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Just moseying on through



Leader photo by CHUCK FITTS

A rider on horseback, identified as Mike, was seen passing through Emory Monday afternoon, October 20. Mike was on his way to Sulphur Springs after attending Autumn Trails in Winnsboro over the weekend. His goal is to trail all over the state of Texas on horseback.

EMORY

City loans money to water/sewer department, appoints interim officials

By CHUCK FITTS
Rains County Leader staff

The Emory City Council loaned money to the water department and appointed an interim police chief and city administrator during its regular meeting on Tuesday, October 14.

During the meeting, the council was presented with a resolution that would loan the City of Emory Water and Sewer department \$180,000 from the city's general fund. The funds for the department were low as they finished work at the corner of Hwy. 69 and Hwy. 515. They anticipate recuperating the \$180,000 from sewer connection fees from commercial properties,

but the properties will need to sell first.

The money can not be transferred from the city's general fund to the department. The city will have to loan the money and collect interest on the debt. The resolution set a five-year term on the loan to the water-sewer department and it will pay back the general fund monthly with interest.

The resolution to loan the money to the department from the general fund was unanimously approved by the council.

Council members adjourned into executive session for about 15 minutes to discuss personnel matters. Upon re-

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POINT

Council discusses water notification issues, remodeling of community center

By CHUCK FITTS
Rains County Leader staff

The Point City Council discussed issues with emergency water shutoff notifications, upcoming remodeling of Point Community Center and changed bank account signatories during the regular meeting on Tuesday, October 14.

During the meeting, Cora Mae Moore and Penny Whitrock spoke to the council concerning issues that arose when the water was shut off on September 25.

Moore, a hair stylist, had a client with chemicals in their hair and needed water to remove them. She stated that

she had received no notification of the water being shut off and had to search for solutions to help her client.

When she contacted Point City Hall to determine what had happened, Moore was informed by City Secretary Heather Rollins that a water main pipe had broken and water was shut off for repair. Rollins noted that it was later determined that a new employee had inadvertently shut off water to the whole city and not just the area in need of repair.

Moore asked why they hadn't been notified and Rollins stated that an alert had been sent through text message

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RAINS COUNTY ESD

District orders two tankers, replaces windows at EMS station

By CHUCK FITTS
Rains County Leader staff

The Rains County Emergency Service District (ESD) board held a regular meeting on Monday, October 20, to order two new tanker trucks and approve replacement of windows at the EMS Station.

During the meeting, the board discussed proposals for new tanker trucks for the Emory VFD and Point VFD. Emory had planned to buy a new truck and send the existing truck to Point, but Point secured a grant for \$300,000 towards their own tanker truck.

The quote for the vehicles was around \$724,946 each. The plan was changed to ask for tankers for each department with the existing truck moving to East Tawakoni.

When asked about grants for the East Tawakoni VFD, they stated that plans were to get a tanker as well, but decided a brush truck would be more beneficial to the community.

The board unanimously approved the purchase of two tanker trucks for Emory and Point.

Board members reviewed bids to replace windows in the EMS building on East Lennon Drive. A representative

from Hopkins County EMS offered their opinion on which bid they preferred. The board unanimously approved the bid to replace 11 windows at the station for \$12,200.

The board approved a yearly incentive pay for volunteer firefighters in the amount of \$39,750.

In monthly activity reports for September, the Emory VFD was dispatched on 94 calls including 62 medical assists, ten good intent calls, eight fires, six motor vehicle accidents, four false alarms, three service calls and a hazardous condition.

Point VFD responded to 50 calls dur-

ing the month of September. The department responded to 33 medical assists, seven public service calls, four fires, five good intent calls and a motor vehicle accident.

The East Tawakoni VFD went on 16 medical assists calls, a motor vehicle accident and a lift assist call for a total of 18 requests for service during September.

All board members were present for the regular meeting.

The next regular meeting of the Rains County ESD Board is scheduled for Monday, November 17, at 6:30 p.m. at the Emory VFD Fire Station.

SPOTLIGHT

Griselda Chalk is local American Legion Auxiliary President

By JUDY KRAMER
Rains County Leader contributor

Griselda Chalk's husband Lowel (Ed) is commander of the American Legion post in Emory so it is not surprising that she might be involved in Post 156 activities. In fact, she has been president of the American Legion Auxiliary for close to four years.

"I went to a dinner with the Auxiliary members, and they asked me if I would like to join," said Chalk. "I did join and at the next meeting I was elected president. It was a learning experience requiring training, go-

ing through guidelines, learning ceremonies and Roberts Rules of Order."

She said that the group raises funds to support veterans. They contact the homes veterans are in to discover their individual needs, especially at Christmas. She said that they visit all the vets in nursing homes on all holidays.

Some fundraisers take place during Founder's Day in May, then they sell poppies in May. This year the auxiliary did a car show during the Rains County Fair and will have the first annual Golf Ball Drop on November first.

"Some of our funds will be used for the Veteran's Day Parade which takes place on November 8, with the lineup starting at the storm shelter," said Chalk. "There will be a grand marshal, honorary grand marshal, Rains homecoming queen, fair queens and other auxiliary groups in the area. We are also sending money to organizations in the hill country of Texas where the flooding took place. A poster of our sponsors will be on the square for the parade and golf drop. Lana Carlisle oversees the parade and golf

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Griselda Chalk



City Girl:
Drama on the front porch

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The strange World of ...

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Wildcat Sports

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Rain Report

Sat., Oct. 18 0.33 in.
Sun., Oct. 19 0.01 in.
Total for Oct. 0.34 in.
Year to date 38.72 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 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., 1-3 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 Marina

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, 903-269-8446

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. & Thurs.

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

NEWS BRIEFS

Good Sam Clothes/ Thrift Shop Sales

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

Monster Mash Bash Oct. 24

The Rains County Special Needs Foundation is having a Monster Mash Bash on Friday, October 24, from 6:00-8:00 p.m., at the Rose Community Center in Emory. There will be snacks, games, activities, and dancing to music by local DJ, Jonathan Lance. There is no charge for the event and is open to families and adults with special needs.

Turning Point USA Meeting Oct. 28

Turning Point USA Faith Texas Director Pastor Bryan Chapman will be speaking at Brightcross' Principled Studies Group on Tuesday, October 28, at 6:30 p.m., at Roma Italian Restaurant, 2450 FM 47, Point, TX 75472. All welcome to come learn about Charlie's vision for the future.

Campaign Kick-off Event Oct. 29

Darrell Day, one of seven Republican primary candidates for the new 32nd Congressional District, will host a Campaign Kick-off Event on October 29, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., at Venue 101 Event Center located at 101 N. Texas St., in Emory. The Rains County Republican County Chair and the seven Precinct Chairs will also be in attendance. The public is invited to attend and ask questions.

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 903-662-8621.

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.

Making the Most of Medicare Open Enrollment

When you turn 65, Medicare becomes a vital part of your health care coverage. But Medicare isn't a "set and forget" program. You have the opportunity – and often the need – to review and adjust your coverage every year during the annual open enrollment, between October. 5 and December 7. Here are some things to consider:



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premium saves money overall because of lower copays.

- Prescription drug coverage: It's crucial to verify that your medications are included.
- Your health care needs for the coming year: Make sure your potential plan covers the care you expect to need.
- And travel plans: Frequent travelers might want supplemental coverage for overseas medical emergencies not covered by Medicare.

So, take advantage of Medicare's annual open enrollment to ensure the coverage you choose is the best one to meet your needs.

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EMORY

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turning to open session, they unanimously approved the appointment of Leah Drown as the interim city administrator for the city.

The council appointed Cameron Demps as interim Chief of Police for the Emory Police Department. Demps fills the position vacated by Tom Parsons, who resigned to return to Forney PD.

Council members reviewed the request of K & S Creations for a partial refund of their fee for vendor permit. The company received the permit to sell items in the city, but were forced to close on two of the six days that they set up.

On the days they were forced to close, the owners set up in the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) right-of-way on Hwy. 69, which is not allowed. Emory PD told them they would have to leave the location forcing them to shut down.

With the miscommunication and rules revisions, a motion was made and unanimously approved to refund the owners \$50 of the permit fee.

In preparation for the Founders Day Festival next year, the council unanimously approved a noise variance for the event on May 2, 2026 in Sandy Creek Park. They also approved a variance to allow the sale/consumption of alcohol in the park on that same day.

The council was updated on the status of establishing a schedule of fees for building permits, inspections and related fees. Drown hoped to bring an ordinance to the council soon to set this schedule for the city. No action was taken on the item.

Councilwoman Jannie Stephens was not present for the regular meeting.

The next regular meeting of the Emory City Council is scheduled for Tuesday, November 11, at 7:00 p.m. in the council chambers of Emory City Hall.

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and emails. She was sorry they hadn't received the alert and offered to bring water to the salon. Moore asked for the water and went next door to find more water.

While Moore was out, Rollins delivered the water to the salon and hurried back to city hall to deal with the water crisis. Moore stated that her client and another lady in the salon felt that Rollins was rude when she dropped the water off.

Rollins said that she wasn't rude and was in a hurry when dropping off the water. She apologized for appearing to be rude to Moore and her client, but Moore continued to state that Rollins had been rude.

Mayor Pro-Tem Tammy Hooten took back control of the meeting and stated that the city was sorry for the problems with the notifications. A motion was made to table the agenda item on water notifications so that city officials can a better solution during emergencies.

Jenny Henson came before the council asking why the Point Civic Club needed to move their records out of the office in the Point Community Center. She was informed that the request was made out of caution for the historic records with the remodeling of the building scheduled for early next year.

Henson stated that it would be difficult for the club to move the records somewhere else, and that she had understood that the remodel wouldn't affect the office area. Council members were not sure if the remodeling would include the office area. The item was tabled for the council to review the plans.

Hooten stated to the council that she asked for the item to be put on the agenda to remove her from signatories on all bank accounts as she was not running for re-election to the city council. The new signatories would be council member Angela Nelson, who is running unopposed for mayor of the city, and council member Ray Lacy, who is running unopposed for his current seat.

The council unanimously approved the motion to remove Hooten and add Nelson and Lacy as signatories on the city bank accounts.

The council approved a professional service agreement with Hayter Engineering to handle the chemical feed change notification for the city with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ).

Council members unanimously accepted election contract with Rains County for the November election, adopted new logos for the city and approved a holiday schedule for the city for 2025-2026.

The council was informed of current water projects in the city, updated on the status of the truck obtained from the local fire department and recognized two new businesses in the city.

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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

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ACROSS

- 1 acronym for Texas tax assessor org.
- 5 TXism: "get your ducks in ____"
- 6 film made in Texas: "The Thief Who ____ to Dinner"
- 7 Houston AM radio
- 8 TXism: "let sleeping dogs ____"
- 9 Houston's "The Old Violin Man" (2 wds.)
- 16 TXism: "still wet behind the ____"
- 18 TXism: "you don't need much sleep if you ____"
- 21 Longhorns are to UT what Buffaloes are to this sch.
- 22 coach Parcels predecessor, Campo plane of noted Texas pilot Wiley Post: "Winnie ____"
- 24 TXism: "speechifier"
- 30 Grand Prairie has annual pickled quail ____ contest
- 34 Cotulla is seat of ____ Salle County
- 35 TXism: "sticks like ____ road"
- 36 Houston Museum of Fine ____
- 37 medicine quantities
- 39 TXism: "he cooks with ____" (government worker)
- 43 TXism: "ain't got a lick of ____"
- 44 Humble festival: "____ Days"

- 45 TXism: "his age is higher than his ____" (dumb)
- 46 discount store found in Texas: ____ Club
- 47 the belly over the belt
- 49 Spanish word for "our"
- 52 gull-like bird
- 53 dir. to Elgin from Pleasanton

- 54 TXism: "active as a fox ____ house"
- 55 indisputable
- 58 put in another lawn
- 59 TXism: "____ wrangler" (CPA)
- 60 this Blab played four seasons for the Mavericks (1985-89)
- 61 comely shoe maker in San Antonio

DOWN

- 1 Cowboy Bob Lilly's defensive position
- 2 a non-Texas oil producer: Saudi ____
- 3 home of East Texas A&M University

- 4 Dublin description? "____ lad" (small)
- 9 "Neon Deion" (init.)
- 10 TXism for antiquated (3 wds.) tidy
- 11 jeans inventor, Strauss
- 12 turns over
- 14 TXism: "____ he's a rooster, he'll crow"
- 15 president and governor of Texas, Houston
- 17 in Fort Bend County on U.S. 59 (2 wds.)
- 19 TXism: "snake oil ____" (con man)
- 20 makes fun of another person

TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison

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- 29 Texas Tech athlete: "Rad ____"
- 31 grad. sch. exam
- 32 DFW arrival guess
- 33 TXism: "____ whole hog" (no holding back)
- 38 trap
- 40 TXism: "rough as a ____ cob"
- 41 Rangers SS, Benji (1993-97)
- 42 dates when the sun crosses the equator
- 48 look intently
- 50 OK town
- 51 TXism: "cowboy bath day" (abbr.)
- 56 unborn baby
- 57 "I taut ____ puddy tail"

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Sheriff's Report

The Rains County Sheriff's Office took the following reports of activity during the week of October 13-19:

Arrests

10-13: Charles Davis. Private security knowingly failed to maintain insurance, \$ 7 5 , 7 7 1 bond.



MICHAEL HOPKINS
Rains County Sheriff

1 0 - 1 3 : M i c h a e l B r a d l e y Lemmond.

Driving while intoxicated 2nd, \$25,000 bond.

10-13: Cody Ryan McAree. Possession of a controlled substance PG 3 less than 28 gr., no bond listed.

10-17: Billy Paul Neal. Assault causing bodily injury to family member, \$25,000 bond.

10-17: Bryan Spence. Criminal mischief greater than or equal to \$100 less than \$750, \$10,000 bond.

10-18: Caleb Howe. Consumption of alcohol by a minor, no bond listed.

10-19: Jessica Daniel Quinn. Driving while intoxicated 3rd or more if at trial, \$75,000 bond.

Calls

10-13: PR 5441 Medical alarm 83-year-old male sweating a lot and needs to be transported to the hospital; FM 2737 Seven donkeys out on the roadway; CR 3425 Female saw someone in her yard with a flashlight and she fired a shot in the air and they left; Point 2nd St. Medical assist 84-year-old male fell just inside back door; East Tawakoni (ET) Briggs Blvd. Medical assist 45-year-old male left side of body numb and trouble breathing; Skyline Dr. Animal welfare concern for dog

whose owner went to the hospital; PR 7423 Controlled brush fire; CR 1540 Medical assist 69-year-old female may be having a stroke; Sheriff's Office (SO) Caller has questions about a sex offender; Hwy. 19N Medical assist 39-year-old male with gangrene in his foot and in pain; FM 513 Male screaming saying someone is off their medication and causing problems and they have a knife; Hwy. 19N Welfare concern for male who fell; Airport Rd. Suspicious person; Hwy. 19N Medical assist 58-year-old female with low body temperature; FM 2795 Theft of hay bailer monitor; SO lobby Male reports someone stole fishing poles out of the back of his truck while he was at Sidekick's; E Lennon Dr. Reckless driver - one arrested; PR 5449 Medical assist 74-year-old female possibly having a stroke; Hwy. 19N Welfare concern for male with Parkinson's; FM 515 Vehicle struck a dog and has a lot of damage and the dog is still alive; SO lobby Complaint concerning male striking a two-year-old in the back of the head at the Rains Development Center; PR 7709 Controlled burn; Hwy. 69 Reckless driver in Dodge truck trying to hit a Kia Sol; Hwy. 19N Reckless driver in small white 4-door car driving at high speeds; FM 2737 Male would like help retrieving a box blind from a property he previously hunted on that was sold; CR 1310 Brush fire from previous day is reigniting; FM 779 Welfare concern for female in danger in vehicle with the driver acting crazy - one male arrested; CR 1308 Medical assist 81-year-old female with breathing problems; CR 2250 Trash in the roadway; S Texas St. Female

screaming for help.

10-14: Hwy. 19N Medical assist 84-year-old male slipped out of his chair; Doris Briggs Pkwy. Male with long grey hair came inside and is talking to himself; E Lennon Dr. Two-vehicle accident; Rhodes Dr. Female trying to leave and male won't let her; Honeysuckle Ln. Truck behind garbage truck acting crazy drove around caller and into a field; CR 1310 Brush fire from other day reigniting; Ave. A Medical assist 40-year-old female with difficulty breathing; Hwy. 19S Black cow standing on the white line on the road; S Dunbar St. Neighbor dispute and two in custody for assault family violence; Hwy. 69 Reckless driver in white Kia unable to maintain lane and speeding; FM 2795 Cow in the road; CR 1307 Medical assist 68-year-old female fell and can't get up; Hwy. 19N Medical assist male on hospice fell; CR 1425 Neighbor's dog has been chasing the caller's son down the road and caller would like for the dog to be put on a leash or cage so it will stop chasing her son; CR 1320 Reckless driver in black Chevy truck possibly with intoxicated driver; FM 275 Driver struck a deer.

10-15: PR 7330 Medical assist 74-year-old male with dementia screaming and not acting normal; FM 2737 Herd of donkeys on the road; CR 4455 Male heard someone at his door for about 30 minutes; Hwy. 19N Neighbor is trying to get into female's trailer and he seems dazed and confused; CR 4455 Male hears someone outside again; Emory 2nd St Medical assist 84-year-old male fell out of bed and can't get up; SO lobby Male is having trouble with people in a home that he owns; Skyline Dr. Neighbor dispute about a car in the wrong driveway; FM 2795 Medical assist Person having a seizure; FM 2795 Vehicle in the roadway; Doris Briggs Pkwy. Male standing by dumpster smoking and looking in windows; E Lennon Dr. Abandoned vehicle; SO lobby Gun that was reported lost or stolen was found; FM 3299 Medical assist for employee with a cut on her forehead; Skyline Dr. Male ran the caller off the road and slammed him in his car door two times; CR 4455 Welfare concern for male who hasn't slept in two days and says his dead father is there commanding other

spirits to remove him from the home; CR 3030 84-year-old female with history of stroke having problems with her memory; CR 1395 Male stated that he was going to try and take their son from caller and she wants to make sure he isn't at her residence; Skyline Dr. Reckless driver has been drinking; Hwy. 19S Welfare concern for female who is drinking again and can't be reached; PR 7332 Medical assist for person who just got out of hospital for a stroke but needs to go back; FM 47 Breach of domestic protective order by a female; FM 2737 Donkeys out; CR 1399 Repossession of Ford Ranger; FM 2795 Report of vehicle on side of road with driver sitting behind the vehicle with a dog; FM 2795 Suspicious vehicle near abandoned homes.

10-16: W Lennon Dr. Male keeps coming in and hanging around; Skyline Dr. Neighbor dispute; SO lobby Female want to get an emergency protective order against a male because he is threatening suicide and using hard core drugs; Hwy. 19N Dead deer at entrance to neighborhood; CR 4235 Medical assist 46-year-old female struggling to breathe; W Quitman St. Medical assist 69-year-old female fell in the shower; SO call Someone is trying to use female's phone number to get human services and requesting cards saying she can get food; CR 1308 Audio equipment being rewired in home under construction was cut; ET Garrett Ave. Welfare concern for 91-year-old female has been hallucinating; CR 2110 Medical assist 44-year-old male light headed with sinus infection and cellulitis; E Lennon Dr. Suspicious person; SO lobby Male provided information on good character letter for immigration; W Quitman St. Disorderly conduct; County Clerk's Office Male in custody is banging his head on the glass; Hwy. 69 at Hwy. 19 Reckless driver all over the road; Hwy. 19 Reckless driver Chevy Tahoe drove past caller on the right hand side at high rate of speed; Hwy. 19N Dead deer by mailbox; PR 5451 Medical assist for male who just got out of hospital and needs help getting out of vehicle; SO lobby Bag of needles found in the park turned into SO; Kansas St. Medical assist 47-year-old male with chest pains and history of

heart attacks; Tawakoni Dr. Female was assaulted in her truck and thrown to the ground; CR 4400 Suspicious person walking; Lake Fork Dr. Power plant box is sparking; FM 2737 Donkeys out; SO lobby Female reports they were attacked at the park; Hwy. 19N Abandoned vehicle.

10-17: CR 2420 Camper on fire; Skyline Dr. Medical assist male fell and thinks he broke his hip; Hwy. 69 Controlled burn; E Lennon Dr. Theft at Dollar General; Laresa St. Medical assist for male in kidney failure; CR 3330 Dogs being aggressive to UPS driver; Hwy. 19 Medical assist for lethargic female who has been drinking; SO lobby Female receiving threatening texts and phone calls from estranged husband; CR 1490 Animal welfare concern for dogs on property where dogs were previously seized for malnutrition; FM 2324 Animal bite reported; FM 2324 5-6 donkeys in the road; E North St. Neighbor has a rooster and person wants to know if there is an ordinance for roosters; CR 1220 Medical assist 79-year-old male who has been sick and had a stroke a few months ago; E Lennon Dr. Abandoned car in caller's driveway; Santa Fe St. Child custody issues female went to pick up kids and no one is home; Hwy. 2795 Hit and run accident; FM 515 Renter thinks someone is living at storage units; CR 1307 Domestic disturbance intoxicated male slapped female; CR 3335 Son is kicking storm door and damaging property; CR 1307 Medical assist male with breathing issues.

10-18: E Lennon Dr. Suspicious vehicle sitting for an hour; CR 3350 Husband is irate and won't leave caller alone; Hwy. 69 Person in the ditch by the solar farm; Hwy. 276 Suspicious vehicle been parked there all night with the light on; Hwy. 276 Domestic disturbance between brother and sister while parents are out of town; FM 2946 Two-vehicle accident; CR 4480 Medical assist 69-year-old male can't move and in pain and may be having heart attack; Hwy. 276 Found property; McMillan Dr. Assault of female; CR 1412 Welfare concern 70-year-old female fell two days before and needs to to to the ER now; CR 1402 Controlled burn; FM 2946 Theft of service customer won't leave after she was

supposed to be out; CR 1622 Medical assist 76-year-old male with severe leg and back pain; FM 779 Welfare concern for a juvenile male; CR 1525 Neighbors are shooting gun in the air; FM 779 Male with schizophrenia walking on the road; Hwy. 19N Reckless driver in white F350 with trailer with no lights; CR 1540 Medical assist 52-year-old male with low blood pressure and chest pain; CR 3330 Suspicious vehicle.

10-19: Hwy. 19S Reckless driver; Hwy. 19N near the bridge Injured deer keeps crawling and may get into the road again; CR 3210 Medical assist 83-year-old male fell; Hwy. 69 Welfare concern for male walking on the side of the road; Hwy. 276 Medical assist 62-year-old female with rapid heart rate; CR 3237 40-year-old female with difficulty breathing; E North St. Box blade delivered was stolen; CR 2570 Out of control grass fire; Smith Cir. Animal kennel has a dead puppy in it; SO call Regarding a missing person with mental health issues; Hwy. 69 at Hwy. 19 Vehicle broke down at the stop light; FM 2737 Criminal trespass; FM 779 Missing female; PR 7703 Female screaming for help.

The Sheriff's Department reported 328 calls for the week. Among the calls were: 1 criminal trespass, 1 disorderly conduct, 7 disturbance, 2 domestic disturbance, 1 structure fire, 7 livestock on roadway, 6 neighbor disputes, 1 grass fire, 11 reckless driving, 3 repossessions 2 missing persons, 4 suspicious activities, 8 suspicious persons, 4 suspicious vehicles, 1 terroristic threats, 4 thefts, 4 warrant service 11 welfare concerns, 4 accidents, 4 controlled burns, 2 business alarms, 2 residence alarms, 1 animal bite, 4 animal welfare concerns, and 2 assaults.

There were 123 traffic stops, 42 citations, 74 warnings, 34 medical calls and 23 transports.

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Believer’s Baptist Church

By Linda Brendle

And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

Luke 11:9

Pastor Jaon Rolen’s message this week was called “The Incomparable Christ: The Power of Persevering (or Audacious) Prayer.” After teaching His disciples to pray, Jesus told the parable of the persistent neighbor to reinforce the pattern of prayer. We can always approach God with boldness, and He will never say, “Don’t bother Me.” He may not answer in our timing or according to what we want, but He will give us what we need.

The BBC family met at Sandy Creek Park Sunday night for Church in the Park for fun, fellowship, and Aaron Marshall’s prize-winning chili.

Sign-up sheets are available in the foyer

this month for 2026 service opportunities in and through the church.

RAFFA Clinic Baby Bottle Boomerang Fundraiser began this Sunday. Baby bottles are available in the foyer. Fill one with cash or a check and return it by November 16.

- Quarterly Members’ Meeting Sunday, October 26, 6:00 p.m.
- Reformation Day Party, Friday, October 31, 6-8:00 p.m.
- Time Change – back one hour – November 2.
- Home Group Fellowships – Sunday, November 2.
- Playground Fundraiser Garage Sale, November 7 and 8.

The Asking for a Friend Podcast Special Edition is titled “Spurgeon the Pastor with Geoff Chang” Find the link at www.bbcmemory.org.

Emory Baptist Church

By Ronnie Witt

“It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.”

Luke 15:32

On Sunday morning, Bro. Richard Piles shared a message from the book of Luke was titled, “Our Faithful Father is Waiting for You!” In the evening, Bro. Richard’s message from the book of II Samuel was titled, “When Relationships are Confusing.” After the message, Emory Baptist held the October Members Meeting.

On Monday night, Emory Baptist hosted Mr. Joe Nicks, Rains ISD Superintendent, who shared information about the Rains ISD VATRE that Rains County residents will vote on in the next election. T.E.L. met Tuesday in the fellowship hall for their monthly meeting where they took time to

appreciate the ministry staff. The Senior Adult Ministry meets Thursday, October 23, at 12:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall for Lunch & Game Day.

Looking ahead to next week, please join us Sunday morning for “Sonbeam Sunday.” This special Sunday morning service highlights the Sonbeam Day School ministry as we welcome Sonbeam students to sing a song they’ve been working on at school. Sonbeam Families, please be our special guests, and everyone else is welcome to come, too.

On Wednesday night, October 29, join us on North St. for EBC’s annual Fall Festival. There will be game booths, candy, inflatables, and hot dogs. Join us for this free family event. North St. is on the south side of the church property.

Emory Methodist Church

By Mary White

“His Master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful with a few things; I will put in charge of many things. Enter into the joy of the Lord.’”

Matthew 25:23

Rev. David Banks continued his series *Follow Me* titled “Sharing the Cadence of God’s Grace” with scripture text taken from Matthew 25 the Parable of the Talents. The scripture spoke on how God wants us to use our talents. Our responsibility is simply to do that which we are called to do, and nothing more. Be good stewards and share Christ’s Good News.

On Thursday, October 23 we went to the Emory Health & Rehab Center to visit with our friends once again. We sing, tell stories and just have great fellowship.

We appreciate all who made our Youth bake sale such a success.

Remember, AA meets on Tuesday and Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

Birthday wishes go to David Rodes, Sue Nichols and Larry Smith. Pray for Thomas White, Bessie Neff, Dee Fleming, Cheryl Traylor and Nan Owens.

Have a great Fall week and spread the Good News.

SAVVY SENIORS

How to Use Medicare’s Star Ratings System During Open Enrollment

Dear Savvy Senior,

What does Medicare factor into their star rating system? I



JIM MILLER
Savvy Senior

need to find a new Medicare plan during the open enrollment period and want to get it right this time.

Medicare Shopper

Dear Shopper,

If you’re shopping and comparing Medicare Advantage plans (the alternative to original Medicare) or Part D prescription drug plans during the open enrollment (Oct. 15 – Dec. 7), you’ll likely find a dizzying number of options to choose from. The Medicare star rating system is a terrific tool to help you narrow down your choices. Here’s what you should know.

Understanding Star Ratings

The Medicare star ratings, which you’ll find in the Medicare’s online Plan Finder tool at Medicare.gov/plan-compare, offers a short-hand look at how Medicare Advantage and Part D plans measure up for quality and member experience.

In this annual rating system, five stars means excellent, four means above average, three means average, two means below average, and one means poor.

Medicare Advantage plans (but not Part D plans) that get at least a four-star rating get bonus payments from Medicare, which they can use to provide extra benefits.

You should also know that plans that get fewer than

three stars for three consecutive years, can be terminated by Medicare, so plans are incentivized to keep their quality up. Such low-performing plans show up on Plan Finder with an upside-down red triangle that has an exclamation point inside.

People in these low-performing plans can switch to ones rated three stars or better during Medicare’s Special Enrollment Period for Disenrollment, which is between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31.

How Ratings Are Comprised

Part D and Medicare Advantage star ratings comprised up to 40 or 30 quality and performance measures, respectively. Ratings for both types of plans are based partly on member experience, customer service, and plan performance.

Part D ratings also assess prescription drug safety and pricing, while Medicare Advantage ratings also look at whether members are staying healthy and if ones with chronic conditions get the tests and treatments typically recommended to them.

Be aware that five-star plans are few and far between. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has revised the Medicare star rating methodology in recent years, making it extremely hard for a plan to earn five stars.

In 2025, just 2 percent of people with Medicare Advantage/Part D plans and 5 percent in stand-alone Part D plans have five stars. Four-star plans are much easier to find, as more than 70 percent of people with Medicare Advantage are

enrolled in them.

Shopping Tips

Here are some tips to consider when evaluating Medicare Advantage and Part D star ratings during open enrollment:

- **Don’t choose or reject a Medicare Advantage or Part D plan only because of its star rating.** Costs and access to services or health providers should be your top priority when choosing a plan. But a star rating could be your deciding factor when choosing between two plans with similar out-of-pocket costs and coverage.
- **Don’t panic if a plan’s 2026 star rating is slightly lower than its 2025 rating.** The downgrade could be due to a blip in the way the ratings are computed from year to year. It’s best to look at a plan’s star-rating history over several years.
- **If you’re fine with the cost and coverage of a plan but concerned about its star rating, click through the Medicare Plan Finder for the star ratings subcategories.** You’ll be able to see how the plan scored in the specific quality and member satisfaction yardsticks that matter to you.

If you have questions or need help choosing a plan, contact your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (877-839-2675, ShipHelp.org), which offers free unbiased Medicare counseling in person or over the phone.

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.

I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation;
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Psalms 40:9-10 (ESV)

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(Por orden general se ordena que se lleve a cabo una election **Noviembre 4, 2025** con el proposito de:)

GENERAL ELECTION
(ELECCION)

(2 YEAR TERM) OFFICE OF MAYOR ANGELA NELSON
(2 YEAR TERM) COUNCIL MEMBER PLACE 2 RAY LACY
(2 YEAR TERM) COUNCIL MEMBER PLACE 4 KIMBERLY BERG
(2 YEAR TERM) COUNCIL MEMBER PLACE 5 KIMBERLY BLISSETTE HALL, BECKY DECKER

(Expirado) Ayuntamiento de lugar Mayor, Place #2, Place #4, Place #5
(2 YEAR TERM) OFFICE OF MAYOR ANGELA NELSON
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Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at:
(La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en:)

Rains County Courthouse Annex
220 W. Quitman St., Emory, Texas 75440

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted at:
(La votación adelantada en persona se llevará:)

RAINS COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICE - 220 W. QUITMAN STREET, STE. E, EMORY, TEXAS 75440

Week 1: Monday, October 20, 2025 - Friday, October 24, 2025 (20 de octubre 2025 al 24 de octubre 2025) 8 AM to 5 PM
Week 2: Monday, October 27, 2025 - Wednesday, October 29, 2025 (27 de octubre 2025 al 29 de octubre 2025) 8 AM to 5 PM and Monday, October 30, 2025 - Wednesday, October 31, 2025 (30 de octubre 2025 al 31 de octubre 2025) 7 AM to 7 PM

Election Day voting will be conducted on November 4, 2025 from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. at all Rains County Polling Places.
(La votación del día de la election se llevara a cabo el 4 de noviembre de 2025 desde las 7:00 am hasta 7:00 pm en todo los lugares de votacion condado de Rains que se enumerados a continuacion)

Lisa Kneiff
Early Voting Clerk
(Nombre del Secretario(a) de la Votacion Adelantada)

220 W. Quitman St., Emory, Texas 75440
Address (Direccion), City (Ciudad) Zip Code (Zone Postal)

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business 5:00 pm on August 18, 2025.
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de 18, octubre, 2025)

Issued the 18th day of August, 2025.
(Emitida Este día 18, de Agosto 2025)

Tammy Hooten
MAYOR Pro -Tem, Tammy Hooten

Ray Lacy
COUNCIL MEMBER PLACE 2, Ray Lacy

Angela Nelson
COUNCIL MEMBER PLACE 4, Angela Nelson

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On September 9, 2025, East Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("ETEC") and Northeast Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("NTEC") filed a Joint Application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("PUC" or "Commission") requesting the Commission approve the transfer of Certificate of Convenience and Necessity ("CCN") rights held by NTEC to ETEC pursuant to Public Utility Regulatory Act ("PURA") § 37.154.

If the PUC adopts the 45-day intervention deadline proposed in the Joint Application, the deadline to intervene will be October 24, 2025, and a letter requesting intervention should be received by the PUC, at its address provided below, by that date. Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings, or obtain further information, should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or call the PUC's Office of Consumer Protection at 512-936-7120 or 1-888-782-8477. Hearing and speech impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the PUC at 512-936-7136 or use Relay Texas (toll-free) 1-800-735-2988. All communications should refer to Docket No. 58654, and any request to intervene in that proceeding should include an email address and fax number (if available) as contact information. Persons with questions or who want more information about this Joint Application may contact ETEC's legal representatives at Balch & Bingham LLP, 919 Congress Avenue Suite 840 Austin, Texas 78701, or call (512) 583-1714 during normal business hours. A complete copy of the Joint Application is available on the Commission's website at www.puc.state.tx.us. The Commission maintains an electronic copy of all filings on the "Interchange Filing Search" section of its website. The control number for this proceeding is 58654.

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Sports

RAINS WILDCAT FOOTBALL

Wildcats outpaced by Red Raiders offense in loss



Leader photo by CHUCK FITTS

Wildcat Nate Scott (19) cuts back through the arm tackle of the Red Raider defender during the 66-21 district loss to Winnsboro on Friday night, October 17.

By CHUCK FITTS
Rains County Leader staff

The Rains Wildcat football team could not keep up with the big play offense of the Winnsboro Red Raiders and lost the district contest, 66-21, on Friday night, October 17.

The Wildcats started the game with a nine-play drive, but the next nine drives by both teams were finished by long touchdowns in less than three plays.

The score at the end of the first quarter was already 35-14 with a total of 28 plays run by both teams. The shortened game had 50 total plays in the first half, but only 20 plays in the second half.

The Raiders offense amassed 584 total yards, and the Rains offense did its best to keep up as it gained 204 yards on the ground and 128 yards in the air.

Senior Taisean Shields gained 116 yards on 11 carries with two touchdowns, while junior Jabari Shields ran the ball eight times for 88 yards and a touchdown.

Sophomore Major Wallace finished with three completions for 78 yards, while J. Shields completed two passes for 50 yards.

J. Shields caught two passes for 70 yards, and Wallace caught a pass for 28 yards.

On the defensive side of the ball, senior Kenneth Griffith finished with six tackles, while senior Jason Jones finished with four tackles.

The Wildcats started with the ball and couldn't find any room to run. They did find positive yards as J. Shields completed passes of 22 and 28.

Unfortunately, the drive

ended with an interception at the five-yard line and Winnsboro took over.

The Raiders broke the first run for 26 yards followed by a 57-yard touchdown run. Rains 0, Winnsboro 7.

The Rains offense under Wallace got a two-yard run and a three-yard pass. A face mask penalty was added to the end of the run.

T. Shields finished the drive as he ran through a huge hole in the middle of the line for a 35-yard touchdown. Rains 7, Winnsboro 7.

Winnsboro immediately scored on a pass play from 59 yards out to reclaim the lead. Rains 7, Winnsboro 14.

The Wildcats were held to a three-and-out, but the Raiders scored on a 52-yard touchdown pass. Rains 7, Winnsboro 21.

The ball was stripped loose on the next play by the Rains offense and Winnsboro recovered. The Raiders ran the ball 18 yards into the end zone. Rains 7, Winnsboro 28.

T. Shields found a hole on the right side of the line and sprinted 67 yards for a touchdown in the next Wildcat drive. Rains 14, Winnsboro 28.

The Raiders started their next drive with a 19-yard run before scoring on a 54-yard pass. Rains 14, Winnsboro 35.

The Rains offense had a nine-yard run and a four-yard run for the first down as the first quarter ended.

They continued to grind out yardage on the ground with three straight runs, but a pass into the end zone was intercepted to halt the drive.

Winnsboro moved to a methodical game plan as they moved the ball 80 yards in eight plays. The drive was finished with a four-yard touchdown pass. Rains 14,

Winnsboro 42.

The Wildcats moved the ball five yards in three plays, but an incompletion on fourth down turned the ball over on downs.

The Raiders started with two runs for minimum yards before scoring on a 36-yard touchdown pass. Rains 14, Winnsboro 49.

The Rains offense had two runs for negative yards as the first half of the game ended.

Winnsboro started the second half with four runs that covered 40 yards. They finished the drive with a 20-yard touchdown run. Rains 14, Winnsboro 56.

After the Wildcat offense lost three yards and then gained three yards, J. Shields found a hold on the right side and ran 80 yards for the touchdown. Rains 21, Winnsboro 56.

The Raider offense put together a 7-play, 67-yard drive, but were held out of the end zone. They settled for a field goal. Rains 21, Winnsboro 59.

The next Rains drive was stopped immediately by an interception on the first play. The Raiders took advantage and scored on a 27-yard pass. Rains 21, Winnsboro 66.

As time ticked down, the Wildcats got off one last play. Wallace completed a pass to J. Shields, and he weaved his way to the end zone.

Unfortunately, he was tripped up and land short of the goal line to end the game. Rains 21, Winnsboro 66.

The Rains Wildcats fall to 1-2 in District 3A-7-1 and 2-5 overall.

They will travel to Malakoff on Thursday, October 23 to take on the Malakoff Tigers at Tiger Stadium with kickoff at 7:30 p.m.

RAINS LADY CAT VOLLEYBALL

Ladies fall to Tigers in home finale



Leader photo by CHUCK FITTS

Lady Cat Harper Jones (4) digs the kill attempt of the Lady Tigers during the loss to Commerce on Tuesday, October 21. The Lady Cats fall to 1-8 in district and 6-29 overall.

WESTYN'S 5K RUN

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Leader photo by CHUCK FITTS

Over 70 runners take off through the streets of Emory in the Westyn's 5K Run & Walk on Saturday morning, October 18. Aaron Velazquez would win the race, and proceeds from the event go to the Westyn Mandrell Foundation to save lives with anti-choking devices.

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