DAY POLLING PLACES/PRECINCT NUMBER(S)

SITIOS DE VOTACIÓN EL DÍA DE ELECCIONES/NÚMERO(S) DE PRECINTO

Precinct 101:

Rocky Point Community Center 2134 S State Highway 19 Emory, Texas 75440

Precinct 102:

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Precinct 203:

Bright Star Baptist Church 1399 RS County Road 3480 Emory, Texas 75440

Precinct 204:

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Precinct 305:

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Precinct 306: Emory Volunteer Fire Department 1205 W. Lennon

Emory, Texas 75440 During early voting, a voter may vote at any of the locations listed below: (Durante votación adelantada, los votantes podrán votar en cualquiera de los sitios de

votación nombradas abajo.) LOCATION OF EARLY VOTING POLLING PLACES/DAYS AND HOURS OF OPERATION:

(SITIOS SUCURSAL DE VOTACIÓN ADELANTADA/DÍAS Y HORAS HÁBILES) Rains County Courthouse Annex at 220 W Quitman Street, Ste. E, Emory, Texas 75440, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning Monday, October 20, 2025, and ending on Wednesday, October 29, 2025. Extended

hours: 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. beginning Thursday, October 30, 2025, and ending on Friday, October 31, 2025.

(Anexo del Palacio de Justicia del Condado de Rains en 220 W Quitman Street, Ste. E, Emory, Texas 75440, entre las 8:00 a.m. y las 5:00 p.m. comenzando el lunes 20 de Octubre de 2025 y terminando el viernes 31de Octubre de 2025. Horario extendido: 7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m. a partir del jueves 30 de octubre de 2025 y finalizando el viernes 31 de octubre de 2025.)

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: (Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán adelantada por correo deberán enviarse a:)

Lisa Kneifl, Rains County Elections Administrator Name of Early Voting Clerk: (Nombre del Secretario/a de la Votación Adelantada:)

220 W Quitman Street, Ste. E Address (Dirección)

Emory, Texas 75440 City (Ciúdad) Zip code (Código Postal)

<u>903-473-5009</u> Telephone Number (*Número de teléfono)* 

lisa.kneifl@co.rains.tx.us

Email Address (Dirección de Correro Electriónico)

https://www.co.rains.tx.us/page/rains.Elections Early Voting Clerk's Website (Sitio web del Secretario/a de Votación Adelantada) Applications for ballot by mail (ABBMs) must be received no later than close of business on

Friday, October 24, 2025.

(La sólicitud de boletas por correo deben recibirse a más tardar al cierre de operaciones viernes 24 de Octubre de 2025.)

Issued this the 1st day of October 2025. (Emitido este dia 1st de octubre de 2025.)

Signature of Presiding Officer (Firma del Dirigente que Preside)

Lennon Dr. Traffic stop resulted in arrest for DWLI and wrong plate; FM 47 Grass fire from controlled burn; CR 3330 Special assignment with DA investigator; CR 2360 Grass fire; S Dunbar Ln. Medical assist for 82-year-old female with back pain and dizziness; Hwy. 276 Criminal trespass; CR 4254 Male would like a deputy to come with him to retrieve a firearm; Hwy. 19N Reckless driver in gray Toyota; CR 3330 Medical assist for 4-wheeler accident; SO call about damaged vehicle; FM 2946 Animal welfare concern for dog with foot stuck in drain; Hwy. 69 Welfare concern for male standing on shoulder of road; E Lennon Dr. Investigation of ashes in parking lot found to be from controlled burn nearby; Hwy. 19S Reckless driver in 18-wheeler almost ran caller off the road; Hwy. 276 Motorist assist for broken down vehicle; CR 3367 Medical assist for 69-yearold female with severe arm

**10-1:** CR 1490 Medical assist for severe abdominal pain; CR 4510 Animal at large, neighbor's aggressive dog; SO lobby Property release; CR 1230 Funeral escort to Prospect Cemetery; Hwy. 69 Public assist for vehicle with vapor lock; Ave B Animal at large; SO call Report of terroristic threats; SO lobby call about kids on 4-wheeler on the road; PR 5800 Public service call about at least three dogs left in house by former tenant; PR 6180 Animal at large, problem with dog on property; White Rock Rd. Medical assist for 39-year-old male with numbness in stomach and arms; FM 2737 Report of assault by male possibly on drugs; E Lennon Dr. Public assist to unlock vehicle; E Lennon Dr. Juvenile transport; CR 3419 Brown longhorn on roadway; E North St. Public service, female driving by and stopping at house because she believes her ex's belongings are there; CR 3480 Animal at large, injured dog bit neighbor; CR 4480 Grass fire; CR 1610 Suspicious vehicle, bulldozer parked on property; CR 1235 Welfare concern for male sleeping in truck and won't stay awake when approached; Hwy. 19S Cow out; Hwy. 19N Medical assist for infected toe amputation; CR 1525 Controlled burn; PR 7708 Investigation to locate female suspect; CR 3060 Female found hand sanitizer bottles made into molotov cocktails in the camper her son was living in; Airport Rd. Report of shots

10-2: FM 513 Agency assist for 63-year-old male with chest pain; CR 3160 Hit and run accident; FM 515 Medical assist for male who can't breathe; FM 3299 Medical assist for 42-yearold female with chest pain; Clark Dr. Caller and common law wife got into a fight and mother-in-law has gotten involved and she has a history of getting too involved and caller wants her criminally trespassed; CR 1250 Public service call regarding family dispute where step mother said caller would be arrested if she came over; Egret Cir. Medical call for nose bleed that won't stop; Hwy. 69 Reckless driver in white truck failure to maintain lane; CR 1502 Horses and goats on roadway; CR 4320 Vehicle fire and structures are very close; SO call regarding restraining order; CR 1250 Public service call regarding potential disturbance due to dementia; FM 2795 Two red bulls on roadway; E Lennon Dr. Medical assist for 18-monthold female who fell and hit her head and is bleeding; FM 47 Accident involving three vehicles with one person pinned. **10-3:** 2nd St. Female

yelling and male telling her

to get out of the house; SO call regarding son involved in accident; E Lennon Dr. Follow up on suspicious person; W Lennon Dr. Suspicious person messing with customers; FM 515 Medical assist for 51-yearold male with trouble breathing; CR 1503 One black horse, one white and brown horse and two goats on roadway; CR 3480 Medical assist for 66-year-old male struggling to breathe; FM 275 Controlled burn; SO call possible cartel member staying with family in Emory; FM 2795 Neighbor started burning trash and now the fire is headed towards caller's shop and he's fighting it with a water hose; FM 514 Abandoned vehicle; Hwy. 69 Reckless driving; CR 1610 Suspicious neighbors moved in with fighting roosters, lots of buildings, and parties every weekend; CR 3025 Brush fire and spreading; CR 3380 Grass fire in pasture; FM 2946 Controlled burn; FM 515 Goats in the ditch; CR 3325 Found property was returned to owner; Hwy. 19S Reckless driving in Range Rover speeding and passing on the shoulder; Hwy. 69 Reckless driving in black Tahoe; Santa Fe St. Child custody issue one party won't give the children over; Quitman St. Accident involving 18-wheeler and motor home; S Dunbar Ln. Suspicious person knocking on doors; FM 47 Child custody dispute; Hwy. 276 Caller having issues with ex father in law; FM 514 Child custody dispute; CR 3512 Child custody dispute mother has child in a dope house and it is the father's weekend; CR 1470 Medical assist for 77-year-old female who fell; Hwy. 276 Suspicious person sitting on side of road; CR 3025 Welfare concern for grandson having manic episode; Duffy St. Medical assist for female with possible miscarriage; FM 515 Welfare concern for man walking on side of road; Hwy. 276 Disturbance, neighbor

threatening.

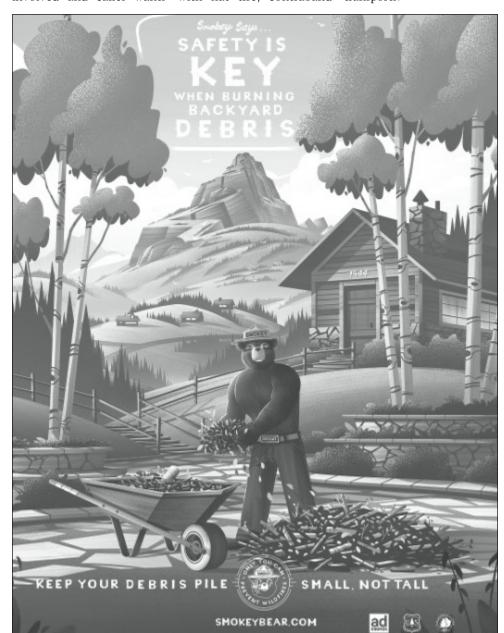
10-4: Hwy. 276 Controlled burn; Pine St. Domestic disturbance, male broke car window; Hwy. 19 Suspicious activity, female with flat tire, contraband found and one in custody; Hwy. 19 Pedestrian stop, panhandlers in street; E Lennon Dr. Medical call for 68-year-old male with possible stroke; FM 2324 Structure fire; W Hwy. 69 Wrecker requested for traffic stop; CR 1152 Grass fire; E Lennon Dr. Disturbance, female causing issues; W Lennon Dr. Medical assist for elderly male with chest pain; E Lennon Dr. Welfare concern for male drinking in parking lot and driving; FM 2324 Investigation of house fire; CR 1308 Medical assist for diabetic male with low blood sugar; N Locust St. Medical assist for 55-yearold female not feeling well; 2 Mile Bridge Suspicious activity, male on bridge; Swearingen Beach Warrant service; Ravine St. Juveniles jumping in front of cars; Hwy. 69 Reckless driving, vehicle with no lights; FM 47 Medical assist for son vomiting; Hwy. 47 Reckless driving, Tahoe throwing things out of window.

10-5: Hwy. 276 Reckless driver in grey Chevy swerving all over the road; CR 2420 Extra patrol requested for neighbor's dogs; FM 2946 Controlled burn; Hwy. 779S Abandoned vehicle; 2nd St. Domestic disturbance, female screaming and threw knife and hanged herself; Planters St. Funeral escort; Hwy. 19 Reckless driver in 18-wheeler; N Texas St. Accident in parking lot; CR 3390 Neighbor dispute, yelling and blowing grass on driveway; Hwy. 69 Reckless driving in white sedan; Airport Rd. 20-month-old baby bitten by dog; PR 5451 Welfare concern for father being yelled at by a female staying with him; North St. Public assist regarding a protection order; CR 2420 Public service regarding four loose dogs; CR 4430 Male wants someone trespassed from his property; PR 5451 Medical assist for aunt who fell; Hwy. 276 Assault; Hwy. 276 Suspicious person throwing things; Industrial Blvd. Suspicious activity, possible theft; CR 3237 Medical assist 40-year-old female having problem with throat burning; Hwy. 276 Public service, neighbor sending harassing videos; E Lennon Dr. Abandoned

dispute, texting and calling. The Sheriff's Department reported 320 calls for the week. Among the calls were: 1 animal bite, 1 animal welfare concern, 5 animal at large, 2 assault, 4 assist motorist, 4 child custody, 3 city ordinance violation, 4 disturbance, 3 domestic disturbance, 6 fire-grass, 1 fire - structure, 1 fire - vehicle, 7 livestock on road-way, 2 neighbor dispute, 1 problems with a juvenile, 13 reckless drivers, 1 shots fired, 5 suspicious activities, 4 suspicious persons, 2 suspicious vehicles, 1 stolen vehicle, 3 warrant service,

vehicle; Hwy. 276 Neighbor

and 8 welfare concerns. There were 125 traffic stops, 54 citations, 67 warnings, 24 medical calls and 14 transports.





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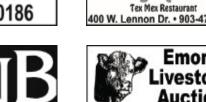
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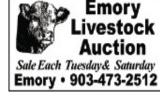
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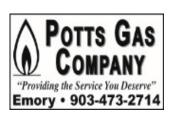














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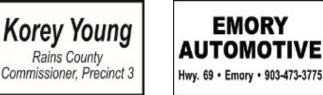
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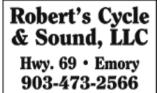








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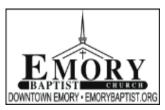
















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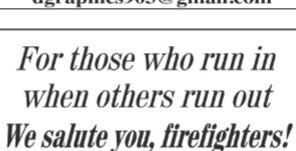
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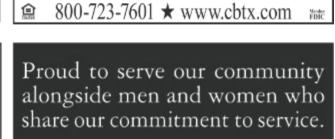




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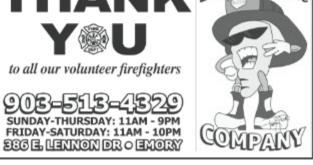


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# Believer's Baptist Church

By Linda Brendle

Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."

Pastor Jason Rolen's Sunday morning sermon was titled "The Incomparable Christ: Let us Pray! Pt 1." Prayer is an important work of the believer. We can touch the world through prayer and join God in His work. The disciples saw the power of prayer in Jesus' life, and they wanted to learn to pray like He did. Jesus had certain prayer habits and attitudes that connected Him to God. His habits included regular prayer. There are many references throughout the gospels that speak of Him praying. He prayed in secret, shut in with God and away from the world, and He also prayed with others. His attitudes included a belief that God the

Father heard Him when He prayed. He also believed persistent prayer is necessary. Jesus is the reason why prayer is now open to us, because He has made it possible for us to be at peace with God. He is now interceding for us before the throne of God.

Sign-up sheets are now in the foyer for 2026 service opportunities in and through the church, and will be available through

All adult Sunday School classes will meet together in the sanctuary on October 12 and for a discussion of Answering Ethical Questions from Culture.

The Church Praying will meet for a time of congregational prayer next Sunday, October 12, at 6:00 p.m.

The Asking for a Friend Podcast Episode #228 is titled "Law and Gospel in Counseling with Tom Hicks." Find the link at www.bbcemory.org.

## **Emory Methodist Church**

By Mary White

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28 Rev. David Banks' message was titled "Follow Me It's the Practice" with scripture text taken from Matthew. David spoke on what it means to follow Jesus and practice being a disciple. It's not a solo act but with Bible study and having brothers and sisters in Christ it is a joyous journey. Jesus said take my yoke upon you and learn from me for my yoke is easy and my burden is light. So let us go out and tell the story and follow Jesus.

The Youth will have a bake sale at

Hooten's Saturday, October 11, at 7:00 a.m. so go out and support our youth. Next Sunday we will have Pastor Appreciation Luncheon after worship. The Widow/Widower's will meet October 13 at 10:00 a.m. in fellowship hall. AA meets every Tuesday and Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

Birthday wishes go to Margaret McNear and Stephen Smith. Anniversary wishes go to Rick and Mary Eversult.

Pray for Robert Cain, Michelle Peachy Keane, Inez Willard, Johnny Northcutt, Tori Pierson and Ray Davis.

Have a wonderful week and be kind.

#### FISHING REPORT

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

Fork: Good. Normal stain; 84 degrees; 1.46 feet below pool. Bass are good with topwaters early in the morning around grass or pond weed. Squarebill crankbaits and chatterbaits are good in 2-5 feet of water on shady banks and around isolated grass mid morning. Once the sun is high, target fish in 7-12 feet on the edge of points near deep water with Carolina rigs and Power Shaky heads 3/8-1/2 once rigged with Yum dingers or crawfish type baits. Deep crankbaits will still catch fish on some points and road beds in 15-18 feet of water.

Early and late topwater bites around grass lines and isolated cover on main lake and secondary points. Try frog and mouse patterns for topwater. Bass are schooling in creeks, so a hard-bodied popper should work. Bream are shallow, try small hoppers. Sand bass are schooling mid-lake.

Lake Fork crappie fishing is heating back up as we begin to head into early fall. The black crappie are stacking up in huge numbers this week on brush piles and other structures. The bite for them is still a little finicky but small hand tied jigs swam over them or small jig heads tipped with minnows are working to get them in the boat. Still having to go thru numbers of fish to find the larger ones. The white crappie are also showing up on timber along creek channels in 18-28 feet. That bite has gotten stronger and the minnow tipped jig heads are working well on those fish. Have caught some fish on soft plastics the last few weeks. We should see the

bite getting even better when water temps drop down as we begin to cool down more.

Tawakoni: Good. Water lightly stained; 80 degrees; 0.89 feet below pool. Hybrid stripers and white bass are good with limits possible. Fish are feeding midday. The best depth has been 10-14 feet of water with lures. Eating sized catfish are red hot on prepared baits. This bite will continue until late November. The trophy catfish bite is kicking off. Starting to see fish in the 20-30 pound range being caught on fresh cut shad in 18-30 feet. Crappie have been slow. Largemouth bass are picking up and we are seeing fish feeding at daylight and dusk. Shaky heads, frogs in pads and shallow cranks on dock legs and irrigation intakes are working best. Report by Captain Michael Littleiohn, Lake Tawakoni Guide Ser-

## Seek the Lord

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him.

and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Isaiah 55:6-7 (NIV)

# Obituaries

#### Kathy Suzann Stephens

1966 - 2025

Funeral services for Kathy Suzann Stephens, 59, of Emory, will be held on Friday, October 10, at 2:00 p.m., at Goggans Funeral Home in Terrell.

Mrs. Stephens died peacefully on Oct. 4, 2025, surrounded by her family. She was born on August 24, 1966.

She was rich beyond measure in the love she showed everyone and the love she received in return. She was well

known for working at Emory Food Mart, when it was the only grocery store in town. She was kind, loyal, wise, and proud of her Texas roots, family, and especially her grandchildren. She will be missed by her



large family and many friends. She is survived by husband,

Tim Stephens; daughters, Jesseca Williams and Kristi Kreuzer; mother, Evelyn Paddock; siblings, Arlis D. Horrocks and Nita Archambault; and five grandchildren, Christopher, Damien, Christian, Taylor and Kristiana.

She was preceded in death by her father, Arlis Horrocks; sister,

Lois Prince; and best friend of 44 years, Veronica Limsky.

A visitation will be held on Thursday, Oct. 9, from 5:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m., at Goggans Funeral Home in Terrell.

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## Is Long-Term Care Insurance Worth It?

Dear Savvy Senior, My husband and I have been thinking about getting a

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term insurance worth it?

Approaching Retirement

Dear Approaching, There are two key factors you need to consider that can help you determine if purchasing a long-term care (LTC) insurance policy is a smart decision for you and your husband. One factor is your financial situation and second is your health history. Currently, around 7.5 million Americans own a policy.

#### Who Needs LTC Insurance?

As the cost of LTC which includes nursing home, assisted living and in-home care – continues to rise, it's important to know that most people pay for LTC either from personal savings or Medicaid when their savings is depleted, or through a LTC insurance

National median average costs for nursing home care today is over \$100,000 a year, according to the Genworth Cost of Care survey. Assisted living facilities and home care aides average more than \$65,000/year.

While national statis show that about 70 percent of Americans 65 and older will need some kind of LTC, the fact is, many people

don't need to purchase LTC insurance. The reasons stem from a range of factors, including the fact that relatively few people have enough wealth to protect to make purchasing a policy worthwhile.

Another important factor is that most seniors who need LTC only need it for a short period of time, for example, when they're recovering from surgery. For those people, Medicare covers in-home health care and nursing home stays of 100 days or less following a hospital stay of more than 3

#### So, who should consider buying a policy?

consecutive days.

LTC insurance make the most sense for people who have investable assets of \$500,000 to around \$2 million that they want to protect. Anything less, and you will likely deplete your resources and go on Medicaid for LTC coverage. Anything more, and you can probably afford to pay for care yourself. Another factor to weigh is

your personal health and family health history. The two most common reasons seniors need extended longterm care is because of dementia and/or disability. And, almost half of all people who live in nursing homes are 85 years or older. So, what's your family history for Alzheimer's, stroke or some other disabling health condition, and do you have a family history of longevity?

You also need to factor in tend to live longer than men, they are at greater risk of needing extended LTC.

#### Choosing LTC Coverage

After evaluating your situation, if you're leaning towards buying a LTC policy, be aware that premiums can vary widely. According to the American Association for Long-Term Care Insurance, premiums for a policy bought by a couple who are both age 65 for a benefit pool of \$165,000 each, with a 3 percent inflation rider, ranged from \$7,137 to \$8,493 a year.

You can buy LTC insurance from an insurance company or through an agent. Or you might also be able to buy a policy at work. Be sure to get quotes from several sources for the same coverage to compare prices.

There are two main types of long-term care coverage you'll want to consider. Traditional LTC insurance, which is "use it or lose it." And hybrid policies that combine LTC coverage with benefits. life-insurance These policies promise that if you don't end up needing long-term care, your beneficiaries will receive a death benefit. Both types of policies require medical underwriting to qualify.

Another hybrid product to consider is an income annuity that includes a provision to increase your payout if you need LTC. However, the payout may not cover the full cost of care, and the added cost of this provision, known as a rider, can reduce the standard payout from the annu-

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

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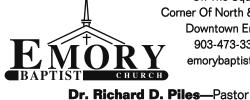
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#### **NOTICE TO CREDITORS** IN THE ESTATE OF RONALD HENRY BURNS, **DECEASED**

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Ronald Henry Burns, Deceased, were issued on September 9, 2025, under Docket No. 3357, pending in the County Court of Rains County, Texas, to Alexander E. Mehnert.

Claims may be presented as follows:

Representative, Estate of Ronald Henry Burns,

Deceased

c/o Philip D. Alexander Number One Planters Street P.O. Box 38

Emory, Texas 75440

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

DATED September 26, 2025

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#### **PUBLIC NOTICE** CITY OF EAST TAWAKONI **ACCEPTING SEALED BIDS FOR**

**SURPLUS PROPERTY** 

The City of East Tawakoni is accepting sealed bids for the sale surplus vehicles of beginning Friday October 10, 2025. The auction will remain open for bids until Friday October 24, 2025, until 4 P.M.

All bids will be opened October 27, 2025, at 10:00 AM. Highest bids will be contacted on October 20, 2025, when to pick up vehicles.

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# **Sports**

RAINS LADY CAT VOLLEYBALL

# **Lady Cats fall to Lady Mustangs**



Rains Lady Cat Audra Kleinmeier (9) sets the ball to the net for a kill attempt during the 3-0 district loss to the Paris Chisum Lady Mustangs on Tuesday, October 7, at Rains High School. The Lady Cats fall to 0-5 in District 12-3A and 5-25 overall for the season.

#### THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY

## Governor breaks ranks to Like Ike

ceremony at the Alamo. This unprecedented show of support by the Democratic



governor for the Republipresidential nominee crushed hope Stevenson had of carrying the Lone

Star State. As early as 1943, in the middle of World War II, both the Democratic and parties Republican approached Gen. Eisen-

hower about running for the White House. He spurned the suggestion saying that a simple soldier should be left alone to do his duty.

Five years later, party bigwigs were at it again, this time attempting to draft the war hero for the nomination. Once more the overtures met with a cool reception from Ike, who insisted there was no place in politics for professional soldiers.

Resigning as commander of down on paper. the North Atlantic Treaty Alliance, he returned to the informed the waiting press States to campaign actively for the GOP nomination that he won on the first ballot.

When Gov. Adlai Stevenson of Illinois was chosen for the top spot on the opposing ticket in July 1952, his Texas counterpart was already a disenchanted Democrat. A conservative critic of the Truman administration, Shivers snorted, "Stevenson-

a Harvard accent.' But the governor promised to abide by the verdict of the national convention, if Stevenson stood with Texas on the tidelands the controversial question.

Representative

Allen Shivers joined explained over lunch, con-Dwight Eisenhower on Oct. gress balked way back in 14, 1952 for a wreath-laying 1845 at assuming the debts of the Texas Republic as the price of annexation. Exhaustive negotiations produced an historic compromise: Texas would remain responsible for the debts incurred during the decade of independence but would keep her public lands, including ten and a half miles out into the Gulf of Mexico. Of course, no one knew at the time that the offshore claim contained a fabulous fortune

> One hundred and five years later, the U.S. Supreme Court nullified the tidelands clause of the annexation treaty. A sympathetic congress twice passed bills restoring Texas' right to the tidelands only to have the legislation vetoed by President Harry Truman. Faced with the same situation, Shivers asked, what would Stevenson do?

To his credit, Stevenson candidly confessed he too would veto any act of congress that reversed the high court ruling. At the Then in 1952 Eisenhower request of Gov. Shivers, he did an abrupt about-face. even put that fateful opinion

Shivers solemnly corps of the disappointing outcome. As a result of his position on the tidelands tempest, the governor declared he could not back Adlai Stevenson for presi-

dent. had hardly Shivers unpacked his bags before going on statewide radio to report to the people on his fruitless trip up north. Reiterating his implacable oppoism will be Trumanism with sition to Stevenson, he stopped short of endorsing the Republican standard

Speaker of the House Sam Rayburn demanded equal time to rebut the governor issue. In August 1952, he and to implore Texans to flew to Springfield, Illinois to stick with the Democratic confront the candidate on Party as they had done in every presidential election As Shivers patiently save one since statehood.

But Rayburn and Sen. Lyndon Johnson were waging an uphill battle on behalf of the unpopular Stevenson.

While prominent figures organized a "Democrats for Eisenhower" movement, the governor pondered options. As he later recalled, "I had said I was not going to vote for Stevenson. And if I was not going to vote for him, there was only one person to vote for and that was Eisenhower. And then if I was going to vote for him, I should announce publicly that I would vote for him. And if I was going to vote for him, I might as well support

With the election less than a month away, Shivers put his career on the line by endorsing the Republican: "I will vote for Texas-born Dwight D. Eisenhower for President of the United States." And to prove his point, the governor appeared alongside the candidate several days later at the Alamo.

Despite frantic appeals from Rayburn and Johnson, a solid majority of Texans refused to vote the traditional straight ticket in November 1952. For only the second time since joining the Union, the Lone Star electorate embraced the presidential nominee of the

The 1956 election was an instant replay as Gov. Shivers again snubbed Stevenson and again climbed on-board the "I Like Ike" bandwagon. Proving 1952 was no fluke, Eisenhower widened his winning margin to 55 percent of the popular vote in the Lone Star State.

The Eisenhower victories in the 1950's marked the beginning of the end of one-party politics in Texas. Pariahs since Reconstruction, Republicans started to give Democrats a run for their money in local as well as statewide contests.

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

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TESTIMONIES BY: RAINS ISD STUDENTS

**LUKE CLAYTON** 

# Archery talk and the hot wire hog

almost four decades now and weekly author of this outdoor column, as might be expected, I have been



exposed to a great deal the outdoor lifestyle has to offer. This week, I want to share with you a closeto-home

details what extent an old hunter will go to put game on the meat pole. You will probably get a chuckle out of my encounter with a big boar and a "hot" electric fence. But first, I will share with you what I consider a revolutionary system for ordering a bow online that arrives perfectly set up and ready for the shooter to make final adjustments. Let

Pyramyd Air is well known as "the" place for everything related to airguns. The company offers all the popular air guns and accessories, a one-stop shop, if you will, for everything airgun related. Through the years, I've depended upon the company for all my airgun needs. You might know that I shoot and hunt a great deal with PCP air rifles that pressure up to 4,500 psi that are more than up to the task of efficiently killing big game such as deer and wild hogs. You might not know that Pyramyd Air also offers a wide variety of outdoor gear including a well-stocked archery depart-

Shopping online has become very popular these days and the company saw the need to ship bows that were set up and adjusted to fit the shooter. Things such as draw length, peep sight placement, poundage, etc., must be taken into consideration, things that previously had to be done by a bow technician at a pro shop. I think it important to state that I absolutely love archery pro shops, I actually have a couple of friends that own pro shops. Hands on instructions are important in archery, especially for those that are getting fitted for their first bow and a there are those that simply don't live close to a pro shop and wish to choose and order a bow online. A compound bow 'off the shelf requires the instillation of peep sight, arrow rest, quiver, etc. and each bow must be adjusted to perfectly fit the shooter.

Until Mr. Ron Duker, the archery manager with Pyramyd Air, developed and patented a system for setting up a compound bow that perfectly fit the shooter it times an hour or so after

was necessary to locate a qualified technician to do the work locally. I've been a bow hunter for many years now and after visiting with Ron, I was excited to learn exactly how his newly patented method could be accomplished with measurements made by the shooter.

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and it's my go to bow for hunting. But I thought it would be an interesting experiment to actually go online to Pyramyd Air, pick out an entry level bow, input my measurements and have it shipped to my home where I could see how accurate this newly developed system works. I ordered a bow for about \$500, I won't name the make. After inputting all my measurements including a vertical measurement from the corner of my eye to the corner of my mouth, I made the online purchase. In a few days the bow arrived, with peep sight, D loop for attaching my release, bow sight, quiver, etc. All I needed to do was the final sight in. Now, a \$500 dollar entry level bow shoots nowhere nearly as smooth as a top of the line compound that costs almost three times this amount and drawing and shooting this bow took me back to how most all compound bows shot a couple decades ago. When I drew the bow, the peep sight was in precisely the right spot. I paced 20 yards and placed the green top pin on the center of the bulls eye, squeezed the release and let the arrow fly. It impacted 3 inches left of the bulls eye and was perfect in elevation. I was amazed at how a few easy to make measurements could result in such accuracy. After a phone visit with Mr. Duker I learned there was quite a bit of math involved in the patented process he developed. Honestly I could care less about how the math results in an 'out of the box' bow that needs only a final adjustment but I was amazed by the fact that it does. Now I have a back up bow that I've been shooting out to 25 qualified bow technician yards that was shipped right spots where the hog cross can be very helpful. But to my door, ready to shoot. under the fence, wired the To learn more about the process, visit www.pyramydair.com click 'archery', pick out a bow and you can see the simple but effective process. HOT WIRE HOG My

buddy down the road lives in wild hog central. Each fall when squirrels knock green pecans on the ground, wild porkers show up in force. He called and said he had spotted on two occasions a big boar in the area, both org.

dark. Big boars dig big holes in hay meadows and are never welcome by farmers or ranchers. I have a corn feeder hanging from a low limb of a pecan tree about 25 yards from a cross fence that has a VERY hot electrical wire. Last week, I parked by truck about 50 yards from the feeder, settled into the bed of the truck in my comfortable office swivel chair, began sipping on some cold green tea and waited for the hog. Just after dark, I began seeing hogs coming through the pecan grove, a bunch of them. At one time I counted 30 across the fence heading my direction. My plan was to wait for the boar and make the shot on my side of the fence. That first evening, the lone boar showed up well in front of the others, munched green pecans on the far side of the fence but would not cross over. I could have easily made the 60-yard shot but I didn't want to deal with that hot wire. I wanted to photograph the hogs and possibly remove the backstraps for an upcoming barbecue! A pack of coyotes showed up and spooked the sounder of smaller hogs and soon they disappeared. The big boar was not the least bit concerned with approaching coyotes nor they with him. The pack disappeared in the direction of the big sounder of smaller hogs. The boar slowly ambled back in the pecan trees rather than cross the fence to much corn under

The next evening I was back with a vengeance! After a short 45 minute sit I heard water splashing in the nearby slough. It was the boar and he was back on the far side of the fence to enjoy more green pecans. watched him for a good 10 minutes and fully expected him to head for the corn on the ground under the feeder. When he began to feed farther away, I settled the ATN Thor thermal scopes crosshairs on the hog and squeezed the trigger. The shot was perfect and my hog was on the ground- 30 yards across that dang hot wire fence. I located the bottom strand up and belly crawled through the fence remaining VERY low to the ground. This hunt is available to watch now on YouTube and Carbon TV. Search out "A Sportsman's Life" I was unable to film my antics of making it under the fence which I am sure would have given you a very

my feeder. My hunt was

over for the evening.

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