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RAINS ISD

Trustees canvass VATRE vote, accept Education Foundation grant funds

By **CHUCK FITTS**
Rains County Leader staff

The Rains ISD Board of Trustees held a regular meeting on Tuesday, November 11, to canvass the votes from the November election, accept grant funds from the Education Foundation and appoint mem-

bers to the School Library Advisory Council (SLAC).

During the meeting, the board canvassed the votes from the November 4 election to approve the voter approved tax rate election (VATRE). The final count had 1,131 votes for the VATRE and 1,183 votes against.

The VATRE failed to be approved for the fifth time and votes were officially accepted by trustees.

Brandon Roberts appeared before the board to present the district with funds for 11 grants awarded to Rains ISD teachers from the Rains ISD Education Foundation. The non-profit

raises funds to help teachers in the district through grants, and this year the organization presented a total of \$35,463.70 to the district.

The grant funds, which will be distributed to teachers in the district at a later date, was unanimously accepted by the school board.

Trustees were presented with a list of 13 members to be appointed to SLAC for the 2025-2026 school year. The list included parents and teachers as well as the school librarian and a local pastor. The nominees were unanimously appointed to

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Rains County honors local veterans



Leader photo by CHUCK FITTS

Rains County honored local veterans with stories and songs. Above, Sue Medders relates stories of local veterans, as Rains County Veterans Service Officer David Harvey stands by, during the Veterans program on Saturday, November 8, in front of the Veterans Memorial at the Rains County Courthouse. Below, the Rains Intermediate Choir sing "Sacrifices Made" during the annual Veterans Day program in Talkington Gym at Rains High School on Tuesday, November 11.

By **CHUCK FITTS**
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Residents honored the veterans of Rains County with programs to show their thanks on Saturday, November 8, at the Rains County Courthouse and at Rains ISD on Tuesday, November 11.

The Rabb Brothers Memorial American Legion Post 156 held a parade through down-

town Emory. The Grand Marshalls were Buster Rivers and Walter Floyd Mosely, the oldest living veterans in Rains County.

Following the parade, veterans in attendance were honored with stories, music and gratitude at the Veterans Memorial on the north side of the Rains County Courthouse.

On Tuesday, Rains High School hosted their annual

Veterans Day Program in Talkington Gym with recognition of the attending veterans, music from the Rains Wildcat High School Band and a song from the Rains Intermediate Choir.

Veterans were honored during the program with a candle lighting ceremony, the POW/MIA Ceremony and several standing ovations.

CITY OF EMORY

Zoning changes, animal control, variance requests top agenda

The Emory City Council met in regular session Tuesday night, November 11, in the council chamber at Emory City Hall. Among the items discussed were a contract with All American Dogs, the rezoning of two properties, and the extension of a variance for a RV within the city limits.

The meeting began with a public hearing on the rezoning of two parcels of property in the city. The hearing lasted 32 minutes, during which the owner of one of the parcels addressed the council, and several citizens expressed their concerns about the impact developing the property would have on the area.

Sterling Hilliard, representing Herd Development Partners, LLC, asked the council to approve his request to change the 30-acre plot of land located on Hwy. 19 and Rains County

Road 1150 from agriculture to Residential (R-1), which is single-family, for the western portion, tract 1 (13.94 acres), and Commercial (C-2) for the eastern portion, tract 2 (16.20 acres).

Several citizens expressed their concerns about the impact of developing the area. The concerns included an increase in hazardous traffic on Hwy. 19 and CR 1150, the loss of the tree canopy that covers CR 1150, and the increased runoff a development would have on the property.

Following the public hearing, Bob Matthews, with All American Dogs, spoke to the council about a proposal to provide dog-catching service to the city. Matthews said his business was founded in 2007, and the facility is located in Pi-

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SALES TAX ALLOCATIONS

County, cities see big returns in third quarter

By **CHUCK FITTS**
Rains County Leader staff

The office of Acting Texas Comptroller Kelly Hancock stated that his office will return 6.4 percent more sales tax revenue to local districts in the state in November, and local sales tax districts in Rains County saw significant increases compared to 2024.

The press release from Thursday, November 6, announced that \$1.3 billion would be returned this month to Texas cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts based on sales made in September by businesses that report tax monthly and sales made in July, August and September by quarterly filers.

With \$141,201 or 77.15 percent more expected to be returned, Rains County, with a

half-cent sales tax rate, saw the year-to-date total cross the million dollar mark at \$1,076,852.14. That total is 20.8 percent better than 2024.

As for the cities in the county, Emory and Point saw 21-percent increases in the amount of money being returned in November from the 1.5-percent sales tax rate.

Emory saw a 21.55-percent better return compared to last year's November return at \$170,373.68, which will increase the city's year-to-date total to \$1,577,973.00, but remains 3.16-percent behind 2024.

Compared to November of last year, the City of Point saw a 21.28 percent increase in returns with \$15,743.12 expected from the state. They remain 11.95 percent ahead of

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SPOTLIGHT

ET Police Chief Rick South always wanted to be in law enforcement

By **JUDY KRAMER**
Rains County Leader contributor

East Tawakoni Police Chief Rick South has a total of 25 years in law enforcement and has spent the last 18 years in his current position. He lived in Garland before moving to East Tawakoni in 1990 when he owned a business refinishing furniture and restoring antiques. He also worked for a moving company taking care of damaged furniture. However, he had wanted to be a police officer since childhood, so when people encouraged him to go to the police academy, he enrolled with a spon-

sorship from Sheriff David Traylor and graduated third in his class.

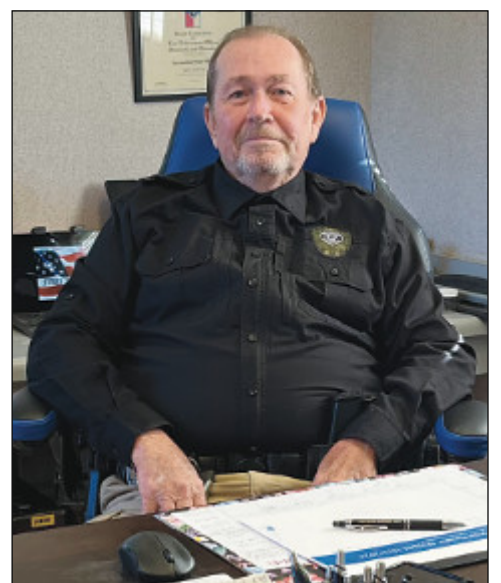
"Sheriff Traylor was one of the reasons I went into law enforcement. I was part of the reserve for one-and-a-half years before becoming a police officer, and then served full time as a sergeant, then a lieutenant," said Chief South. "I have also earned 360 hours in administration, command and leadership, and LEMIT (Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas). Every police officer spends five days (forty hours) refreshing skills every two years."

Chief South said that when he first became a part of the police department,

there was problem with crime and assault as well as family violence and he and his officers worked hard to change it. He said that now there are more retired people and families with young children in East Tawakoni, and the crime rate is at its lowest.

"We patrol like crazy in the neighborhood and Hwy. 276, and change our schedules so as not to be predictable," said Chief South. "It is quiet here with nine subdivisions including the newest being a gated community whose residents love it here. Two of the new subdivi-

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Rick South



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Rain Report

No rain recorded this week.
Total for Nov. 0.02 in.
Year to date 39.91 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

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

RAINS COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE
Open Mon.-Fri. 7 a.m.-4 p.m.
903-473-5099 or 5098

NEWS BRIEFS

Good Sam Clothes/ Thrift Shop Sales

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

Toys For Tots Applications Available Online

The 2025 Toys for Tots Applications will only be available online and must be received by December 1. The link for the application may be found at www.toysfortots.org. Boxes for donations are located at businesses in the community. Any business wishing to

have a box may also apply online.

Service of Remembrance December 3

Emory Methodist Church will hold a Service of Remembrance on Wednesday, December 3, at 6:00 p.m., at Emory Methodist Church located at 456 N. Texas Street. Those in attendance will have the opportunity to light a candle in remembrance of loved ones. The meditation will be delivered by Marty Scholars, LPC, LMFT, LCDC. The service is open to everyone.

EMC Live Nativity December 6

The Emory Methodist Church annual outdoor Live Nativity will be held on December 6, at 6:15 p.m., across from the courthouse square, at 456 N. Texas St. Come and see the story of Jesus' birth.

Smart Financial Moves to Make Before Year End

As the year winds down, it's time for a financial tune up.



BRANDON ROBERTS
Edward Jones
Financial Advisor

Here are some steps to consider:

If you're 73 or older, you'll need to take required minimum distributions from traditional retirement accounts to avoid a 25 percent penalty on any amount you should have withdrawn but didn't.

If you're still working, consider ramping up your pretax retirement contributions. Not only will this help your future self, but it might

reduce your current tax bill. Now is also a good time to review your investments. Did they perform as expected? Do they still match your goals? You may need to rebalance.

One more thing: If you've had major life changes like marriage, divorce or a new baby, review the beneficiary designations on all bank and brokerage accounts. These often override what's written in your will.

Taking care of these and other financial tasks now can help you start the new year on solid ground.

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RISD

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the advisory council.

The board approved a motion to evenly divide the district's 2,401 votes between the candidates for the Board of Directors of the Rains County Appraisal District.

The board took no action on the agenda item concerning employee compensation as the VATRE did not pass, therefore no action was needed.

Superintendent Joe Nicks reported to the board that a revised budget for the district would be brought to the board in December to reflect the failed approval of the VATRE. He also stated that Rains High School had 508 students on October 31 and

that number would be turned in to the University Interscholastic League for re-alignment purposes.

The board moved to closed session for 38 minutes for personnel matters and to consult with an attorney. Upon returning to open session, no action was taken.

The Wildcat Roar focused on the Rains Intermediate school.

All board members were present for the regular meeting.

The next meeting of the Rains ISD Board of Trustees is scheduled for Monday, December 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the Alexander Boardroom of the Rains ISD Administration building.

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SUDOKU

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

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EMORY

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lot Point. He stated that the business operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and is state-certified and regularly inspected by the Department of State Health Services. According to Matthews, East and West Tawakoni use his service, and Emory would be his easternmost client.

After a brief discussion, Lori Honeycutt made a motion to approve the proposal, and Jacob Roan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

In the matter of the Herd Development Partners, LLC, request for a zoning change, the council weighed the community's concerns; however, the council approved the request on a split vote, with Honeycutt, Roan, and Travis Potts voting in favor, and Blake Cooper abstaining.

Shannon Bailey addressed the council regarding a request to extend a variance for an RV located at 631 E. Lennon Dr. The council had previously approved a variance for the RV during the construction of the business. The council gave an extension to the variance, which was set to expire on December 31. After discussing the matter, the council denied the request. Council members Potts and Cooper voted in favor of the extension; council members Honeycutt

and Roan voted against. Mayor Earl Hill III broke the tie by voting against the extension.

In other action, the council:

- approved the minutes from the October 12 and October 28 meetings;
- approved the payment of bills except for Hayter Engineering and Bureau Veritas;
- ratified a zoning change on property located on McMillan St. which took place in 1995;
- approved a request for a variance for setback on property located at Wells and Bethel;
- took no action on a resolution electing Harold Chandler, Ken Player, Todd Moore, Candice West and Robert Worley to the board of directors of the Rains County Appraisal District;
- took no action on a request for a variance to use the storm shelter for a political debate;
- approved adding Leah Drown, interim city administrator, to the Tex Star and Logic investment accounts;
- approved a resolution adding Drown to the Tex Pool investment account(s).

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Emory City Council is Tuesday, December 9, at 7:00 p.m. in the council chamber at Emory City Hall.

SALES TAX

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the year-to-date total at \$138,167.33.

East Tawakoni is scheduled to receive \$12,561.03 from the state in November. Compared to last year, the city's year-to-date total of \$111.160.50 is 19.38 percent

ahead of 2024.

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

NOVEMBER '25 SALES TAX STATISTICS

County City	Taxed	Net pymt. this period	Net pymt. prior year	Pct. change	'25 pymt. to date	Net pymts. from '24	Pct chg. from '24
Rains	0.5%	\$141,201.00	\$79,703.76	77.15%	\$1,076,852.14	\$891,366.34	20.80%
East Tawakoni	1.5	12,561.03	11,708.84	7.27	111,160.50	93,109.71	19.38
Emory	1.5	170,373.68	140,157.86	21.55	1,577,973.00	1,629,583.70	-3.16
Point	1.5	15,743.12	12,980.28	21.28	136,167.33	123,417.51	11.95
Hopkins	0.5%	\$339,954.94	\$325,861.66	4.32%	\$4,181,298.75	\$3,406,270.60	22.75%
Como	1.0	6,776.06	6,728.11	0.71	67,251.11	62,293.50	7.95
Cumby	1.25	12,673.47	15,366.71	-17.52	134,178.31	145,722.49	-7.92
Sulphur Springs	1.5	792,186.38	809,046.33	-2.08	8,649,237.21	8,428,668.19	2.61
Hunt	0.5%	\$810,735.87	\$778,201.41	4.18%	\$8,316,215.00	\$8,103,575.68	2.62%
Caddo Mills	1.5	140,255.03	126,688.00	10.70	1,288,200.69	1,065,190.30	20.93
Campbell	1.5	14,065.01	10,357.50	35.79	148,980.83	130,916.30	13.79
Celeste	1.25	13,642.18	14,361.25	-5.00	150,749.46	124,077.13	21.49
Commerce	1.5	288,424.30	271,757.78	6.13	2,221,052.17	2,179,946.43	1.88
Greenville	1.5	1,078,820.34	1,119,573.71	-3.64	12,493,634.17	12,363,448.59	1.05
Hawk Cove	1.0	1,999.49	2,141.45	-6.62	23,219.41	23,829.22	-2.55
Lone Oak	1.5	23,795.44	22,267.75	6.86	242,258.33	227,036.68	6.70
Neylandville	1.0	1,024.54	496.92	106.17	10,797.05	7,869.32	37.20
Quinlan	1.5	178,048.43	162,931.03	9.27	1,868,065.64	1,766,602.02	5.74
Union Valley	1.0	5,570.32	4,461.99	24.83	52,788.69	43,752.03	20.65
West Tawakoni	1.5	26,931.30	24,842.53	8.40	211,934.85	196,821.37	7.67
Wolfe City	1.5	23,326.86	19,432.11	20.04	225,127.52	194,791.48	15.57
Van Zandt County does not Collect sales tax							
Canton	2.0	412,511.56	461,873.37	-10.68	4,785,923.60	4,802,378.78	-0.34
Edgewood	2.0	47,123.08	49,841.25	-5.45	519,283.93	468,125.00	10.92
Edom	1.0	2,218.31	2,333.07	-4.91	23,444.45	23,467.45	-0.09
Frutivale	2.0	9,000.58	8,014.62	12.30	253,735.20	86,351.48	193.84
Grand Saline	2.0	76,448.14	73,749.35	3.65	736,907.91	718,944.96	2.49
Van	2.0	113,803.76	113,636.91	0.14	1,177,716.46	1,145,221.20	2.83
Wills Point	2.0	210,928.20	216,379.44	-2.51	2,038,281.66	2,083,752.62	-2.18
Wood	0.5%	\$279,131.77	\$260,613.49	7.10%	\$2,990,508.77	\$2,730,388.30	9.52%
Alba	1.5	33,837.64	39,339.96	-13.98	371,599.66	345,021.79	7.70
Hawkins	1.5	54,639.80	44,620.86	22.45	510,856.57	462,480.46	10.46
Mineola	1.5	269,930.53	277,582.70	-2.75	2,907,656.32	2,836,197.90	2.51
Quitman	1.5	83,266.45	68,746.36	21.12	917,310.18	853,712.70	7.44
Winnsboro	1.5	135,418.84	140,546.61	-3.64	1,347,920.94	1,374,190.00	-1.91
Yantis	1.5	14,973.81	12,484.25	19.94	137,469.31	131,481.56	4.55

SPOTLIGHT

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vision residents are involved in the city: John Lisby in fundraising and Ed Fortuna as City Councilman."

Chief South said he and his officers use the jail and dispatch in Emory. He says there is not a lot of family violence in local neighborhoods, only adults who drive too fast endangering kids. He said the police department does a lot of public relations. The chief has been mar-

ried to his wife, April, for 18 years. She has her own Swift Clean cleaning service. The couple has seven children and 15 grandchildren.

His biggest hobby is golfing, and he and his wife like going on cruises. They have scheduled their next cruise in May headed to the Bahamas. He loves his work and says this is a great city and the people who live here are the nicest.

Point of Clarification

With all the attention being focused on the ACA subsidy expiring in 2025 Covid supplemental relief subsidy is expiring per legislation passed by Congress.

ACA subsidies remain in place.

I'm looking forward to seeing the GOP ACA replacement plan and what Isn't included in their plan

Point of Clarification, I along with many others have been looking forward to seeing "The Concept of a Plan"

For well over 10 years.

Marvin Henson Point, Texas

Political ad paid for by Marvin Henson

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CITY GIRL

We Have Kittens!

By Linda Brendle

Almost three months ago I first wrote about a little orange and gray tabby cat that had begun hanging around on our front porch, much to Kitty's displeasure. She looked thin, and she was very sweet, so I gave her a little bit of food. She came back the next day – and the next – several times a day. She became a regular at our house, showing up at the door shortly after sunrise – so I began calling her Sunshine. She presented herself for breakfast, lunch, and dinner and would probably have taken a bedtime snack if I had left the door open.

Since it looked as if she was going to be a permanent neighborhood resident, and since we are trying to reduce the feral cat population and not increase it, I made an appointment for October 15 with the Animal Protection League to have her spayed. Since she was eating regularly, she began to fill out a little bit. In fact, as one Facebook friend put it, she began to look as if she might be “with kitten.” Then, toward the end of September, she showed up sporting her slim figure again.

I called the Animal Protection League to update them on the situation and rescheduled her appointment for the requisite eight weeks postpartum. She showed signs of nursing kittens, so I bought some kitten food to give her the extra calories and protein she needed. I began looking and listening for signs of little felines, and I even tried to follow her to her birthing lair – much to her displeasure as I wrote about a couple of weeks ago.

Then, Sunday morning, I opened the door to find the expected visitor, and I headed for the pantry to fill her usual morning order. The human brain is an interesting organism in that it sometimes sees what it



LINDA BRENDLE
Leader
correspondent

expects to see instead of what's actually there – but it eventually catches up. About halfway to the kitchen I stopped. *Wait a minute*, I thought. *Did I see two heads?* I turned back to the door, and sure enough, there was a little gray tabby kitten sitting next to Sunshine.

“You brought your baby!” I exclaimed, but not so loudly that I scared the little one. I hurried in to get the food, and I added some extra kitten food just in case the newcomer was ready for something more substantial than mother's milk. He – or she – was, and so were the other two kittens that crept around the corner of the porch to see what was going on. Soon there were four heads in the bowl and four tails sticking out every which way. I went in and got another bowl to relieve some of the congestion.

When I tried to introduce myself, the kittens ran and hid in the corner, but Sunshine jumped up in the chair with me, curled up in my lap, and went to sleep. She didn't get a very long nap. It was, after all, Sunday morning, and I had to get ready for church. When we left, Sunshine was nowhere to be seen, but her three sunbeams were cowering together in a corner of the porch. I wondered if she had abandoned them for me to raise, and I wondered how I'd keep them warm through the predicted overnight freeze.

I needn't have worried, though. When we got home after church and lunch, the situation had reversed. The kittens were gone and Sunshine was waiting for her lunch. So were several of her friends. There is a group of orange cats, almost like a gang, that hangs around together in the 'hood, and she must have told them about the free meal. Unfortunately for them, when I brought out her bowl, I also brought a spray bottle of water to discouraged their interest. I feel mean denying them food, but I have a neighbor who feeds fifteen strays, and I don't want that. Sunshine hung around most

of the afternoon, and I put her bowl out a couple more times. When we returned home after our monthly prayer meeting, she was gone.

Monday morning, she was back with the whole family plus one of the orange cats. I have a cat tree one of my friends gave me to put on the porch for someplace for Sunshine to sleep. I think all five cats snuggled together in one little velour-lined cubbyhole. They were probably pretty toasty.

The orange cat must have gotten the message the night before – I only had to raise the spray bottle, and he was out of here. Sunshine, of course, tucked into her breakfast immediately, and two of the three kittens came around the corner to investigate. I must have been too loud or too big or something, though, because they ran down the stairs and disappeared around the west side of the house. I looked for the little one, the one who had only licked at the food the day before and not really eaten any, but I didn't see him. I was afraid he didn't make it through the night, but he was just well-hidden because in a few minutes he came around the corner, put both front paws in the bowl, and began to eat.

He and mom cuddled and played, and she gave him his morning bath. When we left for the Senior Center, neither was in sight. When we returned, Sunshine met us at the car, and she was alone. I hope she had tucked all the kittens away in a safe place for an afternoon nap, but a couple of times she meowed loudly, looking toward the west end of the house. She “asked” me to follow her, and she led me into the wooded lot next door, I assume in search of the kittens. We didn't find them, but my hope is that they'll turn up, and the whole family will be back on my porch Tuesday morning.

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November Coffee

“We want to do a lot of stuff, we're not in great shape. We didn't get a good night's sleep. We're a little depressed. Coffee solves all these problems in one delightful little cup.”



JODY DYER
Typewriter Weekly

Jerry Seinfeld

In the space between the scary cheer of October and December's pending Christmas glee, we have the quiet calm of November (until Thanksgiving). Sliding towards winter, with an overload of activities ahead, I find myself more and more craving peace and quiet and coffee. Nestled in my office, with my typewriter at the ready and our little dog Mac napping at my feet, all I need is a cup of coffee. It is November. And few simple things are better than November coffee.

Coffee is almost a supernatural beverage, one of God's gifts, good for both mind and body. When the world outside seems like too much to bear, there is nothing like a warm cup of coffee to lift your spirits, boost your mood, and make you glad to be alive. As my brother-in-law Harley would say, “That's not coffee, that's medicine.” While coffee is of course a blessing year-round, we need that medicine, especially in November.

I often write about coffee. There are some good reasons why. Primarily, I am convinced that ingesting coffee (fresh, organic coffee) is good for our physical and mental health. Consistent coffee consumption provides our bodies (especially our brains) with a boatload of beneficial antioxidants every day. You may not want to go to the gym, or eat buckets of kale to stay healthy, but you can drink coffee. It might be the best thing you can do for your aging carcass.

Drinking coffee has been shown to protect the heart, reduce diabetes risk, support gut health, and even slow

biological aging. Always on the lookout for new coffee research, I recently stumbled upon another study highlighting the benefits of coffee consumption, especially for your brain. The study was published in the *Nutrition Journal* in July 2025 (*you can read the study here: nutritionj.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s12937-025-01173-x*).

This study tracked 2,254 adult humans aged 60 and older for three years. Results showed that those who drank two or more cups of coffee per day (480 grams or 12 ounces) had a whopping 42 percent lower chance of poor cognitive performance on specific tests as opposed to non-coffee drinkers. Translation - the coffee drinkers could answer questions and think better (they remembered to wear pants!).

To determine cognitive performance, participants were given three tests: the CERAD test (Consortium to Establish a Registry for Alzheimer's Disease), the DSST test (Digit Symbol Substitution Test), and the Animal Fluency Test (a timed test where a person is asked to name different animals and then unique responses are counted). The study found that consuming roughly 16 ounces of coffee daily can protect your brain against cognitive decline. Drinking coffee appears to reduce oxidative damage to your neurons. Neurons are those happy brain cells that we all need to get through Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The source of these spectacular brain cell benefits appears to come from coffee's chlorogenic acids. These are the potent polyphenols that reduce inflammation and oxidative stress in our bodies. Chronic inflammation and oxidative stress have been linked to disease in the human body, so anything we can do to fight them is a good thing. Coffee may be one of our best weapons. For your consideration this November, here are some coffee

drinking tips that may help in this fight for health. You can practice these all year.

Whenever possible, drink fresh coffee. Once coffee beans are roasted, they are essentially perishable. As roasted coffee ages, antioxidant potency decreases. Freshly roasted coffee offers the most health benefits (best used within 30 days of roasting). To maintain freshness, store coffee in airtight containers away from heat and light.

Avoid sugar, syrup, and other bad stuff in coffee. If you need sweetener, honey is wonderful in coffee and a healthier choice.

Enjoy coffee in the morning. Research shows that morning intake aligns with your circadian rhythm supporting good sleep. Avoid coffee eight to ten hours before bed, unless you work at NORAD.

For maximum health benefits, consume two to four cups of coffee per day (16 – 32 ounces). More than this may cause sleep disruption and elevated blood pressure. It might also make your ear hair grow.

If you have any concerns over cholesterol levels, consider filtered coffee (pour over or drip) over non-filtered brewing (French press or espresso). If in doubt, always consult your doctor or other smart people you know.

Black coffee is considered to have the highest antioxidant levels, but some research suggests that adding cream offers health benefits as well. I personally enjoy both – black coffee, as well as coffee with heavy cream and honey.

Live long and drink up. Enjoy your November coffee...

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BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU
Plan Your Holiday Budget: Smart Moves for a Festive Season Without Financial Stress

As the holiday season approaches, many of us look forward to gatherings, gift giving, travel and celebrations. With prices rising on everything from gifts to groceries to gatherings, a little planning can go a long way. The Better Business Bureau (BBB) reminds consumers that a well-planned budget can help you enjoy the holidays and avoid unwelcome debt.

Here are key steps and practical local tips to guide your budgeting this season:

Start With Income and Essentials. Before you think about the gifts, parties and travel, begin by reviewing your financial baseline. Determine your household income and subtract the essential monthly costs: rent or mortgage, utilities, groceries, insurance, debt payments, and other fixed obligations. Use a simple spreadsheet (or even a notebook) to list your fixed monthly costs. At this stage you're not deciding *what* you'll spend, but *how much* you can afford.

Set a Clear Holiday Spending Limit. With your income and essentials mapped out, decide on a clear spending cap for the season. This cap should cover all holiday-related cost categories:

- Gifts for family, friends and colleagues
- Travel (fuel, lodging, meals)
- Hosting or attending parties
- Decorations and seasonal entertainment
- Unexpected expenses (last-minute gifts, shipping delays, etc.)

Create a Gift List and Assign Price Ranges. Impulse purchases are a common reason holiday budgets get blown. To avoid this, make a detailed gift list. Include every person you intend to give to, whether friends, family, coworkers or service professionals. For each person:

- Brainstorm gift ideas in advance
- Assign a price range

that fits within your overall budget

- Stick to that range when shopping

Organizing your gift-giving in this way helps prevent overspending and keeps your total budget in check.

Track Every Expense. Tracking your spending is one of the strongest tools in your budget-plan toolbox. Use a budgeting app, a spreadsheet or good old-fashioned pen and paper to record purchases as you go. Knowing exactly how much you've spent keeps you accountable and helps prevent overspending.

Take Advantage of Deals when they Make Sense. Finding discounts, using loyalty or cash-back programs, and bundling purchases are excellent ways to stretch your budget. Take advantage of Black Friday, Small Business Saturday and Cyber Monday deals, loyalty points or cash-back programs. Refrain from impulse buys or making purchases simply because something looks “too good to pass up.” In many cases, the best deal is the one you don't make because it's outside your budget.

Plan for Travel, Events and Unexpected Costs. Hosting a party, traveling to visit family or attending seasonal gatherings can add up quickly. Make room for travel expenses, including transportation, hotels and meals”, and set aside funds for unexpected expenses or last-minute gifts. Consider reserving early where possible and packing snacks or meals to save.

Adjust for Inflation and Supply-Chain Delays. Inflation can increase the cost of gifts, groceries, gas and other holiday essentials. Compare prices before buying, adjust your budget where necessary, and consider scaling back gift-giving to stay on track. Consider buying locally and reserve online shopping only when it clearly fits your budget.

Don't Let the Clock Control Your Wallet. Last-

minute shopping usually costs more and feels stressful. Planning ahead helps you stick to your budget and make thoughtful purchases instead of rushed ones you might regret later.

Enjoy the Season, Without the Stress. A holiday budget isn't meant to dampen joy, it's meant to *free* you to enjoy the season without the lingering cost anxiety in January. By setting clear limits, tracking expenses, shopping smart and embracing local resources, you'll set yourself up for a festive season that's financially sound and emotionally fulfilling.

For more tips on smart holiday shopping, and how to keep your finances on track as the season unfolds, go to bbb.org/holiday.

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ACROSS

1 TXism: "tall dog in the ____" (leader)

5 "those" in Mexico

6 TXism: "____boose" (jail)

7 Bowie's Alamo bed (2 wds.)

8 TXism: "couldn't find hide ____ hair of him"

9 citrus drink ending

12 TXism: "does a cat ____ climbing gear?" (yes)

17 ____ Larrieu Smith got 2nd in 1986 Houston Marathon

19 TX Johnny Horton sang theme to film "North to ____"

21 sign the back of a check

22 TX Peri of "Frasier"

23 Hurricane Carla caused 34 ____ in Texas (1961)

28 Eden High class (2 wds.)

29 this Sean was a husband of Texas born Robin Wright

30 TX Ronna Reeves tune: "____ But I'm Getting There"

31 TX Prentiss who was 5' 10" before high school

35 Dallas City Hall designer, I. ____

36 TXism: "couldn't fight his way out ____"

42 Chevy pickup

44 "here I come, ready ____"

46 "____ the Man" Musial

47 Ranger reliever in 1993 & 1994, Carpenter

49 "____ dias" (good day)

50 informed

51 "Don't use that ____ of voice with me!"

52 TXism: "____ that like an armadillo needs an interstate"

53 TX Jeannie C.'s "Harper Valley ____"

54 TXism: "it don't ____ up"

55 TX Vikki Carr album: "____ Hombres"

57 loud noise

58 TX Chester Nimtz's final naval rank (abbr.)

59 TXism: "take a look ____"

DOWN

1 Groves, TX annual event (2 wds.)

2 TXism: "tough ____"

3 ____ City, TX

4 San Antonio TV station (channel 12, ABC affiliate)

9 4,840 square yards of Texas land

10 TXism: "____ a coyote with a rubber chicken"

11 wide boot size

12 ugly old woman

13 TXism: "best I ever wrapped ____" (delicious)

14 Sunny ____ TX

15 sports cable net.

16 TXism: "____ to" (similar)

18 Texas restaurants are ____smoking

20 TXism: "bat ____ eyelash" (blink)

23 Mav's former coach, "Nelly" (init.)

24 ____ Siecke State Forest

25 machines used to withdraw dinero

26 TXism: "keyboard wrangler"

27 a Glen Rose dinosaur track is 38-inches from ____ toe

32 Vega High class

33 TXism: "pushing ____ bluebonnets" (dead)

34 Evans of "The Big Valley" (init.)

36 TXism: "don't give a hoot ____ a holler"

37 TXism: "no brag, just ____"

38 TXism: "just ____ in the bucket"

39 Texas-based 1948 film "The Unlamed"

40 Texas "scream queen," Gwynne

41 cattle prod

43 Dallas "West ____" this Tex was 12th in Cowboy "Ring of Honor" (init.)

48 Gulf coast

49 prejudice

56 TX Mac Davis' 1972 hit: "Baby Don't Get Hooked ____"

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THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY

"Twin Sisters" a gift from Cincinnati

by Bartee Haile
At the largest mass meeting in living memory, the citizens of Cincinnati, Ohio expressed their enthusiastic support for the Texas Revolution on Nov. 17, 1835.



BARTEE HAILE
Historical Columnist

Their sincere statement of solidarity did not satisfy the Cincinnatians, who wanted to make a concrete contribution to the cause. So the hat was passed until sufficient funds were collected to buy the Texans something they could really use – a matching pair of cannon.

Direct from the Cincinnati foundry, the identical six-pounders reached the port of New Orleans on Mar. 16, 1836. Passage for the desperately needed field pieces was booked on the next vessel bound for Brazoria.

As luck would have it, on board the very same ship was an emigrant couple from Cincinnati with their twin daughters Elizabeth and Eleanor. In a hurriedly organized ceremony at Brazoria, the little girls presented the cannon to a Texas crowd on behalf of their hometown.

According to legend, the curious coincidence caused an onlooker to remark, "Well, I'll be. Two sets of twins." From then on, the timely gifts were always called the "Twin Sisters."

It took the cannon nearly three weeks to catch up with the retreating rebel army. Since torrential rains had turned the dirt roads into an impassable quagmire, the quartermaster sent the Sisters to Harrisburg by way of the Gulf of Mexico and Buffalo Bayou.

From there a team of horses hauled the cannon

overland to Gen. Sam Houston's temporary encampment. The appearance of the Sisters on Apr. 11 instantly lifted the spirits of the demoralized soldiers.

Ten days later, the Mexican artillery got off the first shot, but the misguided missile whizzed harmlessly over the heads of the advancing Texans. Then the Twin Sisters roared in unison tearing huge holes in the enemy lines and signaling the start of the slaughter at San Jacinto.

Three months after the 18-minute battle that ensured Lone Star sovereignty, interim president David G. Burnet wrote a thank-you note to the people of Cincinnati. He praised the accuracy and reliability of the cannon whose "first effective operations were in the memorable field of San Jacinto, where they contributed greatly to the achievement of a victory not often paralleled in the annals of war."

After their one and only taste of combat, the Twin Sisters were transferred to Austin to protect workers building the new capital against possible Indian attack. They returned to San Jacinto for the fifth anniversary of the magnificent triumph and later that year served as the percussion section at President Houston's second inauguration.

During the Mexican War, a federal inspector stumbled upon the antiques in a routine inventory of Texas munitions. Ignorant of their historic significance, he shipped them off to the U.S. arsenal at Baton Rouge.

A few days after Texas dropped out of the Union in February 1861, the secessionists asked Confederate officials in Louisiana to track down the Sisters. A thorough search turned up one of the missing cannon at a scrap yard and the other in a

private collection. The Louisiana legislature spent \$700 to give the badly neglected relics a good cleaning and a one-way ticket home. By the time Fort Sumter fell, the Twin Sisters were back on Texas soil.

However, in the chaos and confusion of the Civil War the priceless field pieces again were lost. The last confirmed sighting was near Austin, where a Rebel major remembered seeing the Sisters in 1863.

The state superintendent of public buildings and grounds tried in vain to pick up the trail a half century later. "I have received nearly one hundred letters," he wrote in 1910, "placing them in nearly as many different places extending from Washington, D.C. to Santa Fe, New Mexico."

An intriguing story that has stubbornly resurfaced over the decades may provide a clue to the Twin Sisters' final resting place. Five ragged Rebs supposedly came upon two ancient weapons at a railroad depot outside Houston in August 1865. Tarnished dedication plates identified the cannon as the long-lost present from the generous people of Cincinnati.

To keep the Sisters from falling into Yankee hands, the Texans slipped back that night and dragged them to freedom. Somewhere in the general vicinity of Buffalo Bayou, they secretly buried the keepsakes for posterity.

The only hitch is that the rescue party never revealed the exact location. Even if that tale is true, archaeologists could dig up a sizable section of modern-day Houston and still not find the Twin Sisters.

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Pastor Rudy Bond of Clarks Chapel Church of God moves to the podium to offer the final prayer of the Veterans Day program at the Rains High School on Tuesday, November 11.

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JIM MILLER
Savvy Senior

Don't Have Much
Dear Don't,
Having a last will and testament is an important document to have because it ensures that your money and property will be distributed to the people you want to receive it after your death. Currently, fewer than one-third of American adults have prepared a will.

If you die without a will, your estate will be settled in accordance with state law. Details vary by state, but assets typically are distributed using a hierarchy of survivors. Assets go first to a spouse, then to children, then your siblings, and so on.

You also need to be aware that certain accounts take precedence over a will. If you jointly own a home or a bank account, for example, the house, and the funds in the account, will go to the joint holder, even if your will directs otherwise. Similarly, retirement accounts and life insurance policies are distributed to the beneficiaries you designate, so it is important to keep them up to date too.

Online Will Makers
If you have a simple, straightforward estate and an uncomplicated family situation, writing your own will – with the help of a good online will making program – is a viable alternative to hiring an attorney and much cheaper. Like tax software, these online tools will guide you through a series of questions and will insert your answers into a will for you, and it usually takes less than 30 minutes from start to finish.

Some of the highest-rated do-it-yourself options include the Quicken WillMaker & Trust 2025 downloadable software (WillMaker.com) that starts at \$109 and is valid in every state except Louisiana; Trust & Will (TrustandWill.com) which charges \$199 for an individual will-based estate plan; and LegalZoom (LegalZoom.com), which offers will-based estate plans for \$129 or \$149 if you'd like assistance from an independent attorney.

Or, if that's more than you're able or willing to pay, two good options that will let you make your will for free are FreeWill.com or DoYourOwnWill.com.

When to Hire a Lawyer
If you have considerable financial assets or a complex family situation, like a blended family or a child with special needs, it would be smart for you to seek professional advice. An experienced lawyer can

make sure you cover all your bases, which can help avoid family confusion and squabbles after you're gone.

The National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA.org) and the National Association of Estate Planners & Councils (NAEPC.org) websites are good resources that have directories to help you find someone in your area.

Costs will vary depending on your location and the complexity of your situation, but you can expect to pay somewhere between \$200 and \$1,000 to get your will made. To help you save, shop around and get price quotes from several different firms. And before you meet with an attorney, make a detailed list of your assets and accounts to help make your visit more efficient.

Where to Store it?
Once your will is written, the best place to keep it is either in a fireproof safe or file cabinet at home, in a safe deposit box in your bank or online. But make sure your executor knows where it is and has access to it. Or, if a professional prepares your will, keep the original document at your lawyer's office. Also, be sure to update your will if your family or financial circumstances change, or if you move to another state.

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Sheriff's Report

The Rains County Sheriff's Office took the following reports of activity during the weeks of October 27 - November 9, 2025:

Arrests



MICHAEL HOPKINS
Rains County Sheriff

10-27: Angel Ortiz. Assault causing bodily injury to family member, \$50,000 bond.

10-29: Jennifer Brenda Walls. Driving with license invalid with previous conviction/suspension without financial responsibility, \$2,500 bond.

10-30: Thomas Lance Childers. Obstruct/retaliate with web address/phone and bodily injury to public servant, \$67,500 bond.

10-31: Teresa Williams. Tampering with a witness family violence case, probation violation, \$150,000 bond

11-4: Cristian Alonso Medina. Traffic offense Class C, criminal mischief ATM warrant, transferred to Collin Co.

11-4: Shaina Susan Lowe-White. Possession of a controlled substance PG 1/1-B greater than or equal to 1 gr. Less than 4 gr. \$100,000 bond

11-8: Welton Darnell Lewis. Driving while intoxicated second, \$25,000 bond.

Calls

10-27: FM 2737 Seven cows out; CR 2131 Medical assist 71-year-old male having seizure; FM 779 Injured dog laying in the middle of the road; FM 2324 Report of 15-year-old runaway; Hwy. 276 Medical assist 32-year-old female with abdominal pain; CR 1495 Controlled burn; CR 2350 Cow out; E Lennon Dr. Report of criminal trespass; CR 1610 Domestic disturbance husband and wife fighting and wife threw pitcher at him; Hwy. 19 Two-vehicle accident with roadway blockage; Skyline Dr. Report of male taking mail out of a mailbox; CR 3200 Suspicious activity report of a man parked in front of property; White Rock Rd. Disturbance report of female hit in the face; Sheriff's Office (SO) lobby Report of possible scam; Fish Point Rd. Medical assist for female with swollen leg and pain.

10-28: Hwy. 19S Report of intoxicated 43-year-old female; Industrial Blvd. Medical assist 80-year-old male with difficulty breathing; Dunbar Ln. Report of four large aggressive dogs; FM 2737 Palomino horse out; CR 2220 Medical assist 64-year-old male in and out of consciousness stumbling around; SO call request to get cell phone back from arrested boyfriend; FM 514E Medical assist 87-year-old female with low blood pressure; S Hwy. 19 Civil matter neighbors feuding and one is burning a large fire next to the other's house; PR 7335 Medical assist 57-year-old female fell on concrete; PR 5517 Medical assist 91-year-old female dizzy and tingling; Skyline Dr. Domestic disturbance report of a man with a

gun in the house picking up stuff off the ground; SO call Neighbor dispute; N Hwy. 19 Medical assist 43-year-old female reports taking over 100 pills; Tawakoni Dr. Problems with a juvenile; CR 1490 Medical assist lift assist for fallen female; E Lennon Dr. Report of an accident involving a Kia and an 18-wheeler.

10-29: FM 275 Welfare concern check on father; Duffy St. Disturbance male slammed a door; Hwy. 276 Domestic disturbance at neighbor's apartment; CR 1530 Reckless driver white Dodge dually at high rate of speed; CR 3412 Medical assist 61-year-old male with Parkinson's can't move; CR 2131 Medical assist 71-year-old male having seizures; FM 514 Cow out in the ditch; 2nd St. Medical assist 84-year-old male stage 4 cancer needs to go to the hospital; Duffy St. Disturbance male locked out of apartment; FM 779 Medical assist 67-year-old male having trouble breathing; Barn St. Suspicious person hanging around; Barn St. Suspicious person talking to himself and twirling; Enterprise Blvd. Medical assist female customer collapsed; Duffy St. Disturbance report of ex-girlfriend and boyfriend fighting; Barn St. Suspicious person pacing at edge of driveway; SO lobby Meet complainant regarding lost or stolen driver's license; Barn St. Welfare concern for man laying off the road; E Lennon Dr. Rear-end accident; FM 47 Eight cows out by the dam; 1st St. Traffic hazard tree branch on telephone wire; Clark Dr. Medical assist 59-year-old male; W Lennon Dr. Suspicious person juvenile walking; CR 2610 Report of fraud email; Hwy. 19S Suspicious person pedestrian walking; Hwy. 19 S 911 hang up; Hwy. 275 Reckless driver yellow Mini Cooper going south in northbound lane; Hwy. 69 Suspicious vehicle at the bus barn.

10-30: Duffy St. Public service report of female with drugs; CR 1495 Controlled burn; N First St. Downed power lines report of tree on line; SO lobby Meet complainant regarding CTW for business; FM 47 Reckless driver white Dodge Ram; FM 514 Criminal trespass; Hwy. 276 Medical assist 67-year-old male fell 20 ft.; Littlefield Dr. Domestic disturbance mother moved caller's stuff outside; SO Environmental call regarding septic tanks; Sheriff's Office call for clarification on retrieving property; E Lennon Dr. Welfare concern for male covered in blanket on sidewalk; Littlefield Dr. Medical assist 90-year-old female with blood cancer; W Quitman St. Transport prisoner from the annex; CR 1633 Brush fire report of illegal burn; N Texas St. Medical assist 90-year-old female with high temp; E Lennon Dr. Criminal trespass; 19N Reckless driver red Dodge Ram running caller off road; CR 1691 Medical assist 6-month-old baby struggling to breathe; S Hwy. 19 Medical assist male throwing up, has been drinking; FM 2737 Horse out; W

Hwy. 69 Traffic stop for intoxicated driver resulted in arrest; SO lobby Meet complainant regarding vehicle trade dispute; PR 5451 Meet complainant 16-year-old daughter refuses to give up phone; Duffy St. Suspicious activity report of narcotic activities; CR 3200 911 hang up call toddler; CR 2181 Noise complaint loud noise like a gun shot; SO lobby Meet complainant.

10-31: CR 1395 Medical assist female took double dose of blood pressure meds; CR 1495 Controlled burn; S Texas St. Pedestrian stop; N Texas St. Domestic disturbance grandmother driving reckless with juveniles; CR 2324 Animal welfare concern injured deer; CR 2131 Medical assist 71-year-old male stroke symptoms; CR 3415 Environmental call report of burning illegal item; S Hwy. 19 Welfare concern for a female; SO call report of assault; Skyline Dr. Medical assist male dizzy and not feeling well; Industrial Blvd. Neighbor dispute neighbors flipping off caller; E Lennon Dr. Medical assist 61-year-old male numbness in arm; PR 5304 Grass fire got away from resident; CR 3325 Welfare concern male stating people in invisible clothes are following him; Telephone Rd. Agency assist suspect with a gun; Hwy. 69N Reckless driver black Cadillac speeding; 2nd St. Warrant service; W FM 2795 Controlled burn; 19N Reckless driver blue Hyundai going into oncoming traffic; 2nd St. Medical assist lift assist; FM 514 E Accident vehicle missed curb and hit sign; Rains High School Football Field Medical assist at football field girls bathroom; CR 3040 Reckless driving report of possibly intoxicated driver.

11-1: FM 515 Medical assist 50-year-old male possible stroke; CR 3500 Death investigation female laying in yard; E Lennon Dr. Welfare concern female laying near Whataburger on FM 515; FM 2324 Medical assist female having breathing problems; Hwy. 69 Reckless driver black Chevy SUV possibly intoxicated; CR 1530 Controlled burn; CR 3210 Controlled burn; CR 1396 Reckless driver on both sides of the road; SO call from forensic company; CR 1450 Medical assist lift assist; Hwy. 69 Reckless driver silver Kia driving erratically; S Hwy. 19 Medical assist 74-year-old female with back pain; FM 779S Medical assist male; Locust St. Medical assist 72-year-old male possible stroke or heart attack; Hwy. 19N Reckless driver flashing high beams and tailgating; CR 1540 Medical assist 67-year-old female with chest pains; SO Agency assist; Hwy. 69 Reckless driver dark Jeep swerving; S Texas St. Courtesy transport female walking barefoot; S Texas St. Assist motorist couple with flat tire; Skyview Noise complaint loud music; Hwy. 19N Suspicious person report of screaming.

11-2: CR 3325 Disturbance report of man with gun walking around house; N Hwy. 19 Medical assist 66-year-old male can't breathe; Hwy. 19 S Debris in

roadway; Hwy. 69 Black cow out; CR 3210 Controlled burn; CR 1308 Suspicious activity report of constant traffic at neighbor's house; SO lobby Meet complainant concerning son buying vapes at Star Mart; CR 1540 Medical assist 54-year-old female with chest pains; FM 779 Disturbance report of female shooting out of her back door; CR 4530 Public service report of missing bull; CR 1450 Public assist vehicle hit deer and has almost been hit while waiting for wrecker; Two-Mile Bridge Assist motorist vehicle stopped on bridge; FM 2324 Medical assist 55-year-old female with stomach pain and fever; CR 3309 Medical assist female out of it and yelling; E Lennon Dr. Terroristic threats male yelling at staff;

11-3: Hwy. 69 Large flame from controlled burn; CR 2300 Two cows out; W Lennon Dr. Customer tried to pay with fake \$100; Skyline Dr. Male with criminal trespass at Hooten's came in and handed cash to another male; CR 1250 Female not allowing caller to see her father and she wants to know what she can do about it; FM 779 Tree branches on fire in the ditch; CR 1189 Medical assist for person dizzy and sweaty; N FM 2946 Tan horse on west side of road tried to walk into the road; FM 3299 Horse on roadway; FM 2795W Medical assist for low blood pressure and chest pain; Hwy. 69 Motorist assist for female with flat tire; CR 1691 Medical assist 41-year-old male with chest pains; Hwy. 69 Male requests deputy sit behind vehicle while he changes tire because passing cars are not moving over.

11-4: S Texas St. Suspicious vehicle; SO call Caller wanting clarification on laws regarding divorce and property; CR 1691 Medical assist 64-year-old female believes she is having a heart attack; SO call Male wants to know what to do about jailed owner's dog; CR 3200 Medical assist 88-year-old male with sever chest pain; SO call Female reports someone threatened to take items from her property; SO lobby Male wanting to speak to homeland security; Hwy. 19N Welfare concern for male and female who looked upset; Hwy. 19N at rock pile Abandoned sail boat; SO call Male wants to know how to retrieve evidence from mother's suicide; S Texas St. Reckless driver in Silverado swerving around 18 wheelers and other vehicles; Hwy. 69S Reckless driver with purple hair in brown protege; FM 2946N Welfare concern for elderly lady on bridge on her golf cart; Hwy. 19N Medical assist for male who fell outside; Hwy. 19N One-vehicle accident; E Lennon Dr. Male trespassing in front of building; SO lobby Male wanting to speak to someone about drugs; Hwy. 19N Traffic stop resulted in arrest for possession; CR 3325 Medical assist 78-year-old father needs lift assist; Northcutt Rd. Medical assist 45-year-old male feeling sick, dizzy, and cold sweats; CR 3202 Medical assist female having a spell of AFIB. E Lennon Dr. Traffic stop resulted in arrest; E Lennon Dr. Suspicious white SUV occupied; PR 7336 Medical assist for husband possibly having neurotoxicity from antibiotics.

11-5: CR 1274 Caller hit a deer and wants it put out of its misery; CR 3400 Caller thinks she heard someone outside; Hwy. 69 Male sleeping on the shoulder under a blanket; FM 47 Medical assist 49-year-old male with stomach pain thinks it might be his appendix; SO lobby Male asking for law library information; Hwy. 276 Male doing inappropriate things by sport complex; CR 1421 Neighbor's dog on caller's porch and caller is afraid it will get after him if he goes outside; CR 3875 Caller wants to give information on where suspect may be hiding; FM 2737 Grandmother's shop compressor and lawn mower went missing; SO call Female wants to talk about the death of her best friend; Hwy. 69 13-year-old child yelling for help in backyard; E Lennon Dr. Requesting extra patrol for employees opening and closing; FM 2795E Caller wants to donate a hay bale to horse owner; SO lobby Caller reports assault and wants restraining order; Smith Cir.

Concern about neighbor's cats locked in house; Pierson St. Can hear someone on the trail sounding in pain; CR 1322 Medical assist 70-year-old female on blood thinners and bleeding from gash on her head; CR 2180 Grey car parked in pasture; SO lobby Female heard a loud noise by her window the night before; FM 3274 Male walking in the road; N Texas St. Medical transport for new patient who is unhappy and wants to go back to the hospital; Puckett Pass Reckless driver who may have been drinking; Wood St. Big black dog in heat is loose and aggressive toward caller and pets; PR 6330 Someone hunting/shooting on neighbor's property; CR 4510 Someone in back yard.

11-6: CR 1402 911 hang up call; Hwy. 19N Reckless driver in work van tailgating and unable to maintain lane; FM 3299 Traffic light not working; CR 3325 Report of poaching on lease property; FM 515 Goats in the ditch; SO call female needs birth certificate and diploma from family; CR 1691 Two longhorns in the ditch; FM 275 Complainant concerned about property being broken into; S Texas St. Medical assist 74-year-old female bleeding internally; Hwy. 276 Abandoned vehicle; Oak Leaf Tr. Medical assist 82-year-old male fell, needs lift assist; CR 2572 Report of three horses on one acre lot full of trash and no grass; FM 513 Suspicious vehicle black Ram in driveway found to be Farmers Electric doing survey; CR 1540 911 hang up call reports something on fire; CR 1470 Neighbor has a lot of cows and is not taking care of them and one of them already drowned in the pond; W Lennon Dr. Medical assist 71-year-old male fell and can't feel his legs; CR 3345 Welfare concern for male who is supposed to go to hospital for antibiotics but has not been; N Hwy. 19 Medical assist 56-year-old male dizzy; CR 4455 Male is in jail but his house door is open; Steamboat Shores Burning leaves; PR 7709 Burning leaves; E Lennon Dr. Welfare concern on subject laying behind Brookshire's; Hwy. 19 Vehicle hit mud flap and now gas is going everywhere; Smith Cir. Caller reports they were boxed in by two trucks and shot at by subjects in the trucks; W Lennon Dr. Two-vehicle accident; FM 514 Neighbors threatening to shoot caller's boyfriend; male possibly overdosing and cold to the touch; Wood St. Male put hands on mother; Hwy. 69 Two-vehicle accident, truck vs. car, one car fully engulfed, one fatality, Air One needed; SO call Caller has issues with juvenile; SO call Caller wants to speak about a case; E Lennon Dr. Customer acting up and refusing to leave; CR 3345 Caller being followed by white truck; S FM 799 Medical assist 80-year-old female keeps falling asleep; N Hwy. 19 Medical assist for hemorrhoid pain; SO call Niece of fatality in accident wants to speak to officers; Hwy. 276 Verbal dispute, male doesn't live there.

11-7: SO call Female asked to speak about husband's arrest; Hwy. 19N Palomino horse in the ditch; FM 47 Edgewood school bus in the roadway; Hwy. 69 Abandoned vehicle; E Lennon Dr. Male holding a sign, protesting; Hwy. 276 Reckless driver in plumbing van, speeding; Hwy. 19 Caller bought building and wants officer present when they break in; CR 4525 Funeral escort; CR 2570 Black cow in the ditch; PR 7034 Medical assist for 70/50 bp, chest pain, feeling dizzy; E Lennon Dr. Assisting someone who locked keys in car; CR 3325 Medical assist male fell, needs lift assist; Mills St. Homeless man making a pallet to go to sleep; Hwy. 19N Reckless driver white work van all over the road; CR 3030 Male laying at the edge of the road; Hwy. 19N Reckless driver green chevy truck, erratic speeds; Briggs Blvd. Welfare concern for female who feels unsafe; CR 3030 Male trespassing; Hwy. 276 Aggressive black truck, swerved at caller while passing and brake checked; Kansas St. Medical assist 39-year-old female, history of seizures, can't feel left leg.

11-8: E Lennon Dr. Small white car running with lights on; S Texas St. Male sleep-

ing in truck at pump for 30 minutes; Hwy. 69N Black cow in the ditch; CR 3410 Medical assist 53-year-old male with rapid heartbeat; Quitman St. Veterans Day parade escort; SO lobby Report of money sent through card disappeared or scammed; S First St. Neighbor's dog in yard and caller can't get in home; CR 2234 Medical assist 57-year-old male cut his finger off with wood splitter; Egret Cir. Welfare concern for 82-year-old female not answering phone; Skyline Dr. Medical assist 65-year-old male down in yard and not responding much; CR 3380 Ex is trying to take child with no custody papers; CR 1410 Caller has questions about getting her things from a residence; Egret Cir. Welfare concern; Smith Cir. Medical assist male fell, bleeding from head; Hwy. 276 Female having a mental episode; Hwy. 69 Reckless driver black sedan unable to maintain speed; Hwy. 69 Reckless driver tan Tahoe swerving; CR 2470 Explosion and fire, possibly a structure; Hwy. 69 Person seen lying down; FM 515 Person walking; Hwy. 69 Motorist assist; N Hwy. 19 Welfare concern check on 3-year-old son; Oak Leaf Tr. Dark red SUV sitting for 20 minutes; Hwy. 19N Debris in roadway; E Lennon Dr. Male offering alcohol to minors; FM 275 911 hang up call; N Texas St. Traffic stop resulted in DWI arrest.

11-9: CR 3150 Welfare concern for female and husband known to hurt her is yelling; SO call Skip tracer wants to speak to sergeant about finding someone in the county; CR 4520 Camera in garden room sent an alert; E Lennon Dr. Female assaulted by ex; CR 4525 Medical assist 74-year-old male having schizophrenic episode; N 1st St. Medical assist 65-year-old female with stage 4 lung cancer can't breathe; CR 4015 Stray dog died in front yard and callers wants to know what to do with it; Hwy. 19N Neighbor's dog is in caller's house and is aggressive; Skyline Dr. Medical assist 73-year-old male fell outside, hip pain; CR 1460 Neighbor's rottweiler keeps charging caller and she is afraid for her children; CR 1532 Medical assist 68-year-old male with swelling, needs ride to hospital; Hwy. 69 Reckless driver white sedan passing on shoulder and going over 100 mph; CR 2570 Two horses previously reported are now loose; FM 2795 Medical assist 75-year-old male dizzy; FM 47 Two-vehicle accident with entrapment and landing zone set up for two helicopters; Hwy. 69 Vehicle blocking turn lane; Oak Leaf Tr. Vehicle vs tree accident; FM 2081 Black cow in roadway; CR 1692 Grass fire; Hwy. 69S Van sparked and caught grass on fire; Tawakoni Dr. iPhone notification of possible car crash; CR 1691 Agency assist to check address for Hunt Co. missing person; N Texas St. Welfare concern for male with hurt foot; Meadowview Dr. Tractor with heavy machinery on the road; CR 4481 Medical assist 59-year-old male with pace maker having chest pains; PR 6180 Warrant service resulted in one male in custody; CR 3220 Suspicious activity, flashlight or lamp on.

The Sheriff's Department reported 635 calls for October 27-November 9.

Among the calls were: 1 assault, 3 criminal trespass, 1 debris in roadway, 9 disturbances, 6 domestic disturbances, 1 trespassing, 1 downed power lines, 1 structure fire, 1 brush fire, 3 grass fires, 2 environmental, 2 fraud, 1 intoxicated individual, 1 shots fired, 16 livestock on roadway, 2 neighbor dispute, 2 noise complaint, 1 problems with a juvenile, 24 reckless driving, 6 accidents, 1 runaway, 1 scam, 10 suspicious activities, 17 suspicious persons, 8 suspicious vehicle, 3 reposessions, 1 terroristic threats, 1 traffic hazard, 1 warrant service, 18 welfare concern, 4 accidents, 10 controlled burn, 1 death, 6 alarm business, 3 animals at large, 2 aggressive animals, 1 civil matter, and 7 animal welfare concern.

There were 241 traffic stops, 87 citations, 136 warnings, 75 medical calls and 45 transports.

FISHING REPORT

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department released the following information for Lake Fork and Lake Tawakoni taken on November 5:

Fork: Good. Normal stain; 74 degrees; 2.29 feet below pool. Water temperatures are 65-73 degrees. The lake has turned over for the most part in the coves. Early morning bass bite is good but did slow down after the cold front. Choppos and Yellow Magics around the grass was best. Spinnerbaits and chatterbaits are good around grass most of the day in 1-4 feet of water. Flukes and Yum Dingers are good off the edge of the grass out to 5 feet. Squarebills in points and shallow humps have been good 3-6 ft . Report by Marc Mitchell, Mitchell's Guide Service.

Black Bass are beginning to school in open water. Frog and baitfish patterns are working well. Cooler nights have dropped water temperatures and bass are cruising. Streamers are enticing bass early and late. Bream are shallow, so try small hoppers.

Sand bass are schooling mid-lake. Report by Guide Alex Guthrie, Fly Fish Fork Guide Service.

Crappie are good as the fish transition to a fall and winter pattern. Fish can be found throughout the lake in 10-40 feet of water. Seeing lots of fish still on brush piles, underwater bridges and shallower trees in 10-20 feet. We also still have fish on some lay downs in big numbers. Also look for fish on timber in 18-40 feet along creek channels, flats and the edge of timber lines. Small hand tied jigs actually out fished minnows this week on my boat but any crappie baits will get you bit as water temps cool down. We should see fish on mid lake bridges as the fish migrate towards deeper water chasing the bait fish. Report by Jacky Wiggins, Jacky Wiggins Guide Service.

Tawakoni: Good. Water lightly stained; 74 degrees; 1.58 feet below pool. The hybrid striper and white bass bite are good. The fish are moving hard looking for good pockets of water. Fish

main lake points in 8-15 feet using inline spinners and slab spoons. The eating sized catfish bite is still red hot. Easy limits on half day trips are the standard right now. Baited holes in 12-20 feet using prepared baits such as punch or dip baits. The trophy blue catfish are beginning to feed. We have seen fish in the 20-30 pound range on medium sized pieces of cut baits in 10-25 feet. Crappie are improving under bridges and on shallow brush with the bite on minnows. Largemouth bass are extremely shallow and prefer fast moving shallow crankbaits and spinnerbaits. Report by Captain Michael Littlejohn, Lake Tawakoni Guide Service.

The Rains County Leader tries to include a little bit of everything in each issue. For those who enjoy finding errors, we included some of those as well.

Jaxie Morgan

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Believer’s Baptist Church

By Linda Brendle

When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and finding none it says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’

Luke 11:24

The BBC Playground Fundraiser Garage Sale was a huge success. We appreciate all the volunteers, donors, shoppers and especially Stephanie Henderson who worked tirelessly to organize the event.

Sunday morning’s message was called “The Problem with Morality.” Jesus told a parable about a demon who leaves someone, and when He doesn’t find anyone better, he goes back “home”. The man has cleaned up morally but is empty of spiritual change, so the demon brings seven friends and moves in. Without spiritual regeneration, morality means nothing.

Next Sunday is the last day to return your filled bottles for the RAFFA Clinic Baby

Bottle Fundraiser.

Student Ministry Girls & Guys Night, will be held on Sunday, November 16. For more information contact Jerod or Whitney Haygood.

November schedule:

- Sunday, November 23 – 6:00 p.m., Members’ Meeting
- Tuesday, November 25 – No Bibles & Biscuits
- Wednesday, November 26 – No Women’s Bible Study and No Evening Schedule
- November 26-28 – Church Office Closed
- Sunday, November 30 – 6:00 p.m., Hymn Sing

The Asking for a Friend Podcast Episode #233 is titled “Book Club #4, Spurgeon of the Pastor (Chapter 3).” Find the link at www.bbcmemory.org.

Emory Methodist Church

By Mary White

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”

Joshua 1:9

Rev. David Banks’ new series *The Quest* began with a message titled “The Quest for Courage” with scripture text taken from Joshua. When the book of Joshua opens, Israel is still journeying to the promised land. The Lord told Joshua to be strong and courageous and He would give him the land He promised his forefathers. In what ways are we strengthened in our inner being by exercising faith in possessing the promises of God? This is God’s word to you: be strong

and courageous...for the Lord our God will be with you wherever you go.

Before worship Sunday we had our Veterans’ breakfast which was so good with casseroles, sausage gravy, fruit, and all kinds of goodies. We love to honor our Veterans for their service.

Our Communion offering for November is for Rains County Good Samaritans and we all know what a wonderful ministry this is.

Birthday wishes go to Linda Ross, Steve Haupt, Lonnah Basham and Karen Seaman.

Pray for Jay Weddle, Juandell Weddle, Chance Stone, Rheanne Stone, Bobby Phillips, and Rock Pietila.

Have a great week and be strong and courageous!

Bobby Alfred Giles
1943-2025



Bobby Alfred Giles, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and community servant, passed away peacefully, leaving behind a legacy of dedication, kindness, and service. Born on November 26, 1943, in Greenville, Texas, Bobby was the son of Lloyd and Ouida Rice Giles. He grew up in Emory, Texas, where strong values of hard work and family were deeply rooted in his upbringing.

A proud graduate of Rains High School in 1962 and East Texas State University in 1966, Bob began his career in service. He answered the call to serve his country, entering the U.S. Army and commissioning as a Second Lieutenant. Stationed at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Bob served in the Adjutant General Corps for three years, rising to the rank of First Lieutenant and receiving the Army Commendation Medal; before his honorable discharge in 1969. His commitment to service continued in the Army Reserve, where he retired in 1986 as a Major.

In 1968, Bobby married the love of his life, Sandra Hewett, in San Antonio. Together, they built a life filled with love and laughter, raising three beautiful children who would carry forward their legacy of kindness and service.

Bob dedicated 35 years to the USDA Rural Development program, retiring in 2000. But his work didn’t stop there. For 55 years, he operated a successful cattle business across Rains and Van Zandt Counties.

His commitment to community was unwavering. Bob was an active member

of the Canton Lions Club for 54 years, serving two terms as President and Zone Chairman. In 2019, he was honored as the Canton Texas Chamber of Commerce Volunteer of the Year and named a Jack Wiech Fellow for his devoted service to the children of the Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville.

A man of faith, Bob attended Canton First Baptist Church, where he found strength, truth, and fellowship.

Bobby was preceded in death by his parents, Lloyd and Ouida Giles, and his brothers, Lloyd Ernest Giles (and wife Doris) and Charles Giles.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 57 years, Sandra, and their children: Barbara Annalynn Sanders and husband Scot of Heath, Texas; Steve Giles of Driftwood, Texas; and Brian Giles and wife Debra of Combine, Texas. His legacy continues through his grandchildren Joelle, Micah Cate, Audrey, Connor (and wife Juliana), Nicole and his great-granddaughter, Maya. He’s also survived by his sister-in-law, Vickie, and by multiple nieces and nephews.

Bobby’s life was a testament to service, love of Christ and of family. He will be deeply missed and fondly remembered. His story lives on in the hearts of those he touched and the family he cherished.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to FBC Canton Next Level Building Fund, Texas Lions Camp of Kerrville or to the Hospice of East Texas, Tyler.

Paid obituary

Obituaries

Martha Marie Lippincott
1935 – 2025



Funeral services for Martha Marie Lippincott, 90, of Emory, were held on November 12, at Wilson Orwosky Funeral Home. Interment followed at Lynch Cemetery.

Mrs. Lippincott died on November 8, 2025, in Canton. She was born on August 24, 1935, in Bryson, Texas, to Elmer A. Cook and Martha Ann Ainsworth.

She enjoyed crafting, scrapbooking, or working on crossword puzzles, and other activities that brought her joy and allowed her to express her creativity. She cherished traveling and visited every state in the United States. Her proudest accomplishments were her family, her children and grandchildren, whom she loved uncondition-

ally. In her role as Granny, she embodied warmth and affection.

Mrs. Lippincott is survived by her son, Freddy Allen Shepard and Charlotte; grandchildren, Julie Shepard, Christy (Cricket) Schuessler and Heath, Morgan Hargrove and Justin, Shaun Shepard, and Hannah Swiney and Mason; nine great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Rex Gayle Lippincott; parents; son, Mike Shepard; siblings, Etta Mae Fields, Zella Fields, Ruby Helms, Zena Cook, Virgil Cook, Vera Williams, Betty Hatley, Gilbert Cook, James Cook and Dewey Cook.

Rebecca Ann Staton
1945 – 2025



Funeral services for Rebecca Ann Staton “Becky”, 80, will be held on Saturday, November 22, at 10:00 a.m., at Bull Creek Cowboy Church. Interment will follow at Lynch Cemetery.

Mrs. Staton died on November 9, 2025, at her residence surrounded by her family. She was born on November 1, 1945, in Dallas, to Robert Earl Cooper and Maxine Marie Ross.

She was married to her husband, Jack, and they worked together resetting grocery stores and pharmacies. She also enjoyed working at Stockton’s factory with her mother and sister. She would bring home the latest fashion and would dress everyone in matching clothes.

She was an outdoor enthusiast. She loved her roses, watching her hummingbirds, and collecting her frogs. She enjoyed fishing with Jack, and made lasting memories participating in bass tournaments. Her passion for fishing was underscored by her membership in the CAST and BASS organizations,

where she found camaraderie and was known as “Catfish Becky” by many.

She was known for her famous strawberry banana cheesecake, deviled eggs, and homemade beef jerky which became staples at family gatherings and social events.

Mrs. Staton is survived by her husband, Jack Staton; children, James Lemons of Point, Larry Lemons and wife Melanie of Point, Marie Harris and husband John of Farmers Branch, and Sherry Malone of Point; grandchildren, Ashley, Brittney, Johnathan, Justina, Heather, Joe, Ginger and Jessie; 15 great-grandchildren; sister, Earline Kubicek of Hickory Creek; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; son, Donnie Lemons; and sister, Sue Reynolds.

A visitation will be held on Friday, November 21, from 6:00-8:00 p.m., at Wilson-Orwosky Funeral Home in Emory,

Sandra Traxler
1954 – 2025



Sandra Traxler, 71, died on November 1, 2025 in Dallas. She was born on February 16, 1954, to Arthur and Kathryn Traxler in Allegan, Michigan.

Sandy was very religious and her faith was a guiding light in her life and something for which she was proud.

She reconnected and started a relationship with her old school mate, Rex Allen, whom she had known for 58 years. She loved to travel and experience the beauty of nature, spending many of her days out by the water fishing with Rex. She had a passion for shooting guns and loved country and western music.

Her proudest accomplishments were her family members. She cherished every moment spent raising her children, and she took joy in being there for her grandchildren

and great-grandchildren.

She is survived by significant other and long time friend, Rex Allen; daughter, Crisa Williams and husband Larry; grandchildren, Brittany Jones, Jessica Jones, Trey Williams and Kevin Brewster; great-grandchildren, Jai Marie, Kyndall and Jace; sister, Kathryn Mason; cousins, Kathy Hamilton, Marty Corn, Tiffany Lantz, Amy Traxler, Brian Cooper, Chad Traxler; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Traxler was preceded in death by her parents; son, Robert Traxler; brothers, Allen Traxler, William Traxler and Freddie Traxler; and niece, Billie Jo Rainey.

The family will hold a private memorial gathering to celebrate Mrs. Traxler’s life.

Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

II Corinthians 5:20-21

Church Directory

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NOTICE OF RATE CHANGE REQUEST

On October 14, 2025, Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO or Company) filed a Petition and Statement of Intent to Change Rates (the Petition) with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC or the Commission) in Docket No. 58819, and with those municipal authorities in its Texas service territory that have original jurisdiction over SWEPCO’s electric rates. This notice is being published in accordance with Section 36.103 of the Public Utility Regulatory Act and Commission Procedural Rule 16 Tex. Admin. Code (TAC) § 22.51(a)(1).

SWEPCO has approximately 191,000 Texas retail customers. All such customers and all classes of customers will be affected by the relief requested in SWEPCO’s Petition.

SWEPCO’s request to change its rates is based on the financial results for a 12-month test year ending on March 31, 2025. SWEPCO’s Petition requests approval for a total Texas retail base rate revenue requirement of \$641,516,844 and a base rate increase of \$163,896,434, an increase of 41.67 % over adjusted Texas retail Test Year base rate revenues exclusive of fuel and rider revenues. The proposed increase in Texas retail revenues will be offset by setting SWEPCO’s current TCRF, DCRF, Advanced Metering System (AMS) surcharge, and a portion of Net Operating Loss Carry forward (NOLC) surcharge to zero, a reduction of \$68,960,435. Thus, the net proposed increase is \$94,935,998. The overall impact of the proposed revenue requirement, considering both fuel and non-fuel revenues, is a 13.48% increase. The impact of the rate change on various customer classes will vary from the overall impact described in this notice, as shown in the table below. In addition, SWEPCO is seeking recovery of the reasonable rate-case expenses, including expenses paid to reimburse intervening municipalities, that it incurs in this case and those rate-case expenses incurred in three prior dockets that have yet to be recovered.

A Residential Service customer using 1,000 kilowatt-hours of energy per month will see an increase in their total bill (including fuel costs and rate riders) of \$16.43 per month, an increase of approximately 12.15%.

The following table presents the percentage annual revenue increases, by type of service, under the proposed rates in this proceeding:

Major Rate Class	Base Revenue Change	Base Percent Increase	Total % Change @ Proposed
Residential	\$ 65,986,839	41.26%	12.90%
General Service	\$ 7,941,672	29.84%	4.33%
Light & Power	\$ 42,089,946	29.84%	7.39%
Cotton Gin	\$ 175,099	83.33%	17.46%
Total Commercial	\$ 50,206,717	29.91%	6.96%
Industrial	\$ 41,899,554	78.73%	30.66%
Total Commercial & Industrial	\$ 92,106,271	41.66%	13.72%
Municipal	\$ 2,421,140	62.58%	20.06%
Municipal Lighting	\$ 1,689,786	62.29%	25.52%
Total Municipal	\$ 4,110,926	62.46%	21.95%
Lighting	\$ 1,691,431	29.45%	7.30%

SWEPCO has proposed that its requested rate change become effective 35 days after the filing of the Petition and Statement of Intent. The proposed effective date is subject to suspension and extension by actions that may be taken by the Commission and other regulatory authorities.

SWEPCO also seeks to reconcile its Advanced Metering System (AMS) deployment costs through March 31, 2025. SWEPCO is requesting to (1) implement new base rates reflecting its ongoing costs to provide AMS and (2) reconcile AMS costs with AMS surcharge revenues under 16 TAC § 25.130. At the conclusion of this proceeding, with the implementation of new base rates, SWEPCO proposes to eliminate the AMS surcharge and roll AMS capital expenditures and AMS operations and maintenance costs into base rates.

SWEPCO is proposing various revisions to most tariffs and schedules. In addition, in order to facilitate future TCRF, DCRF, and Generation Cost Recovery Rider (GCRR) filings pursuant to 16 TAC §§ 25.239, 25.243, and 25.248, respectively, SWEPCO requests that the Commission: (1) set the Company’s current TCRF and DCRF to zero; and (2) establish in this docket the baseline values consisting of the inputs to the calculations that will be used to calculate SWEPCO’s TCRF, DCRF, and GCRR in future dockets. Persons with questions or who want more information on this Petition may contact SWEPCO at 428 Travis Street, Shreveport, Louisiana 71101, or call toll-free at (888) 216-3523 during normal business hours. A complete copy of the Petition and related filings is available for inspection at the address listed in the previous sentence.

Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Commission as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline will be imposed. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals may contact the Commission through Relay Texas at (800) 735-2989. The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is 45 days after the date the application was filed with the Commission, unless otherwise provided by order of the presiding officer. A request for intervention or request for further information should refer to Docket No. 58819.

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RAINS COUNTY

and issued pursuant to judgment decree(s) of the District Court of Rains County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date, in the hereinafter numbered and styled suit(s) and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff or Constable of said County, I have on October 30, 2025, seized, levied upon, and will offer for sale the following properties, on the first Tuesday in December, 2025, the same being the 2nd day of said month, at the west side of the Courthouse of the said County, in the City of Emory, Texas, between the hours of 10 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m. on said day, beginning at 10:30 AM, and will proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such suit(s) in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Rains and the State of Texas, to-wit:

NOTICE OF SALE

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BY VIRTUE OF AN ORDER OF SALE

Sale #	Cause # Judgment Date	Acct # Order Issue Date	Style of Case	Legal Description	Adjudged Value
1	3163TX 08/22/25	2301-0000-0010-43 OCTOBER 30, 2025	RAINS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. BOWIE LAND PARTNERS, LTD.	TRACT 1 A0014 THOMAS BROOKS SURVEY HERMITS COVE #2 LOT 1 SALES NOTES: (SELLING TRACT# 1,2,3,4,5,6,7 FOR ONE COMBINED BID) (SUBJECT TO POST-JUDGEMENT TAXES)	\$1,450.00
2	3163TX 08/22/25	2301-0000-0020-43 OCTOBER 30, 2025	RAINS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. BOWIE LAND PARTNERS LTD.	TRACT 2 A0014 THOMAS BROOKS SURVEY HERMITS COVE #2 LOT 2 SALES NOTES: (SELLING TRACT# 1,2,3,4,5,6,7 FOR ONE COMBINED BID) (SUBJECT TO POST-JUDGEMENT TAXES)	\$1,450.00
3	3163TX 08/22/25	2301-0000-0030-43 OCTOBER 30, 2025	RAINS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. BOWIE LAND PARTNERS, LTD.	TRACT 3 A0014 THOMAS BROOKS SURVEY HERMITS COVE #2 LOT 3 SALES NOTES: (SELLING TRACT# 1,2,3,4,5,6,7 FOR ONE COMBINED BID) (SUBJECT TO POST-JUDGEMENT TAXES)	\$1,450.00
4	3163TX 08/22/25	2301-0000-0040-43 OCTOBER 30, 2025	RAINS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. BOWIE LAND PARTNERS, LTD.	TRACT 4 A0014 THOMAS BROOKS SURVEY HERMITS COVE #2 LOT 4 SALES NOTES: (SELLING TRACT# 1,2,3,4,5,6,7 FOR ONE COMBINED BID) (SUBJECT TO POST-JUDGEMENT TAXES)	\$1,450.00
5	3163TX 08/22/25	2301-0000-0050-43 OCTOBER 30, 2025	RAINS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. BOWIE LAND PARTNERS, LTD.	TRACT 5 A0014 THOMAS BROOKS SURVEY HERMITS COVE #2 LOT 5 SALES NOTES: (SELLING TRACT# 1,2,3,4,5,6,7 FOR ONE COMBINED BID) (SUBJECT TO POST-JUDGEMENT TAXES)	\$1,450.00
6	3163TX 08/22/25	2301-0000-0060-43 OCTOBER 30, 2025	RAINS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. BOWIE LAND PARTNERS, LTD.	TRACT 6 A0014 THOMAS BROOKS SURVEY HERMITS COVE #2 LOT 6 SALES NOTES: (SELLING TRACT# 1,2,3,4,5,6,7 FOR ONE COMBINED BID) (SUBJECT TO POST-JUDGEMENT TAXES)	\$1,668.00
7	3163TX 08/22/25	2301-0000-0070-43 OCTOBER 30, 2025	RAINS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. BOWIE LAND PARTNERS, LTD.	TRACT 7 A0014 THOMAS BROOKS SURVEY HERMITS COVE #2 LOT 7 SALES NOTES: (SELLING TRACT# 1,2,3,4,5,6,7 FOR ONE COMBINED BID) (SUBJECT TO POST-JUDGEMENT TAXES)	\$1,450.00
8	3163TX 08/22/25	2301-0000-0210-43 OCTOBER 30, 2025	RAINS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. BOWIE LAND PARTNERS, LTD.	TRACT 8 A0014 THOMAS BROOKS SURVEY HERMITS COVE #2 LOT 21 SALES NOTES: (SELLING TRACT# 8,9,10,11,12,13,14 FOR ONE COMBINED BID) (SUBJECT TO POST-JUDGEMENT TAXES)	\$1,668.00
9	3163TX 08/22/25	2301-0000-0220-43 OCTOBER 30, 2025	RAINS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. BOWIE LAND PARTNERS, LTD.	TRACT 9 A0014 THOMAS BROOKS SURVEY HERMITS COVE #2 LOT 22 SALES NOTES: (SELLING TRACT# 8,9,10,11,12,13,14 FOR ONE COMBINED BID) (SUBJECT TO POST-JUDGEMENT TAXES)	\$1,668.00
10	3163TX 08/22/25	2301-0000-0230-43 OCTOBER 30, 2025	RAINS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. BOWIE LAND PARTNERS, LTD.	TRACT 10 A0014 THOMAS BROOKS SURVEY HERMITS COVE #2 LOT 23 SALES NOTES: (SELLING TRACT# 8,9,10,11,12,13,14 FOR ONE COMBINED BID) (SUBJECT TO POST-JUDGEMENT TAXES)	\$1,668.00
11	3163TX 08/22/25	2301-0000-0240-43 OCTOBER 30, 2025	RAINS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. BOWIE LAND PARTNERS, LTD.	TRACT 11 A0014 THOMAS BROOKS SURVEY HERMITS COVE #2 LOT 24 SALES NOTES: (SELLING TRACT# 8,9,10,11,12,13,14 FOR ONE COMBINED BID) (SUBJECT TO POST-JUDGEMENT TAXES)	\$1,668.00
12	3163TX 08/22/25	2301-0000-0250-43 OCTOBER 30, 2025	RAINS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. BOWIE LAND PARTNERS, LTD.	TRACT 12 A0014 THOMAS BROOKS SURVEY HERMITS COVE #2 LOT 25 SALES NOTES: (SELLING TRACT# 8,9,10,11,12,13,14 FOR ONE COMBINED BID)	\$1,668.00
13	3163TX 08/22/25	2301-0000-0260-43 OCTOBER 30, 2025	RAINS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. BOWIE LAND PARTNERS, LTD.	TRACT 13 AB 14 THOMAS BROOKS SURVEY HERMITS COVE #2 LOT 26 SALES NOTES: (SELLING TRACT# 8,9,10,11,12,13,14 FOR ONE COMBINED BID)	\$1,944.00
14	3163TX 08/22/25	2301-0000-0270-43 OCTOBER 30, 2025	RAINS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. BOWIE LAND PARTNERS, LTD.	TRACT 14 A0014 THOMAS BROOKS SURVEY HERMITS COVE #2 LOT 27 SALES NOTES: (SELLING TRACT# 8,9,10,11,12,13,14 FOR ONE COMBINED BID)	\$1,450.00
15	3167TX 08/20/25	0013-0180-0300-43 OCTOBER 30, 2025	RAINS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. CARLOS PAREDES MALAGON	A0013 BREWER JOHN TRACT 300 ACRES 12.0 SALES NOTES: (SUBJECT TO POST-JUDGEMENT TAXES)	\$552,607.00
16	3198TX 08/22/25	0263-0030-0000-43 OCTOBER 30, 2025	RAINS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. HORACE HOSKINS, ET AL	A0263 WILLIAMS JOHN ACRES 17.0 (DIV 6 TR 15 AC. TR 2 12 AC) SALES NOTES: (SUBJECT TO POST-JUDGEMENT TAXES)	\$112,337.00
17	3213TX 08/20/25	2752-0000-M100-43 OCTOBER 30, 2025	RAINS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. REGINA PIERCE	A0014 BROOKS THOMAS SURVEY SHADY OAKS LOT 10 IMP ONLY SALES NOTES: (SUBJECT TO POST-JUDGEMENT TAXES)	\$90,081.00
18	3217TX 08/20/25	0280-1120-0000-40 OCTOBER 30, 2025	RAINS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT ET AL VS. JON DOUGLAS GILES, ET AL	A0280 YARBER GREEN B ACRES .237	\$107,779.00
19	3233TX 08/20/25	2900-0000-4140-41 OCTOBER 30, 2025	RAINS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. JULIE ANN RINGSTAFF	A0229 TOLLETT MARGARET SURVEY: (LL) WHISPERING OAKS LOT 414 SALES NOTES: (SUBJECT TO POST-JUDGEMENT TAXES)	\$313,340.00
20	3252TX 08/22/25	0049-0111-0000-43 OCTOBER 30, 2025	RAINS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT. ET AL VS. PATRICIA HARVEY	A0049 CASE DANIEL M ACRES 4.012 SALES NOTES: (SUBJECT TO POST-JUDGEMENT TAXES)	\$68,974.00
21	3256TX 08/22/25	2800-00B0-0010-43 OCTOBER 30, 2025	RAINS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. PETE SUTTON, AKA PETE DUMOND SUTTON	A0033 CHITTENDEN N G:SUN POINT, BLOCK 00B0, LOT 1 SALES NOTES: (SUBJECT TO POST-JUDGEMENT TAXES)	\$82,833.00
22	3052TX 07/19/24	2301-0000-0450-43 DECEMBER 18, 2024	RAINS COUNTY, ET AL VS. JOHN MERRILL BELL, ET AL	A0014 THOMAS BROOKS SURVEY HERMITS COVE #2 LOT 45	\$1,495.00
23	3072TX 09/20/24	0055-0175-0000-43 DECEMBER 18, 2024	RAINS COUNTY, ET AL VS. BARBARA NELL PRICE, ET AL	A-55 CALEB DECKER SURVEY, 1.103 ACRES	\$52,365.00
24	3089TX 07/19/24	2300-0000-0730-43 DECEMBER 18, 2024	RAINS COUNTY, ET AL VS. LARA MILLER	TRACT 1 A0014 THOMAS BROOKS SURVEY HERMITS CORV #1 LOT 73 SALES NOTES: (SUBJECT TO POST-JUDGEMENT TAXES)	\$1,690.00
25	3089TX 07/19/24	2300-0000-0740-43 DECEMBER 18, 2024	RAINS COUNTY, ET AL VS. LARA MILLER	TRACT 2 A0014 THOMAS BROOKS SURVEY HERMITS COVE #1 LOT 74 SALES NOTES: (SUBJECT TO POST-JUDGEMENT TAXES)	\$1,690.00
26	3108TX 09/20/24	0189-0175-0000-43 DECEMBER 18, 2024	RAINS COUNTY, ET AL VS. ADDIE MAE BRUMIT, AKA MRS. RM BRUMIT, ET AL	A0189 RITTER GEORGE W ACRES 8.25	\$85,997.00
27	3144TX 07/19/24	0080-0300-0060-43 DECEMBER 18, 2024	RAINS COUNTY, ET AL VS. HELEN ENGLISH	A0080 JAMES FORSYTHE SURVEY, 0.341 ACRES	\$5,320.00

(any volume and page references, unless otherwise indicated, being to the Deed Records, Rains County, Texas, to which instruments reference may be made for a more complete description of each respective tract.) or, upon the written request of said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion of the property described above shall be sold to satisfy said judgment(s), interest, penalties, and cost; and any property sold shall be subject to the right of redemption of the defendants or any person having an interest therein, to redeem the said property, or their interest therein, within the time and in the manner provided by law, and shall be subject to any other and further rights to which the defendants or anyone interested therein may be entitled, under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment(s) rendered in the above styled and numbered cause(s), together with interest, penalties, and costs of suit, and the proceeds of said sales to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.

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Dated at Emory, Texas, October 30, 2025



Sheriff Michael Hopkins Rains County, Texas

By

Deputy

Notes:

The Minimum Bid is the lesser of the amount awarded in the judgment plus interest and costs or the adjudged value. However, the Minimum Bid for a person owning an interest in the property or for a person who is a party to the suit (other than a taxing unit), is the aggregate amount of the judgments against the property plus all costs of suit and sale. ALL SALES SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE. THERE MAY BE ADDITIONAL TAXES DUE ON THE PROPERTY WHICH HAVE BEEN ASSESSED SINCE THE DATE OF THE JUDGMENT. For more information, contact your attorney or LINEBARGER GOGGAN BLAIR & SAMPSON, LLP, attorney for plaintiffs, at (903) 597-2897

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE ESTATE OF
FLOYD CHARLES
GREENE, DECEASED**
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Floyd Charles Greene, Deceased, were issued on October 28, 2025, under Docket No. 3377, pending in the County Court of Rains County, Texas, to Teresa Lynn Northcutt and Lou Ann Greene.
Claims may be presented as follows:
Representative,
Estate of Floyd Charles Greene, 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 November 6, 2025
CURTIS & ALEXANDER P.C.
Attorneys at Law
Number One Planters Street
P.O. Box 38
Emory, Texas 75440
Telephone: 903-473-2297
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Sports

RAINS WILDCAT FOOTBALL

Wildcats fall to speedy Jackets in season finale



Wildcat Adam Colson (8) swats away the Yellowjacket defender to gain more yards during the 68-0 season-ending loss to Mineola on Friday night, November 7.

By CHUCK FITTS
Rains County Leader staff

The Rains Wildcat football team's season ended with a 68-0 loss to the Mineola Yellowjackets on Friday night, November 7, in Mineola.

The speed of the Yellowjackets was too much for the Wildcats as they scored off runs of 70, 56, 89 and 82 yards early in the game.

The Rains offense was held to 178 yards with 121 rushing yards and 57 passing yards. Mineola gained 749 yards in the game.

Junior Jabari Shields led the team on the ground with 78 yards on five carries, while senior Taisean Shields rushed six times for 18 yards.

Sophomore Major Wallace completed five passes for 28 yards, while freshman Cooper Combs had 19 yards on four completions.

J. Shields had three catches for 15 yards, and junior Carson Cook caught two passes for 14 yards.

For the defense, senior Kenneth Griffith finished with eleven tackles, while senior Nate Scott finished with five tackles.

The Yellowjackets received the opening kickoff and moved the ball 61 yards down the field with runs and passes. They scored on a 5-yard touchdown run up the middle. Rains 0, Mineola 7.

The Wildcats' first drive started with three negative plays, but Cook sprinted for 16 yards on a fake punt to keep the drive alive. They followed up the big play with a 4-yard pass that had 15 yards added to it by a personal foul penalty.

Wallace completed a pass to J. Shields for another first down, but his next pass was a

little off target and was intercepted.

Mineola completed a short pass and a 7-yard run before the runningback took off for a 70-yard touchdown run. Rains 0, Mineola 14.

Rains fought to get the momentum back as senior Nate Scott took the kickoff and returned it 60 yards to the Mineola 13-yard line. Two short runs and a fumbled pitch ended the scoring opportunity.

The Yellowjacket offense started with a 17-yard run and two short pass plays before scoring on a 56-yard touchdown run. Rains 0, Mineola 21.

The Wildcat offense was held to three-and-out, and the fake punt failed to get a first down and was turned over on downs.

Mineola got 21 yards on their first play, recovered a fumbled snap and then fumbled a handoff to give the ball back to Rains to end their only non-scoring drive of the night.

The Wildcats gained eight yards on the pass and had 15 yards added for penalty. Unfortunately, two runs for zero yards and a 15-yard sack forced a punt.

The Yellowjackets slammed the door with an 89-yard touchdown run on the next play. Rains 0, Mineola 28.

The Rains offense started the next drive with a 7-yard pass and a 17-yard run, but recovery of a fumbled pitch set them back. Two incompletions later, they punted.

Mineola had runs of 13 yards, 27 yards and 12 yards before scoring on a 37-yard touchdown pass. Rains 0, Mineola 35.

The Wildcats started with a 4-yard run that had 15

yards added and a 21-yard run. They had two incompletions and a sack to force another punt.

The Yellowjackets scored on a 82-yard flea flicker after the punt. Rains 0, Mineola 42.

Rains would move the ball 10 yards in four plays before the halftime buzzer sounded.

Starting the second half with the ball, the Wildcats managed seven yards in three plays and punted.

The Yellowjackets move the ball 43 yards in four plays before scoring on a 41-yard touchdown run. Rains 0, Mineola 49.

The Wildcats started their drive with a reverse to J. Shields and he weaved his way for 53 yards to the Mineola 8-yard line. A negative run, incompletion and failed screen pass turned the ball over on downs.

Mineola moved the ball 75 yards in six plays and scored on a 15-yard pass for a touchdown. The extra point had a bad snap and failed. Rains 0, Mineola 55.

The Rains offense managed eight yards in four plays before turning the ball over on downs.

The Yellowjackets used seven straight running plays and scored on a 5-yard touchdown run. The extra point kick was blocked. Rains 0, Mineola 61.

The Wildcats last play of the season was a wide receiver screen that was intercepted by Mineola and returned for a touchdown. The clock ran out after the extra point. Rains 0, Mineola 68.

The Rains Wildcats finish the season at 2-8 and 1-5 in District 3A-7-1.

LUKE CLAYTON

Through my many years, I have hunted from all sorts of deer stands, everything from a couple of two by fours nailed to a forked tree limb to later in life elevated stands with all the amenities of a well-stocked cabin. Looking back, it's a wonder I didn't break something or worse while hunting high in trees with some of the death traps I used to use.



Luke Clayton
Outdoor Columnist

I remember the very first climbing tree stand that came on the market. These "climbers," as they are called, are two-piece affairs consisting of a seat and footrest. The idea is to attach first the seat to the trunk of a straight tree without limbs (pine trees work best) and then attach the footrest. I finally learned how to climb a pine tree with mine. Learning to go up with the climber was difficult enough but coming down was even more challenging. I managed to kill a couple of deer from my first climber without breaking my neck. Later climbers were much safer, but after a few close calls with that first one, I decided there had to be a better and safer way to hunt from an elevated position.

Then along came the "lock-on" stands that lock on to the trunk of the tree and make for a pretty secure hunting platform assuming they were securely attached. Climbing sticks, which are sections with steps that ratchet to the tree trunk, are used to climb up the tree to the stand. The lock on stands are pretty safe when locked on securely to the trunk of the tree and there are some models that can be secured to larger limbs rather than the trunk of the tree. Granted, the platform is relatively safe once secured to the tree, but actually getting them secured in position has always been a real challenge for me. Rather than using the climbing sticks to get up into the tree, I usually carried an extension ladder and climbed to the desired height with a rope tied to the stand. I would then pull the stand up to the desired height.

I used to think that I needed to be elevated at least 15 or so feet in order to successfully hunt deer. Then I began getting invited to do articles on ranches with stands called "box blinds" that sat on the ground, or a few feet off the ground, on legs. I soon learned to enjoy the easy access to these comfortable blinds. I also learned that once constructed they become part of the landscape and deer become accustomed to seeing them. These days, it's common to see these elevated "shooting houses" perched 12 or more feet off the ground on platforms with ladders with hand rails that make them easy to climb

Take a stand



Larry Wieshuhn, Jeff Rice and Luke Clayton stand in front of a see-through pop-up blind. These blinds have become very popular the past couple years.

into. Deer pay them absolutely no attention after they get used to seeing them. I've had deer actually bed down under elevated blinds, with me inside!

After 64 years of hunting from a wide variety of stands, I usually hunt close to ground or from an easy-to-access elevated stand. In my mid sixties I don't want to end my hunting career with a life-changing fall from a climber or lock-on stand. But If you are young and relatively agile, don't let me dissuade you from hunting from these sorts of stands, just MAKE SURE you wear a safety harness and know how to use it. Just this year, the outdoor press has publicized a couple of well-known celebrities that have taken bad falls from tree stands because they were not wearing safety harnesses.

These days, I hunt several ranches for deer and wild hogs and I love the concealment and portability provided by pop-up ground blinds. I began hunting from these pop ups that can be set up in a matter of a couple of minutes. The blinds, just as the name indicates, actually pop up by pulling out each of the four walls and the roof. The trick is to always pop out the roof first and then the walls. I remember back 25 years ago when these blinds first became popular. A buddy and I turned one every way but loose in efforts to set it up. Of course we didn't read the simple directions and created a nightmare from what should have a simple two minute set up. These blinds are made of canvas or a very durable synthetic material and some are better constructed than others. As with most products, you get what you pay for. The standard pop up blind has windows with zippers, snaps, or with the most modern ones, plastic slides that open and shut the windows quietly. The original and still most widely used models are solid walls with windows but a few years ago the 'see through' models came on the market and have become very popular. I

ordered a couple of these back in the summer to hunt from this fall and winter and I love them.

They are designed so that the hunter has 270 degree or, with some models, 360 degree visibility from the inside but cannot be seen by game on the outside. The blinds have thousands of tiny holes that by a patented design allow the hunter to see around him without looking through windows. The blinds do have windows to shoot through that are equipped with slides that allow the window openings to be adjusted very quietly. Because of the tiny holes, the blinds do not block the wind like the solid wall models but in my opinion this is a small price to pay for the great visibility they provide.

On the opener of deer season last weekend my good friend Larry Weishuhn, aka "Mr. Whitetail" hunted from one of the larger models of these see through blinds. Larry is about 6 ft. 4 inches and was able to stand upright, which was a big plus. After the hunt, Larry was on Amazon ordering a couple of these blinds for his use. I used my blinds through archery season and plan to put them to use during the rifle season on several ranches. Many people think it a good idea to set these blinds up a few days ahead of time or 'brush them in' with native foliage. But on this recent hunt up in Montague County with my long time friend, Don Gresham, we set the blind up mid day and the next morning Larry had deer within a few yards. It's always best to set them up ahead of time but not absolutely necessary. I plan to put mine to use this fall while hunting food plots.

Join Luke, Larry Weishuhn, Jeff Rice and hunting and fishing guides on November 8, in Seagoville, from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., for a celebration of the outdoors at the Dash For Cash Pawn shop located on Hall Street. Free street taco drawing for a rifle and lots of fun. For more information, call 972-287-3121.

RAINS LADY CAT BASKETBALL

Lady Cats win big in home opener



Lady Cat Kamara Ragsdale (14) splits the Lady Bobcat defenders for a layup during the 80-51 victory over Fruitvale on November 11. The Lady Cats are 1-1 to start the season.

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