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RAIN REPORT

Feb. 6	0.01
Total for week.....	0.01
Total for Feb.....	3.03
Total for year.....	3.03



COMMISSIONERS COURT

Court opts for common sense over burn ban

By LAUREN WITHROW
Rains County Leader staff

Rains County Commissioner Patsy Marshall presided over the regular commissioners court meeting held on Thursday, February 9, at 10:00 a.m. at the Rains County Courthouse, in the absence of Rains County Judge Wayne Wolfe. She explained that Wolfe was ill; all other commission-

ers were present.

CPA Barry Finkelstein, the county's outside auditor, was in attendance to present the results of the county's 2015-2016 fiscal year budget. Finkelstein and his office issued an unmodified opinion to the entity in the audit. As the website <http://pakaccountants.com> explains, "Unmodified opinion is the opinion where [the] auditor expresses an opinion that

financial statements are presented, in all material respects, in accordance with applicable financial reporting framework."

Finkelstein stated that he is in the courthouse annex collecting documents and other items he needs to perform an audit, from approximately November-December. He related that each county employee who assisted him was courteous and very helpful,

and he was very appreciative.

Finkelstein explained one of his recommendations to the county commissioners. Each year, the county gives monies to different organizations which provide services to area residents. He recommended that before any monies were given to the organizations in the current fiscal year, the organizations should provide proof that they are non-profit entities. He stated that it could be proven in a myriad of ways, but that a complete copy of the organization's audit would be most beneficial.

The commissioners discussed the possibility of instituting a burn ban for the county, and asked for input from Emergency Management Coordinator Jon Wedeking. Before Wedeking spoke, Marshall stated, "You can't fix stupid." She explained that without a burn ban, law enforcement officers for the city and the county are able to ticket those who are burning outside of guidelines issued by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), which can be found by visiting https://www.tceq.texas.gov/rules/rules_rulemaking.html. She also stated that a burn ban does not stop those who are not using common sense when they burn.

Wedeking stated that local fire departments have responded to several fires in the past few weeks. He said, "A burn ban would not have stopped any of the [recent] fires. Those fires occurred because of natural phenomena, carelessness, from winds which reignited flames or lack of common sense." After the meeting, Wedeking explained that websites, such as the one run by the National Weather Service, with certified mete-

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TP&W stocks Sandy Creek with trout



Leader photo by TREY HILL

Jeremy Gillert of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Texas Fisheries Division delivered 259 rainbow trout to Sandy Creek at Rubye McKeown Emory City Park on Thursday, February 9. Fishermen young and old were seen lining the banks with a fishing line in the water to land the bespeckled fish that ranged 8 to 10 inches in length.

MUNICIPAL, RISD ELECTIONS

Registration for May 6 election ends Friday

By LAUREN WITHROW
Rains County Leader staff

The deadline to sign up for a position on the Rains Independent School District (ISD) Board, East Tawakoni City Council or the Emory City Council is Friday, February 17, by the close of business.

Seats open on the Rains ISD Board include Places 1, 2 and 3 currently held by Paul Foley, Robert Burns and Philip Alexander, respectively. All three current board members have signed up, seeking re-election. As of

press time, no other candidates had turned in packets.

Every seat on the East Tawakoni City Council is open for election, including the mayoral seat. Current Mayor Johnnie LaPrade will be seeking re-election along with Pam Patterson, Gary Reeves and Chris Roberts. East Tawakoni resident David Rose has signed up to run for Place 1, currently held by James Lee, and Lynn Wallace has signed up to run for Place 5, currently held by David Evans. As of press time, Lee and Evans had not signed up to run for re-election.

The Emory City Council has three positions open, including the mayoral seat. Current mayor, Blake Cooper, was elected in May 2016 to fill the unexpired term of Carolyn Hill, who died the previous February. Cooper is seeking re-election and Emory resident Trey Hill is signed up to run for the mayoral position as well. Incumbents Travis Potts (Place 2) and Emery Cathey (Place 4) are seeking re-election.

To sign up to be placed on the ballot for the elections, which will be held in May, a packet can be picked

up from each entity. To run for a position on the school board, pick up a packet from the Rains ISD Administration Building located adjacent to the junior high school building; for the ET City Council, a packet may be picked up at ET City Hall located at 288 Briggs Blvd. in East Tawakoni. Packets to run for City of Emory Mayor or City Council can be picked up at Emory City Hall, located at 399 N. Texas St. in Emory.

Packets must be filled out and returned by close of business for each entity on Friday, February 17.

STATE SALES TAX

February rebates drop for all local entities

By LAUREN WITHROW
Rains County Leader staff

Over \$314,000 in state sales tax funds have been rebated to local governmental entities in 2017, according to year-to-date statistics released by Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar last week.

Allocations to the four governmental entities (county and cities) for the month of February totaled \$158,821.29.

Emory. With a sales tax based on 1.5 percent of retail sales, the city of Emory received \$93,351.08 from February sales tax revenue, which is a 7.69-percent decrease from last year's February payment of \$101,128.12. Year-to-date (YTD), Emory has received \$190,137.68 in sales tax revenue, up 6.74 percent from the same time last year when the rebate was \$178,120.54.

Point. The city of Point received a payment of \$10,775.20 from the comptroller's office in February,

down 1.9 percent from the February 2016 payment of \$10,985. YTD, Point has received \$18,975.42, up 8.87 percent from last year's payment of \$17,429.02.

The city of Point collects a tax of 1.5 percent of retail sales within the city.

East Tawakoni. February's monthly allocation for the city of East Tawakoni was down 6.09 percent, receiving \$7,527.23 compared to \$8,016.08 received in February 2016.

YTD, the city received a total of \$11,698.58, down 4.62 percent compared to 2016 YTD allocations of \$12,266.35, with a sales tax of 1.5 percent.

Rains County. The county has received a total of \$93,344.54 YTD, up 5.77 percent compared to 2016 YTD allocations of \$88,248.08.

A refund for the month of February of \$47,167.78 is down 7.23 per-

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ESD #1

Point VFD sells station, seeks new vehicle

By LAUREN WITHROW
Rains County Leader staff

It was a short, regular meeting of the Rains County Emergency Services District #1 on Thursday, February 9, at 7:00 p.m. at the Emory Volunteer Fire Department (VFD) Station. Ken Player presided at the meeting. Kevin Douglas, Wesley Rawle, Roy Franklin and Scott Hooten were all in attendance.

Representatives from Champion EMS, Emory VFD, East Tawakoni (ET) VFD and Point VFD gave monthly activity reports. The board approved all reimbursements as well as the payment of accounts. Members of the board also approved the minutes of the January meeting.

Player addressed ET VFD Fire Chief Joe Bill Jones and questioned him about the department's need for an air conditioner. Jones stated that the air conditioner was still needed and that estimates had been around \$5,500.

Point VFD Fire Chief John Suits was on hand to submit a proposal for a Chevrolet Tahoe, to serve as a brush truck, similar to the one purchased by Emory VFD. Player stated that he was unsure if the ESD would need to open the process for bids. The item will be put on the March agenda. Point VFD recently sold its station #2 and decided against expanding its current station.

Player reminded those in attendance that a representative from Texas A&M Forest Service will be at the April meeting. He explained that the departments may be able to attend training in Rains County with the Forest Service rather than traveling out of town and encouraged members of all departments to attend the meeting.

The next regular meeting of the Rains County Emergency Services District #1 Board is scheduled for Thursday, March 9, at 7:00 p.m. at the Emory VFD Fire Station.

Community outreach & organizations

- ALBA LIBRARY BOARD** – 3rd Mon., 4:00 p.m., Library Building. Everyone welcome. 903-765-2665
- THE LADIES CLUB OF ALBA** – 4th Thurs., 6:30 p.m., Alba Community Center 903-474-1486
- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS Emory** – Tues. and Thurs., 7:00-8:00 p.m., Saturday 1:00-2:00 p.m. Emory United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. For info call 903-243-6766 or 903-439-7573.
- AL-ANON** –Thurs., 7:00 p.m., Crossroads Al-anon Group, 103 N. Houston St., Edgewood 903-896-7270
- AMERICAN LEGION POST 156, Rabb Bro. Mem. Rains Co.** – 4th Mon., 7:00 p.m., 215 N. Duffy St., Emory, 903-438-6045
- ARBALA DANCE** –Tues., 7:00 - 9:30 p.m., Arbala Community Center
- BOY SCOUTS** – Wed., 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Emory United Methodist Church
- CELEBRATE RECOVERY** – every Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. Emory Baptist Church
- EAST TAWAKONI SENIOR CITIZEN GAME DAY** – every Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. 288 Briggs Blvd. behind East Tawakoni City Hall
- EMORY LIONS CLUB** – 1st and 3rd Thurs., 12:00 noon. Visitors welcome. Call for location 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 CO. PUBLIC LIBRARY** – 3rd Thurs., 1:00 p.m., Meadows Cultural Center, Rains County Public Library
- LAKE COUNTRY NEIGHBORS** – 1st Thurs., 11:30 a.m., www.lakecountryneighbors.com
- LAKE FORK AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** – 3rd Thurs., 6:00 p.m. For location, visit www.lakeforkchamber.org.
- LAKE FORK CHAPTER OF THE WELL ARMED WOMAN** – first Thursday, 4-7 p.m. at J&K's Trigger & Bow Shooting Sports, 9963 S. Hwy 154, 3 1/2 miles north of Yantis. Peggy York 903-473-2185
- MARS HILL MASONIC LODGE #1440** – 4th Thurs., 6:30 p.m., Lodge on Hwy. 69
- NORTHEAST TEXAS DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE** – 4th Thurs., 6:00 - 7:30 p.m., Rose Community Center
- NORTHEAST TEXAS PARATROOPERS ASSOCIATION** – 3rd Sat., 7:30 a.m., Red Dome Smoke-
- house in Quitman 903-763-4555
- PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD OF RAINS COUNTY** – 3rd Mon., 7:00 p.m., Agri-Life Extension and Conference Center
- POINT CHURCHES FOOD BANK** – 2nd & 4th Tues. 1-3 p.m. First Baptist Church of Point 985 Industrial Blvd., 903-598-3220.
- POINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP.** – 1st Tues., 6:00 p.m., PEDC office, 329 Locust St., Point, 903-598-3051.
- POINT LADIES CIVIC CLUB** – 1st Thurs., 6:30 p.m., Point Community Center 903-598-2089
- P.O.I.N.T** – 3rd Sun., 3:00 p.m., Cotton Pickin' Theatre, Point, 903-598-3809
- RAINS COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** – 2nd Thursday, 12:00 noon Visitor's Center, 903-473-3913.
- RAINS COUNTY FARMERS UNION** – 1st Mon., 7:00 p.m., Cotton Pickin' Theatre, 903-598-3809
- RAINS GARDEN CLUB** – 1st Mon., 9:30 a.m., Emory Methodist Church
- RAINS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY** – 3rd Mon., 6:00 p.m., Emory Development Corp.
- RAINS COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD** – 4th Mon., 5:30 p.m., Feb.-Oct., Meadows Cultural Center, Rains County Public Library
- RAINS COUNTY GOOD SAMARITANS** – Board meets 2nd Tues., 1:00 p.m., Miracle Faith Baptist Church. Center is open 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Mon. and Thurs. and 2nd Sat. 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon Food Pantry
- RAINS COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY** 3rd Sat., 1:00 p.m., Rains County Public Library, 903-473-6277
- RAINS COUNTY VETERAN VOLUNTEERS** 903-474-7231
- RAINS WILDCAT BOOSTER CLUB** – 3rd Mon., 6:30 p.m., Rains H. S. Field House
- RAINS WILDCAT BAND BOOSTER CLUB** – 2nd Mon., 6:00 p.m., Rains H. S. Band Hall
- STITCH AND LEARN QUILTING CLUB** – Thurs., 9 a.m.-12 p.m. 903-598-3021 Emory Methodist Church
- TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Emory Chapter 1244** – Tues., 5:00 - 6:30 p.m., Weigh-in before meeting Emory Baptist Memorial Hall
- 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** 3rd Tues., 7:00 p.m., Emory City Hall
- POINT CITY COUNCIL** 2nd Tues., 6:45 p.m., Point City Hall
- RAINS COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE:** 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 APPRAISAL DISTRICT** 3rd Thurs. of every month, Rains Tax Office at 6:30 p.m.
- RAINS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT** 2nd & 4th Thurs., 10:00 a.m., Rains County Courthouse
- RAINS ISD SCHOOL BOARD** 2nd Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Rains ISD Board Room
- RAINS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICE AREA DISTRICT** 2nd Thurs., 7:00 p.m., Rains County Courthouse Annex

NEWS BRIEFS

Good Samaritan Thrift Shop Open

The Rains County Good Samaritan Thrift Shop will offer sales on Saturdays, February 18 and 25, in the building behind the public library on Hwy. 69 in Emory. Hours are 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Funds go to buy food for the needy and to operate the center. The sale includes clothes for all ages and sizes, household items, knick-knacks and furniture. There is new stock every week.

RYSA Baseball And Softball Sign-ups

RYSA baseball and softball sign-ups will be held February 16, 21, 23 and 28 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the RYSA fields for children ages 4-15. The cost is \$40 for Learners T-ball (age 4) and \$70 for all others and is due at sign-up. For more info on boys' baseball, call Ricky Ratliff at 903-243-3926; for girls' softball, call Charlie Floyd at 903-624-3934 or visit [facebook.com/RYSA.BASEBALL](https://www.facebook.com/RYSA.BASEBALL).

Free Insulation To Qualified Home Owners/Renters

Rains County residents living in the Texas New Mexico Power territory may qualify for a home energy consumption assessment and insulation installation at no cost to them. Homes must have electric heat – no gas. There are no income guidelines. To see if your home qualifies or for more information, call 972-730-7811.

Library Artist Showcase

"Artistic Expressions," featuring work by artists Cassie Austin (photographer and recycled artist) and Valerie Sanders (fine art watercolors) is on display at the Rains County Public Library, Meadows Cultural Center through February, sponsored by Friends of the Library.

FOL Monthly Meeting, Feb. 16

The Friends of the Rains County Public Library (FOL) monthly meeting will be held on Thurs., Feb. 16, at 1:00 p.m. at Scarborough Haven in Emory. There will be a presentation and tour by Janie Scarborough. Member plus guest invited. Light refreshments and door prizes. RSVP to Lyn Baldwin at 903-335-4076 or lyn.baldwin@gmail.com.

RISD Blood Drive

A blood drive will be held in the Rains High School gymnasium on Feb. 17, from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. For more information contact Paula Wellman at 903-473-2222 ext. 2209.

Rains Cosmetology Fundraiser

The Rains High School Cosmetology Dept. is holding a fundraiser to raise money for its educational needs. Hair products for sale through Feb. 20 include Redken, Pureology, Sexy Hair and Hempz. For more info, call Paula Wellman at 473-2222 ext. 2209.

Local College Fair To Be Held Feb. 22

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church will host a college fair on Wednesday, Feb. 22, from 6:00-8:00 p.m., at the church, located at 515 E. FM 2795, Emory for students and parents. For more info about this free event, see the article in this edition of the *Rains County Leader* or call Diane Eaton at 903-850-8005, or Maggie Conder at 972-679-9330.

4-H Club To Meet Thursday, Feb. 23

The Rains 4-H Club meeting will be held on Thursday, February 23, at 6:00 p.m. at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension and Conference Center on Hwy. 276 in Emory. For more info, call Texas A&M AgriLife Extension at 903-473-4580.

Forage Conference To Be Held Feb. 24

The East Texas Forage Conference will be held on Friday, February 24, at the Rains County Fairgrounds Exhibit Building (located at the intersection of Hwys. 19 and 69). Registration starts at 8:30 a.m., with the program starting at 9:00 a.m. and concluding at 3:30 p.m. Cost is \$20 which includes a catered lunch. Call 903-473-4580 to RSVP or for questions.

Black History Month Celebration

Prairie Grove Missionary Baptist Church will host the 2017 Black History Month Celebration on Saturday, February 25, from 1:00-3:00 p.m., featuring the Texas College Choir from Tyler. The last performance of the quilters group, "The Secret Codes Of The Underground Railroad," will be given. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Tredis Griffin at 972-223-6922.

Lone Oak FFA Fish Fry, Auction, Feb. 25

The Lone Oak FFA Booster Club is holding its annual fish fry and auction on Sat., Feb. 25, at the Lone Oak High School cafeteria. Starting at 5:30 p.m., catfish, tea and dessert will be served with the auction beginning at 6:30 p.m. Items are still needed for the auction. Raffle tickets for a bolt action rifle (choice of caliber) are \$5 each or 3 for \$10.

Mexican Stack-up And Silent Auction, February 25

The Point Ladies' Civic Club will host its much-anticipated annual Mexican Stack-up Dinner and Silent Auction on Saturday, February 25, at the Point Community Center, located on South First Street. Come and enjoy the food, fellowship and fun. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. Donations accepted at the door. Event proceeds will benefit the operation and maintenance of the Point Community Center. The Point Ladies' Civic Club is a 501 C-3 tax-exempt organization. Donations are tax deductible.

Flats Game Night Thurs., February 16

The monthly Flats game night will be held Thursday, February 16, at the Flats Senior Center. The doors open for games and fellowship at 6:00 p.m. with a potluck supper served at 7:00

p.m. Fundraising plans will be discussed. Everyone is welcome.

Texas Senate "Page-for-a-day Program"

Young people, between the ages of 6 and 18, are needed to participate in the Texas Senate District 2 "Page-for-a-Day Program." Candidates will be Senate Messengers for a three-hour slot, delivering messages between offices, and assisting Senate staff. Call 512-463-0102 for more info and to apply.

Woosley Baptist 125-Year Celebration

Woosley Baptist Church on Hwy. 47 will be holding a 125-year Celebration on Sat., March 4 and Sun., March 5. The Erwins will be in concert at 6:00 p.m. on March 4, and 10:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on March 5. Lunch will be served from 12:00-1:30 p.m. on March 5. Please RSVP for lunch by calling Joyce Durett at 903-598-2084 or Avon Hatley at 903-598-2807.

RISD Special Olympics March 10

The Rains ISD 10th annual Special Olympics Track and Field Day is scheduled for Friday, March 10, at the Rains Wildcat Stadium. The opening parade will begin at 9:30 a.m. Please plan to be a part of this rewarding day.

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For more information contact Gary Nelson at 903-431-5508



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For more information contact Diane Eaton, 903-850-8005 or Maggie Conder, 972-679-9330.



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SAVY SENIOR

How Medicare covers preventive health services

Dear Savvy Senior,

Does Medicare cover 100 percent of all preventive health care screenings? I'm due to get a colonoscopy and a few other tests, but I want to find out if I'll have to pay anything before I proceed.

New to Medicare

Dear New,

Medicare currently covers a wide array of free preventive and screening services to help you stay healthy, but not all services are completely covered.

You also need to be aware that the repeal of the Affordable Care Act (aka Obamacare) — which helps financially support Medicare — may very well cause these free preventive services to be eliminated in the future. But in the meantime, here's how it works.

Free Preventive Services

Currently, most of Medicare's preventive services are available to all Part B beneficiaries for free, with no copays or deductibles, as long as you meet basic eligibility standards. Mammograms; colonoscopies; shots against flu, pneumonia, and hepatitis B; screenings for diabetes, depression, and heart conditions; and counseling to combat obesity, alcohol abuse, and smoking are just some of Medicare's lengthy list of covered services. But to get these services for free, you need to go to a doctor who accepts Medicare "on assignment," which means he or she has agreed to accept the Medicare approved rate as full payment.

Also, the tests are free only if they're used at specified intervals. For example, prostate cancer PSA tests, once every 12 months for men over 50; or colonoscopy, once every 10 years, or every two years if you're at high risk.

Medicare also offers a free "Welcome to Medicare" exam with your doctor in your first year, along with annual wellness visits thereafter. But don't confuse those with full physical examinations. Those are prevention-focused visits that provide only an overview of your health and medical risk factors and serve as a baseline for future care.

For a complete list of services along with their eligibility requirements, visit Medicare.gov and click on the "What Medicare Covers" tab at the top of the page, followed by "Preventive & screening services."

Hidden Costs

You also need to know that while the previously listed Medicare services are completely free, you can be charged for certain diagnostic services or additional tests or procedures related to the preventive service. For example, if your doctor finds and removes a polyp during your preventive care colonoscopy screening, the removal of the polyp is considered diagnostic and you will likely be charged for it. Or, if during your annual wellness visit, your doctor needs to investigate or to treat a new or existing problem, you will probably be charged here too.

You may also have to pay a facility fee depending on where you receive the service. Certain hospitals, for example, will often charge separate facilities fees when you are receiving a preventive service. And, you can also be charged for a doctor's visit if you meet with a physician before or after the service.

To eliminate billing surprises, talk to your doctor before any preventive service procedure to find out if you may be subject to a charge and what it would be.

Cost Sharing Services

Medicare also offers several other preventive services that require some out-of-pocket cost sharing. With these tests, you'll have to pay 20 percent of the cost of the service, after you've met your \$183 Part B yearly deductible. The services that fall under this category include glaucoma screenings, diabetes self-management trainings, barium enemas to detect colon cancer, and digital rectal exams to detect prostate cancer.

Medicare Advantage Members

If you have a Medicare Advantage plan, your plans are also required to cover the same free preventive services as original Medicare as long as you see in-network providers. If you see providers that are not in your plan's network, charges will typically apply.

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

UTSW

Patients discharged with unstable vital signs

Twenty percent of people hospitalized are released before all vital signs are stable, a pattern that is associated with an increased risk of death and hospital readmission, a new study by UT Southwestern Medical Center researchers shows.

As hospital stays have shortened dramatically over the past 30 years, there is increasing concern that patients are being discharged before all vital signs have stabilized, putting them at risk of adverse events after discharge. However, no studies to date have examined the extent to which patients are discharged with unstable vital signs, and whether this practice is actually associated with higher post-discharge mortality and readmission rates, the researchers said.

"We found that nearly 1 in 5 hospitalized adults is discharged with one or more vital sign instabilities such as an elevated heart rate or low blood pressure," said lead author, Dr. Oanh Nguyen, Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine and Clinical Sciences. "This finding is an important patient safety issue because patients who had vital sign abnormalities on the day of discharge had higher rates of hospital readmission and death within 30 days even after adjusting for many other risk factors."

The researchers assessed electronic medical records (EMR) of 32,835 unique individuals from six Dallas-Fort Worth area hos-

pitals, and noted abnormalities in temperature, heart rate, blood pressure, respiratory rate, and oxygen saturation within 24 hours of discharge. Nearly 20 percent had one or more abnormalities, with elevated heart rate being the most common vital sign instability (affecting about 10 percent). About 13 percent were readmitted or died, and individuals with three or more instabilities had a nearly four-fold increase in the odds of death.

"Our findings, that 'vital signs are still vital' have important implications for the development of national discharge guidelines to improve patient safety for the 35 million individuals being discharged from hospitals in the U.S. annually," said co-lead author, Dr. Anil Makam, Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine and Clinical Sciences.

"At a time when people are developing complicated, black box computerized algorithms to identify patients at high risk of readmission, our study highlights that the stability of vital signs, something doctors review with their own eyes every day, is a simple, clinically objective means of assessing readiness and safety for discharge. There's a good reason we call them vital signs," said senior author Dr. Ethan A. Halm, Chief of the William T. and Gay F. Solomon Division of General Internal Medicine, Chief of the Division of Outcomes and Health Services Research in the Depart-

ment of Clinical Sciences at UT Southwestern, and Director of UT Southwestern's Center for Patient-Centered Outcomes Research. "It is important for clinicians to look at all of the vital signs in the 24 hours prior to discharge and not just the last set or the best ones in judging a patient's readiness for discharge."

Researchers concluded that:

- Discharge guidelines should include objective vital sign criteria for judging stability on discharge to improve disposition planning and post-discharge patient safety.
- At a minimum, patients with one instability on discharge should be discharged with caution.
- Close outpatient follow-up and appropriate patient education about warning signs and symptoms that merit urgent medical attention may be warranted.
- Individuals with two or more instabilities should likely remain in the hospital for continued treatment and observation in the absence of extenuating circumstances.
- Though post-acute care facilities are frequent sites of post-discharge care for those discharged with vital sign instabilities, patients sent to these facilities had still higher rates of readmission and death, suggesting that an alternate site of discharge may have been more appropriate for a significant subset of these individuals.

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

Legislation banning sanctuary city policies clears hurdle

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott on Feb. 8 praised the Texas Senate's approval of legislation to ban sanctuary cities, an item on his priority list for the current legislative session.

Senate Bill 4 by Charles Perry, R-Lubbock, passed after 16 hours of floor debate on a 20-10 party-line vote, with Republicans voting in favor and Democrats in opposition.

The bill, if enacted, would prohibit a municipality, county or special district, campus police department of an institution of higher education, an employee of certain local entities and a district attorney or criminal district attorney from adopting rules, orders, ordinances or policies that prohibit enforcement of state and federal immigration laws. It also would void any local policy that currently prohibits law enforcement from inquiring about a person's immigration status and would require compliance with federal detainer requests.

SB 4 now moves to the Texas House of Representatives for consideration.

Abbott said: "As governor, I will not tolerate sanctuary city policies that put the citizens of Texas at risk. Elected officials do not get to pick and choose which laws they will obey. Today's action in the Senate helps ensure that sheriffs and officials across Texas comply with federal immigration laws and honor Immigration and Custom Enforcement detainer requests that keep dangerous criminals off of our streets."

Sen. Carlos Uresti, D-San Antonio, voted against the bill. "It signals to many in our immigrant community that they are not welcome in Texas," Uresti said.

Last week, Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers reportedly arrested more than 40 undocumented Mexican citizens in Austin alone. Similar sweeps, ordered by the White House, were conducted in other major cities in Texas and across the nation.

Senate OKs ethics bill

Also on Feb. 8, the state Senate unanimously approved Senate Bill 14, omnibus legislation to revamp ethics laws pertaining to elected officials. This was another issue tagged as an emergency item by Gov. Abbott.

Authored by Sen. Van Taylor, R-Plano, the bill would prohibit a registered lobbyist from serving in elective office and require any elected official convicted of a felony to be removed from office.

The bill also calls for canceling any taxpayer-funded pension if the crime relates to abuse of office.

Other things the bill would require:

- Increased reporting of wining and dining by lobbyists;
- A moratorium of one full session before a former legislator could register as a lobbyist; and
- Public disclosure of any ties officials or their immediate family members have to contracts between private businesses and government agencies.

Speaker names committees

House Speaker Joe Straus on Feb. 9 announced chairs and members of 38 standing House committees for the 85th Legislature.

"These assignments reflect the diversity of the Texas House. Some very good members are taking on new challenges. I'm looking forward to their leadership. There is always a balance to strike between continuity and fresh thinking and I think we have the right mix," Straus said.

Lists of committee chairs and members can be accessed online at http://www.house.texas.gov/_media/pdf/committee.pdf.

Missing jersey is sought

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick on Feb. 6 asked the Texas Rangers, a division of the Texas Department of Public Safety, to assist the Houston Police Department in the hunt for New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady's Super Bowl jersey.

"Whoever took this jersey should turn it in. The Texas Rangers are on the trail," Patrick said.

The jersey was reported missing from the Patriots' locker room at NRG Stadium in Houston. Brady wore the jersey in leading the Patriots to a come-from-behind victory in the Super Bowl Feb. 5.

Allocations to be sent

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on Feb. 8 announced he would send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$858.6 million in local sales tax allocations for February, 1 percent less than in February 2016.

Those allocations, Hegar said, are based on sales made in December by businesses that report tax monthly; October, November and December sales by quarterly filers; and 2016 sales by businesses that report tax annually.

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Court opts for common sense

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orological classifications can be consulted by the public to determine wind speed. He had provided Marshall with a map of drought conditions from the website of the Texas A&M Forest Service, which is also beneficial for those wishing to burn.

Marshall stated that a consideration for a burn ban would be included on the agenda for the next regular meeting of the commissioners court.

In other items, the commissioners:

- approved line item transfers
- approved payment of accounts
- approved elected officials' reports
- took no action regarding Child Safety Funds requested by Rains ISD
- approved the purchase of a container storage unit for use by the county's emergency services
- approved resolution of reviewing and updating the investment policy with all exhibits
- approved request from City of Emory for crushed concrete
- took no action regarding the annual Rains County Road & Bridge Report.

The next regular meeting of the Rains County Commissioners Court is scheduled to be held on Thursday, February 23, at 10:00 a.m. at the Rains County Courthouse.

February rebates drop

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cent compared to \$50,849.07 received in February 2016.

The county's tax base is 0.5 percent of retail sales throughout the county.

Sales tax applied to sales in December were returned to the state by merchants in January

and reallocated to governmental entities in February.

Hegar distributed \$611.6M in May in states sales taxes to cities and counties throughout the state.

The chart accompanying this article shows the state sales tax allocations for cities and counties in the surrounding area.

February '17 SALES TAX STATISTICS								
County City	% Taxed	Net pymt. this period	Net pymt. prior year	% change	'17 pymt. to date	Net pymts. prior year	% chg. from '16	
Rains Co.	0.5%	47,167.78	50,849.07	-7.23%	93,344.54	88,248.08	5.77%	
Tawakoni	1.5%	7,527.23	8,016.08	-6.09%	11,698.58	12,266.35	-4.62%	
Emory	1.5%	93,351.08	101,128.12	-7.69%	190,137.68	178,120.54	6.74%	
Point	1.5%	10,775.20	10,985.00	-1.90%	18,978.42	17,429.02	8.87%	
Hopkins Co.	0.5%	200,175.10	251,799.14	-20.50%	373,632.11	402,033.12	-7.06%	
Como	1.0%	4,182.94	3,737.26	11.92%	7,464.51	6,623.03	12.70%	
Cumby	1.5%	12,196.16	11,118.26	9.69%	20,007.88	18,755.82	6.67%	
Sul. Springs	1.5%	548,685.31	582,546.88	-5.81%	1,013,493.19	999,788.46	1.37%	
Hunt Co.	0.5%	467,823.17	372,295.72	25.65%	833,756.85	675,882.41	23.35%	
Caddo Mills	1.5%	32,324.02	29,891.63	8.13%	58,054.81	51,130.29	13.54%	
Campbell	1.25%	3,999.02	4,105.97	-2.60%	7,725.20	6,735.32	14.69%	
Celeste	1.25%	7,730.91	7,186.54	7.57%	13,522.50	11,734.47	15.23%	
Commerce	1.5%	119,770.94	104,689.34	14.40%	263,359.86	216,035.43	21.90%	
Greenville	1.5%	916,001.14	641,372.14	42.81%	1,596,104.97	1,200,536.08	32.94%	
Hawk Cove	1.0%	949.50	910.36	4.29%	1,430.74	1,225.32	16.76%	
Lone Oak	1.25%	10,143.39	7,343.59	38.12%	17,486.98	14,296.39	22.31%	
Neylandville	1.0%	1,351.51	1,159.05	16.60%	2,322.70	1,985.98	16.95%	
Quinlan	1.5%	104,551.01	105,508.20	-0.90%	199,593.93	188,444.85	5.91%	
Union Valley	1.5%	2,344.07	2,182.20	7.41%	4,098.78	3,711.81	10.42%	
W. Tawakoni	1.5%	14,641.84	17,012.85	-13.93%	22,357.49	25,250.54	-11.45%	
Wolfe City	1.0%	13,427.43	11,413.24	17.64%	21,845.25	18,003.08	21.34%	
Van Zandt Co. (does not collect sales tax)								
Canton	2.0%	410,556.63	420,591.63	-2.38%	728,191.30	686,919.02	6.00%	
Edgewood	2.0%	26,135.26	28,326.41	-7.73%	43,656.27	45,153.81	-3.31%	
Edom	1.0%	2,768.29	2,474.61	11.86%	3,549.95	3,478.60	2.05%	
Grand Saline	2.0%	59,646.46	63,422.41	-5.95%	101,144.90	100,485.84	0.65%	
Van	2.0%	73,088.22	104,566.54	-30.10%	134,618.66	180,888.84	-25.57%	
Willis Point	2.0%	97,623.56	94,706.13	3.08%	183,586.08	167,780.90	9.42%	
Wood Co.	0.5%	203,273.18	184,831.04	9.97%	493,269.33	325,711.83	51.44%	
Alba	1.5%	15,530.33	13,968.98	11.17%	28,821.15	24,701.59	16.67%	
Hawkins	1.5%	31,872.24	35,713.50	-10.75%	54,381.00	61,971.38	-12.24%	
Mineola	1.5%	214,096.96	196,004.05	9.23%	382,842.42	339,456.61	12.78%	
Quitman	1.5%	59,169.03	68,812.08	-14.01%	107,675.49	115,760.59	-6.98%	
Winnnsboro	1.5%	98,533.23	97,981.57	0.56%	188,082.64	181,406.19	3.68%	
Yantis	1.5%	8,016.47	6,687.31	19.87%	13,797.50	11,272.75	22.39%	

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Lifestyles & Community



Eating Fresh

I'm increasingly concerned with the warm weather we're experiencing. Normally the high temperatures are in the 50s at this time of year. I'd be pruning my roses. However, they are now sprouting new growth and I haven't pruned yet. I'd like to rough-prune my grapevines, but I'm afraid that activity will encourage an early bud break. It is certainly a crazy winter.



DEBORAH WALKER
Leader Staff

This is the earliest I've seen asparagus coming up in my perennial bed. I've been picking them, but wonder if we aren't going to have another hard freeze soon. Like most people, I'm just doing the best I can, and I am trusting that it will all work out – maybe not for the best, but it will work out.

My husband has tilled one of my three vegetable plots and will soon complete the other two. I'll have onion sets planted by the end of the week. I just have to keep planning for the future. In doing just that, I've looked through my freezer and found a bag of frozen roasted chile peppers that I put away last year. I want to use up the vegetables in my freezer so that I'll have room when I harvest this coming summer. This soup is a great way to use fresh or frozen vegetables.

Roasted Green Chiles and Corn Chowder

- 2 Tbsp. olive oil
- 2 Tbsp. butter
- 1 onion, diced
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 3 tsp. cumin
- 3 tsp. red chile powder

- 2 bay leaves
- 6 c. vegetable broth
- 4 c. potatoes, cubed
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. pepper
- 1 c. roasted green chiles, diced
- 3-4 c. corn
- 1/2 lemon, juiced

Begin by sautéing onions in olive oil and butter for about 15 minutes. Then add the garlic, cumin, chile powder and bay leaves. Cook for about 5 minutes and then add the broth. Immediately add the potatoes, salt and pepper and stir, bringing the contents up to a boil. Then reduce the heat and simmer about 10 minutes.

Add the thawed roasted green chilies and corn and cook until they are heated throughout. Removed the bay leaves and about half of the potatoes, corn and onion.

Then use an immersion blender and purée the rest of the mixture in the pot. If you want a chunkier chowder, remove more of the chunks before puréeing. If you like a soupier mixture, remove less.

Add the chunks of potatoes, corn and onion back to the pot along with the lemon juice. Taste and adjust salt and pepper.

Serve garnished with torn cilantro leaves, grated cheese and fat-free Greek yogurt. A little Louisiana hot sauce is also good to add before serving. I toasted tortilla chips with grated cheese to serve on the side.

For more recipes, visit DellaTerraFarm.com/blog. Follow Della Terra Farm on Facebook.

The Teddy Bear Project



Leader photo by LAUREN WITHROW

2016 Little Miss Rains County, fifth grader Emily Cryer (center) put together "The Teddy Bear Project," during which she placed boxes in the Rains Intermediate School, asking for new or gently-used stuffed bears. She also posted on social media and contributions came in the mail and from kids and adults at the intermediate school. On Wednesday, February 8, Emily presented the bears to Rains County Sheriff David Traylor (right) and Emory Police Chief Tracy Rosson (left) for police officers and deputies to give to kids when law enforcement responds to domestic violence or other calls. Emily is the niece of Casey and Kristin Northcutt.

COMMERCE

Pirates are coming to children's museum

Shiver me timbers! The pirates are coming to the Northeast Texas Children's Museum on Saturday, February 25, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Now that the Daddy-Daughter dance is history for this year, it is time to turn attention to the Mother-Son Pirate Night, a time for mothers and sons. Moms and young boys will have the opportunity to look like pirates and the "mates" will receive pirate training during the evening. Learning to walk

with "sea" legs, escape a sinking pirate ship, and attack a sea monster will be part of the evening. Detective skills will be used as the Museum Pirates search for Blackbeard's treasure.

"It is important to the Children's Museum that we recognize the special relationship between moms and their sons," said Donna Tavener, Board President.

"We have a great group of volunteers working on this event," Sharline Freeman, Executive Director of the Children's Museum, stated. "Kathy Erwin, a former caterer, is coordinating the pirate food with help from Brenda Estess. Lonnie Plunkett will assist with the decorations.

The balloon lady will be back again."

The pirate food will include Pirate's Trash, Peg Legs, and Cannon Balls. Face painting and balloon entertainment will also be part of the evening. And, of course, the Children's Museum will be open for play in the many play areas.

Tickets for the evening are \$30 per couple. Purchase them by calling the Northeast Texas Children's Museum at 903-886-6055.

For additional information, contact Sharline Freeman, Executive Director, Northeast Texas Children's Museum located at the NW corner of Culver and Highway 50 in Commerce.

CITY GIRL

Hug Smudges

Because I'm the church secretary, I'm sometimes a few minutes late to Sunday school after I make a stop in my office to pick up a form I need



LINDA BRENDELLE
Leader Correspondent

someone to fill out or an envelope the treasurer has asked me to deliver. Then, it's not unusual for someone to stop me before I make it to class to ask me to correct an address or to check the lost and found for a Bible. To tell the truth, I kind of like being one of the last ones to arrive. As I walk down the hall toward the fellowship hall where the adults meet, I can hear the sound of

funny stories about the work week being told, of concerns for friends and family being exchanged, of lives being shared. It sounds a lot like love. There's also a lot of hugging. Between Sunday school and the worship service this past Sunday, I stopped in the ladies' room to remove a hug smudge from my glasses – one of the many drawbacks of not having perfect vision and of attending a very affectionate church. Since we were having staff pictures taken later in the day, I also checked to be sure I didn't have a lipstick smear. It seems like hugs that result in smudges are often accompanied by cheek kisses.

Smudged glasses and lipstick smears are a common occurrence on Sunday mornings at Believers' Baptist. We are a friendly bunch, and along with a number of respected scientists, we

believe that people need a certain number of daily hugs to be healthy and happy. Since there's quite a variance of opinion on exactly what that number is, some of our members make it their mission each Sunday to be sure that everyone in attendance receives enough hugs to last until the following week. One of my friends was talking about the practice of "church hugging" recently. "I've lived alone for almost 20 years," he said. "I'll take all the hugs I can get."

Some people aren't comfortable with hugs, though, so I try to be sensitive to their discomfort and offer my hand instead. Some of our members, however, won't settle for a handshake – especially Carol. You can always tell when Carol has met someone new.

"I don't want your hand. I'm a hugger," she'll say as she proceeds to demonstrate the truth of that statement.

Carol gives good hugs, and she seems to know when someone really needs one. She says that she has the spiritual gift of hugs, and I believe it. I've received more than a few hug smudges from her, but I've also received comfort, warmth, and strength from her hugs. That feels like love, and that's well worth an extra stop by the ladies' room.

Linda Brendle writes a weekly column for Believers' Baptist Church. She is a published author and also writes about caregiving, faith, and family on her blog at <http://www.LifeAfterCaregiving.WordPress.com>. You can e-mail her at LindaBrendle@yahoo.com.

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ACROSS

- 1 with 26-down, another state with a Huntsville
- 5 TXism: "mean ___ old range cow"
- 6 TX ___ Brown won a Pulitzer for local reporting
- 7 Dallas FM
- 8 TXism: "___ pack" (leader)
- 17 Grand ___ Opry
- 18 captivated
- 19 this Ford starred with TX Tommy Lee Jones in 1993 film "The Fugitive" (init.)
- 20 TXism: "wake ___ when it's over" (disinterested)
- 21 TX Gene Tierney film: "The Mating ___"
- 24 in Lubbock County on highway 114
- 29 org. for older persons (abbr.)
- 30 TXism: "got two left ___" (clumsy)
- 31 "___ mommal"
- 32 UT has collection of this writer's work
- 34 a TX fort or county
- 35 hallucinogenic drug (abbr.)
- 36 rake, e.g. (2 wds.)
- 37 historic TX figure: Judge Roy ___
- 38 a speech
- 39 silent call to the fire dept. (2 wds.)
- 41 ancient stringed instruments
- 42 TXism: "chews his ___ cud" (loner)

DOWN

- 1 TX Johnny Rodriguez sang "You Always Come ___ Me"
- 2 TXism: "noisy ___ crying for mamma"
- 3 in Burnet County: ___ Falls
- 4 TXism: "if it ain't true there ain't ___ well in Texas"
- 9 TXism: "heavy as the front end of a John ___"
- 10 TXism: "mosey ___ to the trough" (join in)
- 11 where TX teens might shop: "The ___"
- 12 TX Tubb's "___ Walking the Floor Over You"
- 13 TXism: "plain as the ___ your face"
- 14 TXism: "trapped like a ___ possum"
- 15 TX summer certainty
- 16 TX Ross Perot started this co.
- 20 Shirley of Houston-filmed "Terms of Endearment"
- 22 Gulf catch
- 23 lymph ___
- 24 TXism: "keep ___ under your hat"
- 25 ___ Rio, TX
- 26 first part of state in 1-across
- 27 old town absorbed into Mesquite
- 28 TXism: "stands on his ___ feet"
- 29 TXism: "can't teach ___ dog new tricks"
- 30 TXism: "he's all beer and no ___"
- 33 Rice University's first president, Lovett (init.)
- 34 TX Audie Murphy was one in WWII
- 35 actress Sophia of 1958 film "Houseboat" with TX Martha Hyer demonstration at TX Scottish Festival
- 38 TXism: "you're pulling ___"
- 40 TXism: "blazes the trail"
- 41 critter den
- 44 favorable factor
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- 49 this "Sweet" puts the "Diet" in TX Dr. Pepper

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The 15th annual Fun Fish trout fishing tournament is set for Saturday, February 18, from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Bring the kids (ages 2-12) and have a great time fishing at the Pair-A-Trees Pond in Wills Point.

Prizes will be awarded and lunch will be provided for registered participants and their parents. The park will provide poles, bait and tackle (while supplies last).

Pre-Registration is required as space is limited. Call the park and claim your little trout's spot. The park is located at 10822 FM 2475, Wills Point. For more information or to pre-register, call 903-560-7123.

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Owl carving unveiled



Leader photo by LAUREN WITHROW

Mrs. Wood County 2017 Lindsey Peterson unveils an owl woodcarving presented to Yantis Independent School District on Thursday, February 9, by the Lake Fork Area Chamber of Commerce, at Yantis High School. The woodcarving was created by chainsaw sculptor Burt Fleming of Wood B Creations during the 2017 Rains County Eagle Fest. Chamber President Micheal Rogge, Superintendent Jerry Brem, and Yantis Mayor Jerry Miller were on hand with others to present the carving.

RHS

Rains UIL Competes at North Lamar

By Kinsey Mills, Natalie Potts, and Kristie Briggs
Rains High School Journalism Staff

Rains UIL students competed at North Lamar on January 20 and 21. Of the sophomores that competed in Number Sense, Sara Henderson received second

place. The Social Studies team with members Ethan Henry, Nathan Yeake, Jordan Gable and Colton Gable, received fourth place. Casey Carlson, who is involved in Persuasive Speaking and LD Debate, placed sixth in both events.

Other competing Speech and Debate team members who attended the meet were Paul Singleton, Laila Abdullah and Dalton Carroll for LD Debate; Kelton Adams, Anthony Bomar and Katelynn Griffith for Informative Speaking.

LITTER LETTER

Requirements for burning

Okay, Rains County, even though the county did not place a burn ban, there are still rules that apply to outdoor burning. One would think that common sense would be the best rule but we have seen a sharp decline in the use of common sense.



JON WECKLING
Environmental Officer

General Requirements for Burning

The Outdoor Burning Rule sets the following general requirements for allowable outdoor burning. They are designed to reduce the likelihood that burning will create a nuisance, cause a hazard or harm the environment. The party responsible for the burn remains liable for damages, injuries or other consequences that may result from burning.

Notify the Rains County Sheriff's Office before carrying out any controlled burns. Begin burning no earlier than one hour after sunrise, end it the same day, and no later than one hour before sunset. Make sure that a responsible party is present

while the burn is active and the fire is progressing. At the end of the burn, extinguish isolated residual fires or smoldering objects if the smoke they produce can be a nuisance or a traffic hazard.

Don't start burning unless weather conditions are such that the smoke will dissipate while still allowing the fire to be contained and controlled (winds no faster than 20 miles per hour). Don't burn any electrical insulation, treated lumber, plastics, non-wooden construction or demolition materials, heavy oils, asphaltic materials, potentially explosive materials, chemical wastes, or items that contain natural or synthetic rubber.

Those are the rules for outside burning for Rains County. They come from the rules published by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. All fire departments in Rains County are volunteer. That means they have to leave work or their homes to go to the fire station and then head out to a fire. Please think before you start fires. Respect the fire. It can and it will hurt you.

REILLY SPRINGS

Kadie Lynn in concert at jamboree

Kadie Lynn, from Kemp, will make her debut on the Reilly Springs stage on Saturday, February 18. Kadie is a rising country music singer/songwriter who is "star quality" already. At age 13, she was a semi-finalist in the America's Got Talent search in 2016, where Simon was quoted as having said, "We will all remember today as the day we discovered Kadie Lynn."

Though still a young teen, she is spending an increasing amount of time on the road in concerts and traveling back and forth to Nashville. On Friday, February 17, Kadie plans to visit 5th- through 7th-grade students in Sulphur Springs to share her songs and dreams as inspiration for other young people.

That Friday at 8:15 a.m., she will be a guest on

the KSST Morning show with Enola Gay.

The Reilly Springs concert will start at 7:00 p.m. Admission to the concert is \$10 per person, with children age 10 and younger admitted free. Opportunities for photos with Kadie will be available. Supper and concessions will also be available in the Reilly Springs Kitchen starting at 6:00 p.m.

For details about the Reilly Springs Jamboree, Hopkins County's original music venue, contact Enola Gay at 903-438-3568 or Roger Reed at 903-348-7114.



KADIE LYNN

OVERTON

Pasture management program, Feb. 17

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will hold an East Texas Pasture Management Program Friday, Feb. 17, in Overton.

The program begins with registration at 12:30 p.m. at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center, 1710 N. Farm-to-Market Road 3053.

Cost is \$25 per person if pre-registered by Feb. 15 or \$35 the day of the event. Register online at <https://agriliferegister.tamu.edu> or call AgriLife Extension Conference Services at 979-845-2604.

Five Texas Department of Agriculture pesticide applicator continuing education units including one laws and regulations, one integrated pest management and three general will be available.

"One advantage to this pro-

gram is that it provides five CEUs for a half-day course," said Vanessa Corriher-Olson, AgriLife Extension forage specialist in Overton. "And there is some pertinent information regarding pesticide use, especially for pastures and hay production."

- Topics and speakers include:
 - Does storage of pesticides impact efficacy? and How to properly dispose of empty containers and old pesticides – Dr. Mark Matocha, AgriLife Extension agriculture and environmental safety specialist, College Station.
 - Adjuvants for pesticide use – Matocha.
 - Using herbicides under trees: Is it possible? – Dr. Chad Cummings, Dow AgroSciences field research scientist.
 - Effective weed control with weed identification, proper tim-

ing and herbicide selection – Corriher-Olson.

• Save money by understanding active ingredients, residual control and herbicide cost – Dr. Jason Banta, AgriLife Extension beef cattle specialist, Overton.

A compact disc with herbicide price comparison information updated for 2017, according to Corriher-Olson, will be provided to help attendees make more economical choices when it comes to selecting herbicides.



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NOTICE OF RATE CHANGE REQUEST

Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO or Company) publishes this notice that on December 16, 2016, it filed its Petition and Statement of Intent to Change Rates (the Petition) with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC or the Commission) in Docket No. 46449, 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 § 22.51(a)(1).

SWEPCO has approximately 184,000 Texas retail customers. All such customers and all classes of customers will be affected by this change.

SWEPCO's request to change its rates is based on the financial results for a 12-month test year ending on June 30, 2016. SWEPCO seeks an overall increase in annual Texas retail base revenues of \$69,031,439. The effect of SWEPCO's proposed rate change would be to increase its adjusted Texas retail test year base revenues by \$105,926,324. However, this figure is offset by a decrease in annualized Transmission Cost Recovery Factor (TCRF) and Distribution Cost Recovery Factor (DCRF) revenues of \$36,894,885 for a net increase of \$69,031,439, an increase of 24.4%, exclusive of fuel revenues. The overall impact of the rate change, considering both fuel and non-fuel revenues, is a 12.7% 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 \$1,544,270 in rate case expenses incurred in prior dockets, to be amortized over a three year period resulting in an annual amount of \$514,757.

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 is proposing revisions to most tariffs and schedules. In addition, in order to facilitate future TCRF and DCRF filings pursuant to Commission Substantive Rules 25.239 and 25.243, respectively, SWEPCO is requesting that the Commission set the TCRF and DCRF to zero and establish baseline values that will be used to calculate SWEPCO's TCRF and DCRF in future dockets.

Persons with questions or who want more information on SWEPCO's 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 with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136. A request for intervention or for further information should refer to Docket No. 46449. Unless otherwise ordered by the presiding officer, motions to intervene will be due 45 days from the date SWEPCO filed its Petition and Statement of Intent with the Commission. The 45th day after SWEPCO filed its application is January 30, 2017.

Applicable Service	Change in Non-Fuel Revenue (\$)	Average Change in Non-Fuel Bill (%)*	Average Change in Total Bill (%)**
Residential	\$ 27,016,974	22.5%	13.2%
General Service	6,136,657	35.7%	21.8%
Lighting and Power	20,817,524	20.6%	10.0%
Oilfield Large Industrial	5,096,017	59.6%	24.9%
Cotton Gin	103,550	46.9%	23.1%
Metal Melting Distribution	729,463	53.1%	23.5%
Metal Melting Transmission	(1,134)	-0.1%	0.1%
Large Lighting and Power Primary	1,944,528	40.9%	16.1%
Large Lighting and Power Transmission including Backup and Maintenance	5,515,806	28.7%	11.5%
Municipal Service	589,889	48.9%	26.9%
Municipal Pumping Service	739,097	42.8%	19.0%
Municipal Street Lighting	379,508	20.2%	12.9%
Street Lighting Sheet IV-23	316	43.5%	
Municipal Street Lighting Sheet IV-24	516	52.5%	
Municipal Street and Parkway Lighting Sheet IV-25	293,871	17.1%	
Street Lighting Service Sheet IV-31	83,985	55.8%	
Public Highway Lighting Sheet IV-27	693	27.5%	
Public Highway Lighting Sheet IV-26	3,237	11.8%	3.8%
Private, Outdoor, Flood and Area Lighting	(68,620)	-1.7%	-1.1%
Private Lighting Sheet IV-28	42,845	5.0%	
Area Lighting - Outdoor Sheet IV-29	748	1.8%	
Area Lighting - Outdoor Sheet IV-30	(122,031)	-4.1%	
Floodlighting Service Sheet IV-32	3,110	3.8%	
Outdoor Lighting Sheet IV-33	6,707	8.9%	
Customer Supplied Lighting and Recreational Lighting	28,945	16.2%	7.6%
Recreational Lighting Sheet IV-21	24,663	16.9%	
Customer Supplied Lighting Sheet IV-22	4,281	13.5%	
Total	\$ 69,031,439	24.4%	12.7%

* Bill impact includes base rate revenue less transmission cost recovery factor and distribution cost recovery factor revenue. Transmission cost recovery factor and distribution cost recovery factor revenue are proposed to be recovered through base rates in this filing with both riders reset to zero.

** Bill impact includes base rate revenue as well as fuel factor, energy efficiency cost recovery factor, rate case expense surcharge, franchise fees, transmission cost recovery factor, and distribution cost recovery factor revenue.

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Rains County Sheriff's Office Report

by Rains County Sheriff David Traylor

The Rains County Sheriff's Office took the following reports of activity during the period of February 1-9:



Arrests

2-2: Joshua Todd Alphin, Quinlan. Aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, \$10,000 bond.

2-2: Christopher Lee North, Palestine. Driving with license invalid with previous conviction, \$1,000 bond.

2-3: Teresa May Williams, Emory. Parker County: assault causing bodily injury, \$1,500 bond.

2-3: Larry Wright, Emory. Aggravated assault family violence with a deadly weapon, \$25,000 bond.

2-5: Dalston Shook, Henderson. Evading arrest detention with a vehicle, \$5,000 bond.

2-5: Audra Kay Poskey, Quinlan. Possession of a controlled substance PG1 greater than or equal to 1 gram less than 4 grams, \$5,000 bond.

2-8: Brittney Dotson, Emory. Criminal trespassing, \$200 fine.

2-8: Mandi Northcutt, Emory. Theft of property greater than or equal to \$750 less than \$2,500, \$3,000 bond; Rockwall County: theft of property greater than or equal to \$100 less than \$750, \$1,000 bond.

2-9: Lacey Lauren Lara, Greenville. Dallas County: possession of a controlled substance PG1 greater than or equal to 4 grams less than 200 grams, no bond.

2-9: Michael Butler, Point. Tarrant County: violation of a protective order, \$1,000 bond.

2-9: Daniel Spenser, Lone Oak. Hopkins County: theft of services greater than or equal to \$20 less

than \$50, \$1,000 bond.

There were 11 arrests for the period; 6 posted bonds and were released; 1 was transferred to Hunt County.

As of Friday, February 10, there were 3 females and 13 males in custody.

Calls

2-1: East Tawakoni (ET) Pucket Pass lift assistance; FM 2795 reference county leash law; Emory W. Quitman St. person at storage building needing help; CR 2610 grass fire; FM 2946 medical assist; FM 514 info on an incident given; CR 3345 reference criminal trespassing; CR 2350 trees on fire; CR 2530 person refusing to leave property when asked.

2-2: Emory State Farm burglar alarm; FM 514 and CR 3410 cows out; Hwy. 276 welfare check on a female; Emory Hwy. 19 truck driver knocked mirror off a vehicle; On-Star emergency alert set off by accident; CR 3367 medical assist/chest pains; CR 3330 medical assist/blood pressure issues.

2-3: ET Briggs Blvd. juvenile run-a-way; Emory Bent Tree medical assist/nose bleed; Hwy. 276 medical assist/high blood pressure; sheriff's office (SO) lobby reference threats made by family members; CR 3200 medical assist/male unresponsive; FM 3274 domestic assault; CR 4520 harassment by ex-wife; Hwy. 19N medical assist/possible heart attack; Emory laundry mat welfare check on a female.

2-4: Point Smith Cir. call reference someone may have broken into a business; FM 2324 medical assist; PR 7370 medical assist/young child with high fever; Emory city park missing young female possible abduction; FM 515 burglar alarm; ET Littlefield breathing problems; Point Locust St. vehicles parked on private property; Emory suspicious

activity Industrial Pkwy.; CR 2400 intoxicated male fell; CR 1404 suspicious vehicle; CR 3030 reckless driver; Emory Best Western intoxicated pedestrian.

2-5: Emory Best Western reference possible stolen vehicle; CR 1525 locks busted off a gate; CR 3231 medical assist/possible stroke; ET Kenny's Landing disturbance with possible intoxicated person; ET FM 513 and Hwy. 276 narcotics located in a vehicle; Emory and Point Dollar General suspicious people.

2-6: CR 1532 domestic issues with mother and 14-year-old; Hwy. 69N medical assist/breathing problems; CR 3030 medical assist/flu and heart issues; CR 1421 welfare check on male; SO lobby reference someone possibly going through a vehicle; CR 1490 welfare check on elderly male; CR 1153 medical assist/possible heart attack; ET boat overturned and six people in the water; FM 275 and CR 4320 cows out; CR 1462 medical assist/male fell; FM 275 people stuck in sand pit; Emory Best Western male refusing to leave.

2-7: CR 1490 medical assist/possible heart attack; CR 1475 medical assist/male fell to floor and is turning yellow; Hwy. 19N horses out; Steamboat Shores theft of a trailer; Point Avenue B medical assist/high blood pressure; Hwy. 19N medical assist/hurt back; PR 5141 medical assist/breathing problems; Emory Texas St. information on suspicious person; Emory E. Lenon Dr. minor auto accident; FM 515 medical assist/chest pains; Emory McMullan St. domestic disturbance; Emory Duffy St. lift assistance; Emory Tawakoni Dr. medical assist/low blood pressure; CR 4015 suspicious vehicle pulled in behind a house.

2-8: CR 1308 burglar alarm; CR 4230 criminal trespassing by a female; Point Industrial burglar alarm; Hwy. 276 forgery of financial instrument; CR 1621 medical assist/female fell and cut leg; CR 3485 female and nervous breakdown; Emory Phillips St. strong smell of gas; CR 1330 loud music being played all afternoon; Point Smith Cir. medical assist/breathing problems; CR 2570 medical assist/breathing problems; FM 275 people riding 4-wheeler around a house.

2-9: Emory Planters St. female needs assistance in getting home; Emory Duffy St. medical assist/low blood pressure; Emory behind sale barn domestic disturbance; FM 275 theft of license plate; CR 1475 boyfriend's mother went through personal property; Emory Best Western intoxicated person refusing to leave; Hwy. 69W horse out.

2-25; 8 citation fees collected, \$600; total fees collected, \$950; 19 papers invoiced for collection, \$1,425; total fees collected or invoiced, \$2,375.

Constable Holman worked 1 jury trial in the 354th District Court with a total of 19 hours in the 354th District Court; 3.5 hours in the 8th District Court; and 6 hours in County Court for a total of 28.5 hours for the month of January.

CONSTABLE January activity report



Rains County Constable F. Stevens Holman submitted the following report of activity for his office for the month of January:

Total papers received, 45; total papers served, 29; 1 writ, \$200; 1 protective/restraining order, \$125; 1 citation posted,

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Water well owner training set for Mar. 2 in Tyler

Anyone interested in private water well management is invited to a Texas Well



STEPHEN GOWIN County Agent

Owner Network (TWN) training on Thursday, March 2, in Tyler. The training, which is free and open to the public, will be from 1:00-5:00 p.m. in Building C at the East Texas State Fair, 2112 West Front St.

"The TWON program is for Texas residents who depend on household wells for their water needs, so they can learn about improving and protecting their community water resources," said Drew Gholson, AgriLife Extension program specialist and network coordinator, College Station. "The program was established to help well owners become familiar with Texas groundwater resources, septic system maintenance, well maintenance and construction, and water quality and treatment."

He said participants may bring well-water samples for the training for screening. The cost is \$10 per sample, due when samples are submitted.

"Water samples will be screened for nitrates, total dissolved solids and bacteria,"

Gholson said.

Well owners who would like to have their well water sampled can pick up two sample containers from the AgriLife Extension offices in Smith County, 1517 W. Front St. in Tyler; in Cherokee County at 165 East 6th St. Suite 104 in Rusk; in Wood County at 618 S. Main St. in Quitman; or in Rains County at 410 Tawakoni Dr. in Emory.

Bringing water samples to the training is not required, Gholson said, but those wanting to have water samples analyzed must attend.

He said space is limited, so attendees are requested to register at <http://twon.tamu.edu/training> or by calling 979-845-1461 as soon as possible. The training is one of 30 being conducted statewide through the Continued Statewide Delivery of the Texas Well Owner Network project.

"The core content of this program is the same as other trainings, but the information is tailored to local water quality issues and aquifers," he said.

More than a million private water wells in Texas provide water to citizens in rural areas and increasingly to those living on small acreages at the growing rural-urban interface, according to Gholson.

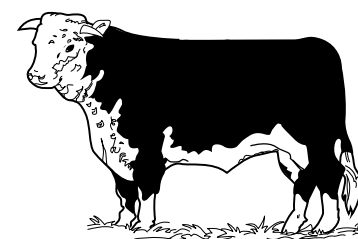
"Private well owners are

independently responsible for monitoring the quality of their wells," he said. "They are responsible for all aspects of ensuring their drinking water system is safe - testing, inspecting, maintaining it. This training will help private well owners to understand and care for their wells."

Funding for the Texas Well Owner Network is through a nonpoint source grant provided by the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board.

The project is managed by the Texas Water Resources Institute, part of Texas A&M AgriLife Research, the AgriLife Extension and the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Texas A&M University. U.S. Food and Drug Administration

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Emory Livestock Auction

The following is a consolidated report of the Emory Livestock Auction Inc. auctions held:

Tue., Feb. 7		Sat., Feb. 11
507	Head	1233
130	Sellers	293
STEERS*		
\$80-190	Under 300	\$80-230
\$80-190	300-400	\$80-200
\$80-170	400-500	\$80-175
\$80-160	Over 500	\$80-165
HEIFERS*		
\$80-180	Under 300	\$80-200
\$80-175	300-400	\$80-180
\$80-160	400-500	\$80-165
\$80-150	Over 500	\$80-155
SLAUGHTER*		
\$40-68	Packer cows	\$40-68
\$70-85	Packer bulls	\$70-86
PAIRS		
\$1000-1500	Top	\$1250-1700
\$780-1000	Low/Middle	\$750-1250
OTHERS*		
\$75-160	Stocker cows	\$70-155
\$25-350	Calves (hd)	\$20-400
\$50-400	Horses (hd)	\$25-500
\$25-150	Goats (hd)	\$35-300

* per hundred lb. unless noted otherwise

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FISHING REPORT

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department released the following information for Lake Fork and Lake Tawakoni taken on Feb 8:

LAKE FORK: Water lightly stained; 55-58 degrees; 2.26' low. Black bass are slow on football jigs, bladed jigs and lipless crankbaits. White and yellow bass are slow on slabs. Crappie are fair on minnows and white jigs. Catfish are fair on trotlines and prepared bait.

LAKE TAWAKONI: Water stained; 55-59 degrees; 2.73' low. Black bass are slow on bladed jigs, lipless crankbaits and flipping jigs. White bass are fair on slabs and minnows. Hybrid bass are fair on slabs. Crappie are fair

on minnows and jigs. Catfish are good on trotlines and cut shad.

LAKE REPORT

The Sabine River Authority released the following information on Lake Fork taken on Feb. 7 ending at Feb. 13 observation:

LAKE FORK: Lake elevation was 400.69. Maximum temperature was 80, minimum temperature was 35. No rainfall was recorded during the past week.

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Sports

RAINS LADY CAT BASKETBALL

Lady Cats wrap up district play

By TREY HILL
Rains County Leader staff

The Rains Lady Cats concluded their 2016-2017 District 13-4A schedule Tuesday night, February 7, with a 50-39 loss on the road to the Van Lady Vandals. The Lady Cats complete district play with a 4-6 district mark, 12-16 overall.

The Lady Cats advance to the playoffs as the district's fourth-

place representative where they face the Texarkana Pleasant Grove Lady Hawks, first-place representatives of District 14-4A.

In their district finale, the two teams traded the lead six times before Van took a 23-22 advantage into the halftime intermission. Van extended their lead to 37-27 at the end of the third quarter and then held off the Lady Cats for the 11-point win.

The Lady Cats' Kenna Kellam led all scorers with 16 points. McKenna Hildebrandt tossed in 8 points, Autumn Terry finished with 6, Jaylee Sims had 4, Deza-Ray Duarté had 3, and Vivian Bradshaw and Jordyn Robertson had 1 each.

On Monday night, February 13, the Lady Cats traveled to Mount Vernon to take on the Pleasant Grove Lady Hawks in a bi-district showdown. No scores

were available as of press time.

Van 50, Rains 39

Rains	9	13	5	12	-39
Van	11	12	14	13	-50

Individual Scoring
RAINS – Kenna Kellam 16, McKenna Hildebrandt 8, Autumn Terry 6, Jaylee Sims 4, Deza-Ray Duarté 3, Vivian Bradshaw 1, Jordyn Robertson 1.

VAN – Gisore 15, Rucker 11, Scott 8, Cates 4, Daniel 4, Jarman 4, Rumbo 2, Dodd 2.

Miller Grove honors seniors



Contributed photo

Miller Grove senior girls (l-r) Candace Earp, Ashley Purser, Kayleigh Lester, Alexandra Zeigler and Aleigh Bessonett played their final home game in the Miller Grove High School Gymnasium Friday night February 3 against Saltillo.

WILDCAT FOOTBALL

Mosley named to All-State team

By TREY HILL
Rains County Leader staff

The Texas Sports Writers Association recently released their 2016 Collin Street Bakery/Texas Sports Writers Association All-State football teams for class 4A. Rains High School junior Dylan Mosley was selected to the list's third team as a running back by the association's sports writers.

Mosley set two school re-

ords during the 2016 football season. He set a single-game record of 337 yards on 37 carries during the Wildcats' contest against Ferris. He also eclipsed the single-season rushing record with a total of 2006 yards on 250 carries.

Other honors Mosley received for his junior season include District 6-4A first team running back and *Smoaky.com* All-East Texas third team running back.

LADY CAT VOLLEYBALL

Bradshaw named East Texas MVP

By TREY HILL
Rains County Leader staff

The honors keep coming in for members of the Rains Lady Cat volleyball team. Recently, the *Tyler Morning Telegraph* released their All-East Texas selections for the 2016 volleyball season.

Rains Lady Cat senior Charlotte Bradshaw was recognized as East Texas' Most Valuable

Player for all classifications by the newspapers' sports writers. Bradshaw played as an outside hitter for the Lady Cats where she amassed 679 kills, 533 digs and 92 blocks according to the *Tyler Morning Telegraph*.

Lady Cat junior Shelbi Shepard was named to the region's first team as a setter, and sophomore McKenna Hildebrandt received honorable mention as a middle blocker.

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By Kimberly Hobbs
We had a glorious time in the Lord. The adult class was taught by Minister Thelma Hobbs and the topic was "New Birth brings Freedom." The devotional reading was from Romans.

The primary class was taught by Ebonie Spigner on the topic "Love." The testimony service was conducted by Charlotte Spigner.
The Mass Choir rendered a selection. A solo was sung

by Sandra Smith. The speakers of the hour were Carla and Pat Brown on the topic "God Is Able." It was enjoyed by all.
Have a blessed week. Always remember God loves you all.

Woosley Baptist Church

By Joyce Durrett
We had a beautiful Sunday morning and had good attendance at Woosley. The Sunday school children had one guest this morning.
We talked about the commandment to honor your father and mother. It was a lively dis-

ussion concerning respect and honor for parents.
Planning goes on for the 125th anniversary of Woosley. We hope many of the former members will join us for one of the services. We will have lunch for all attending on Sunday at 12:00 p.m. The Erwins' will be

performing on Sunday morning. The service will be from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. We'll have lunch and resume at 1:30 p.m.
On Saturday evening March 4, the Erwins' will perform at 6:00 p.m. Plans are still being made so watch the paper each week.

Emory United Methodist Church

By Lea Weatherley
"Simply let your yes be yes, and your no, no; anything beyond that comes from the evil one."
Matthew 5:37
Special music was provided by the choir, with Mary Nixon and Linda Spurger accompanying on piano.
We watched a video presentation about early day Methodist circuit riders. They were committed to taking Jesus to the

people, wherever they were.
Rev. Danny's message was based on scripture in Matthew, concerning following through.
The men of our congregation prepared the main course for a Valentine Sweetheart Luncheon after worship. The delicious meal was enjoyed by all.
Emory Methodist walkers meet at 10 a.m. on Mon., Tues. and Fri., and the Circle the Church Walkers meet at 9:30

a.m. on Wed. Join us to get fit, both physically and spiritually.
On Sat., Feb. 18, the EUMC Community Market will have a one day event. It will continue on the 3rd Sat. of each month.
Birthday wishes go to Helen Strickland, Katrina Culberson, Rachel Holcomb, David Britt, Steve Bowyer, Earnest Woods and Kayden Herrin.

Believers' Baptist Church

By Linda Brendle
"So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord."
Jonah 3:3
On Sunday morning, Pastor Jason continued in Jonah with a sermon titled "Embracing the Heart of God: Big Doors Turn on Little Hinges." He taught that God is a merciful God of second chances, and obeying him makes all the difference.
Sunday evening, the SISTAs

Women's Ministry met to begin plans for several social/fund raising events. Watch for details later this spring.
Pastor Jerod continued to settle into life in Emory this past week by substituting two days at RISD. He has also settled into his office with the help of his wife Whitney who supervised the placement of his considerable collection of Superman memorabilia. Students from seventh-12th grades are invited to

meet him at Sunday school at 9:15 on Sunday mornings or at Refuge on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.
Pastor Jason will be teaching a class for new and prospective members on Sunday, March 26, at 6:00 p.m. The class is open to anyone who would like to learn more about Believers' Baptist. A nursery will be provided.
The new educational building is projected to be ready for occupancy later this spring.

Shady Grove Baptist Church

By Lana Carlisle
"Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in hope through the power of the Holy Ghost."
Romans 15:13
Bro. Wayne and Diana were not in service Sunday due to the flu. A.B. Godwin filled in for Bro. Wayne and brought a wonderful message titled "Is There Any Hope?" taken from Romans teaching that our hope comes in knowing Jesus Christ.

Chris and Lucille Collins sang a special.
It was wonderful to see our visitors, we pray they received a blessing, we certainly did. We welcome them back.
Odie and Dorothy Taylor's daughter is having back surgery. Loretta and A.B. will be traveling to Dallas this week. James Payne had an unspoken prayer request. Chris has a student who's mom is ill. Many churches are low in numbers due to illness and the flu

going around. Keep everyone in prayer.
Sunday evening, A.B.'s message was titled "Jesus Saves," taken from Matthew. He taught that Jesus is the way to salvation. It was a great message.
Remember Chris and Lucille as they travel to Nashville to honor our Lord doing what they do so well, singing praises in His name.
Prayers for all!
See you next Sunday. Lord willing and the saints don't rise.

Pilgrims Rest Baptist Church

By Linda Franklin
"And they returned from searching of the land after 40 days."
Numbers 13:25
Jim Jacks taught the adult morning Bible study from Luke on "The Persistent People's Court."
Donnie Hutchinson had a very good class of young adults. Bonnie Jacks, Renee Hudgins, Cathy Killingsworth and Joan Kile all had very energetic classes. It's so wonderful to see so much excitement for God's Word.
Jim Jacks led singing and Linda Lewis gave the special music.

Renee Hudgins gave David Stanley an attendance award. Renee Hudgins, Bonnie Jacks and Tony Threadgill helped with Children's church.
Steve Couch's lesson came from Numbers. Sunday night his message came from Philippians.
Tuesday morning at the Senior Suite Care & Rehab, we had a wonderful time singing and studying the scripture. Rob Killingsworth's lesson came from Psalms. Jared Killingsworth, Linda Franklin, Sue Carmichael, Pat Couch, Tyler Smith and Lincoln Jacks sang a special song.

Jim Jacks led the singing.
On Wednesday night, Donnie Hutchinson's lesson came from Job.
Renee Hudgins is doing very well after foot surgery. Linda Lewis is still not doing very well. Alene Spicer is doing fair. Jaden Sheridan is doing well after having his tonsils out.
Our church adults had a Valentine dinner out on Saturday night. It was very good.
We hope everyone enjoyed the sunny weather. We wish everyone a wonderful week. Go with God, and have a blessed week.

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Miracle Faith Baptist Church

By Teresa Burns

We had a wonderful weekend. On Saturday, our youth group sponsored a Valentine's banquet to help raise funds for summer camp. They made everyone feel special and served a delicious meal. The good fellowship continued as we joined together on Sunday morning for worship. After a time of praise through song, Bro. Robert Burns preached the Word. His scripture passage,

from Colossians, helped us see that Christians have a life to live for Christ. Sunday night, we continued The Journey. This study showed us the importance of spending time with Jesus through prayer and studying the Bible. We look forward to the coming week and the opportunity to come together again on Wednesday night. May the Lord deeply bless you this week.

Bright Star Baptist Church

By Glenda Galyean

"I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." *Philippians 3:14.* Last Wednesday evening Bro. Jerry brought a wonderful message from Exodus titled, "God's Plan, God's Purpose." In our Sunday morning service we had very good attendance even though we had a lot of folks out with sickness. Duane, Ashlen and Savannah Jackson sang the special before Bro. Jerry's message from Philippians titled

"Things that Happen when Running the Race of Life." In the evening service Bro. Jerry brought an interesting message from Exodus titled, "When We Forget How Good God Has Been." In the Sunday morning service on February 26, we will have a guest missionary. This week's trivia question: What did Moses tell the people to do when they saw the Egyptians coming? Have a blessed week.

Daugherty Baptist Church

By Mildred Hines

"The Holy Spirit...will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you." *John 14:26* Pastor Joe opened the service with prayer. Terry Carter read the names on our prayer list. Our Sunday school lesson was titled "Day by Day, I Can Become More and More Like Jesus." Specials were by Serria,

Roger, Flo and Mary. Pastor Joe's morning message taken from Nehemiah was titled "Defending the Wall." Raymond Carter brought the evening message on scripture from Matthew. On Wednesday night, Bible study will be held at Lloyd and Doris Giles' home. Blessings everyone.

The Country Baptist Church

By Donna Jones

It was a great day to be in God's house. Jake and Donna led in song and prayer before dismissing to classes. Jake and I studied on worshipping God by reading and listening to his word. Donna led the adult class on "Open Door People." Jake and Donna led in songs and then prayers and praise were lifted up.

Next Sunday, Feb. 19, will be our All Singing and Praise service. Lunch will follow. Everyone is welcome. Bro. Mike's message from Acts focused on the continuing stormy journey of Paul on his way to Rome. We invite everyone to worship at The Country Church. May God bless you and have a great Valentine's Day and a wonderful week.

OUTDOORS WITH LUKE CLAYTON

Late winter trip for hogs and hawks!

Just yesterday, I returned from a couple days of late winter fishing and hunting that will remain firmly etched in my memory banks for the remainder of my days. I believe everyone present on this trophy catfish/wild hog extravaganza feels the same way. Is there a better way to cure the winter blues than catching big catfish on the best catfish lake in the state with the best "big fish" guide and then hunting hogs on a great ranch? Great friends make any outdoor adventure special and on these outings, I was joined by some old friends and had the pleasure of making a new one.

The outing began at Lake Tawakoni for big blue catfish with guide David Hanson. My friend Larry Weishuhn spends the majority of his year hunting and filming segments of his TV show "Trailing the Hunters Moon" and making personal appearances across the country.

Every now and then it's important to get away where the only agenda is to have fun and relax; if

a trophy catfish or good eating wild hog is in the mix, so much the better! For folks like Larry and the rest of our group, catching big catfish and hunting good-eating, wild hogs might just be the ultimate way to "kick back."

Rick Lambert (Miranda's dad) made the short drive from Lindale to join Larry the evening before our catfish outing. Larry and Rick have been friends for several years but this was my first time to have the honor of spending time with him. After visiting a few minutes with Rick, it was obvious that he shared our love of the outdoors. As we chatted on the dock at Anchor Inn Marina before the trip, it was easy to see that Rick was a fisherman and fired up about catching the catfish of his life! My friend Jeff Rice joined us for some big catfish action and invited us to travel over to his "Buck and Bass Ranch" near Lake Fork for a hog hunt the following day.

I've enjoyed many fun fishing trips with Hanson and had a very good idea of how this trip would unfold. Everyone present landed the biggest catfish of their lives, the largest one was a whopping 55 pounder and we caught a few smaller fish for the evening fish

fry at Hanson's Ranch near Lone Oak. And a fish fry it was, with all the trimmings! Hanson is our camp manager up in Colorado on our elk and bear hunts and I knew full well that his culinary skills matched his catfish catching ability. The crunchy snow-white catfish filets with French fries, potato salad and pico was delicious and a big slice of pecan pie put the finishing touch on the fun-filled day.

We all rested well that night and with energy levels recharged, headed over to Yantis to join Jeff Rice on his ranch. Jeff is an excellent host and loves having friends over at his ranch to hunt hogs. We met last fall at the Ben Wheeler Wild Hog Festival where I was invited for a book signing and to be a judge in the wild hog cooking contest. We became instant friends and knew from the start that we would share lots of good times in the outdoors together.

Jeff is a long time bow hunter and I knew he would make a good candidate to shoot the Dragon Claw 50 caliber air rifle that Pyramid Air had sent me to put to work with the new Air Bolts by Air Venturi. The big bore air rifle obviously shoots 50 caliber round balls or pellets (if you can call a 200 plus grain bullet a pellet!) But it also shoots the Air Bolt which can best be described as a short, stout arrow with veins that engage the rifling on the rifle. When it leaves the barrel, the arrow is spinning and with the power of around 3,000 psi. of compressed air pushing it, obviously, it flies much faster and hits harder than the fastest shooting cross bow. We had the Dragon Claw shooting tight groups out to 40 yards. Jeff hunted from one of his conventional bow stands where the farthest shot would be about 30 yards. I was hunting with my all time favorite big bore air rifle, the Texas 45 caliber by Airforce Airguns scoped with a Sun Optics USA cranked down to 4 power, loaded with a big 350 grain bullet by Hunter's Supply. The others in our group were

toting centerfires; Weishuhn using his pet Ruger #1 with loaded with Hornady ammo.

The first evening of the hunt, he made a perfect shot on a heavy, but young, boar that I have already transformed into several varieties of sausage! The hog went a scant ten yards after the shot. Jeff and everyone present were impressed at this hunting tool that was new to all of us.

We started the evening off around a big campfire and Rick Lambert, the trooper he is, borrowed Jeff's guitar and sang us several of Miranda's songs, some that he and Miranda wrote together. Rick was just getting over a cold and said his voice was not at its best but after a song or two, it was very obvious that his super star daughter came by her musical ability honestly. What a treat to hear some of the songs that Miranda made famous, performed by her Dad around a campfire on a star filled late winter's night!

During the campfire session, Jeff was busy on his big smoker, grilling some of the best rib eyes that any of us had ever eaten. I'll swear they were two inches thick and weighed at least a pound apiece. The steaks with baked potatoes and all the trimmings rounded out the evening. Rick had to head back home after dinner for a meeting the next morning and the rest of our crew made it to bed early enough to get a good night's rest and be back up after the hogs before daylight the next day.

For outdoor types like our group, these two days will be remembered a long, long time. We left Jeff's Ranch vowing for round two with the big catfish next year with Hanson and those good eating porkers with Jeff. It's amazing how good times in the outdoors have the power to create and seal friendships that last for lifetimes.

Listen to "Outdoors with Luke Clayton and Friends" on radio stations from Nebraska to Texas on weekends or online anytime at www.catfishradio.com.



LUKE CLAYTON
Columnist



Photo by Luke Clayton

Jeff Rice with a big boar he took with the Dragon Claw 50 caliber air rifle shooting an Air Bolt.



Photo by Luke Clayton

Lake Tawakoni guide David Hanson took this picture of his charges for the day who all landed the biggest catfish of their lives. Left to right: Luke Clayton, Jeff Rice, Rick Lambert and Larry Weishuhn. This fishing trip kicked off a two-day outdoor winter adventure for this group of friends.

Obituaries

Lillian Loveta Sims Harvey

1926 - 2017

A funeral service for Lillian Loveta (Sims) Harvey, 90, of Emory will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, February 17, at Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Funeral Home Chapel in Allen.

Interment will follow at Pecan Grove Cemetery in McKinney, Texas.

Mrs. Harvey died on February 11. She was born on February 28, 1926, to F. Virgil and Dona (Monk) Sims in Altoga. Mrs. Harvey owned her own advertising business. She was of the Church of Christ faith.

Mrs. Harvey is survived by her daughters, Brenda Campbell of Sachse, Carrell Francis and

husband Kenneth, and Debra Frey, all of Emory; son, Herbert Harvey of Emory; 16 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; several great-great-grandchildren; and a host of other loving family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Redith Ann Harvey; her parents; her former husband, Harold Lee Harvey; 6 sisters; three brothers; and two grandsons.

The family will receive friends during a visitation on Thursday evening, February 16, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the funeral home.



Peggy McAdams

1940 - 2017

Graveside services for Peggy McAdams, 76, were held on Saturday, February 11, at Maple Springs Cemetery in Newsome. Bro. Jimmy Jarrett officiated.

Pallbearers were Morris Hallman, Jimmy Hallman, Claude McAdams, Johnny Spikes, Jeffrey Spikes and Jack Johnson.

Mrs. McAdams died on February 8, 2017, at Hospice of East Texas-Homeplace in Tyler. She was born on December 20, 1940, in Dallas to Morris Storrs and Viola Valree Dean Storrs. She was a jack-of-all-trades and

was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Emory.

Mrs. McAdams is survived by her husband Bobby Bert McAdams; daughters, Doris Jean Johnson of Mineola, Carrie Diane Spikes; sisters, June Aberett of Dallas and Willie Mae Cox of Whitney; seven grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Valree Pauline Spikes; a son, Bobby Bert McAdams Jr.; brother, Morris Storrs; and stepdaughter, Rita Jean Rutledge.



Power of Prayer

"Lord Hear Our Prayers"

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Thomas Aguillar in Special Forces, Marie Gowin and family, James and Ann Kirkpatrick, Joan Lomax, Betty Lyles, David Sherwood, Linda and Richard

Wilson, The families of Lillian Harvey, Peggy McAdams and Troy Brimer in their time of sorrow, all law enforcement officers and emergency responders as they strive to serve and protect, our nation, our state and national leaders, military families, war-torn areas, victims natural disasters, students, persecuted Christians, and the unspoken request.

Services Pending

Troy Brimer

Services are pending for Troy Brimer of Emory with Wilson Orwosky Funeral Home in Emory. Mr. Brimer died Monday, February, 13. A complete obituary will be published at a later date.

Obituaries may be viewed online www.rainscountyleader.com

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YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the 354th Judicial District Court of Rains County, Texas in the Courthouse in the City of Emory, Texas at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. Monday, the 6th day of March, 2017, being the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days after this citation is issued, and you

are hereby required then and there to appear and file written answer to the Petition, filed in said Court on the 3rd day of June, 2016, in suit number 10027 on the docket of said court, wherein Nationstar Mortgage LLC, Plaintiff, sued Eldon R. Adams, Patsy R. Adams, and the Heirs at Law of Eldon R. Adams, Deceased, Defendants.

The Petition seeks an order to foreclose the lien on the property and assert a claim to the property located at 3366 East FM 2795, Alba, Texas 75410, and legally described as: BEING ALL OF THAT CERTAIN LOT, TRACT, OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN THE JAN FORSYTHE SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 80, RAINS COUNTY, TEXAS, AND BEING ALL OF A CALLED 18-ACRE TRACT DESCRIBED AS "BLOCK NO. 5" IN A DEED FROM MERVIN JONES, ETAL TO ELLEN HOWARD, DATED APRIL 4, 1966, AS SHOWN OF RECORD IN VOLUME 163, PAGE 469, DEED RECORDS, RAINS COUNTY, TEXAS, SAID 18-ACRE TRACT BEING A PART OF A CALLED 120-ACRE TRACT DESCRIBED IN A DEED FROM MRS. ANNIE MCCORD TO H.B. JONES DATED NOVEMBER 12, 1929, AS SHOWN OF RECORD IN VOLUME 52, PAGE 314, DEED RECORDS, RAINS COUNTY, TEXAS, SAID LOT, TRACT, OR PARCEL OF LAND AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BY METES AND BOUNDS IN EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED THERETO. GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT at Emory, Texas this 23rd day of January, 2017. Issued at the request of Keith A. Taylor

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50 Years Ago This Week

Gleanings from the Rains County Leader archives

**Thursday,
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Body Of Seagoville Man Found On Shore Of Lake

Jimmie Steve McFaul, 32, was found on the shore of Lake Tawakoni at about 12:30 p.m. Sunday.

His overturned boat floated in the water several hundred yards offshore.

Justice of the Peace Leo Elliot of Lone Oak conducted an inquest but withheld his verdict immediately pending an autopsy requested by the man's family.

McFaul, a resident of Seagoville, was an officer for the federal government at the Federal Correction Center at Seagoville.

McFaul's wife told Elliot that her husband had come to the lake Saturday to go fishing.

His body was found near his pickup truck on the bank at Red Bird Cove by J.N. Darden and John R. Mallory, both of Lindale, Elliot said.

It was first thought that McFaul might have had fishing companions, but after dragging the lake with no evidence of others in the party it was presumed he was alone.

School Board Calls New April Election

The Board of Trustees of the Rains Independent School District has called an election for the first Saturday in April for the purpose of electing three board members to fill the expiring terms of Mr. Ray Kearney (Secretary), Mr. O.G. Briggs (Vice-President) and Mr. Robert Spinks.

The last day for candidates to file and have their name placed on the ballot will be March 1. Applications may be obtained at the high school office and filed with the Secretary of the Board or the Superintendent of Schools.

Hold over board members are Mr. Browning Nix, Mr. J.T. Kirkpatrick, Mr. Buster Rivers and Mr. J.T. Gabby.

City Election For Point On April 12

A city election for Point will be held Wednesday, April 12, it has been announced by Mayor Clifton Johnson.

Three councilmen are to be elected for two-year terms.

Persons wishing to file for a place may do so by making application at the Charles V. Ray Hardware.

Members of the council include Mayor Johnson, Arthur Ivy, Mayor Protem, Ernest Harris, Secretary, Bobby Asbill and Edgar Northcutt.

Councilmen whose term expires are Ivy, Asbill and Northcutt.

Men In Service

Dennis Fleming is now in basic training. Dennis is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Buster Fleming of Emory. He is a graduate of Rains High School and was working with the State Highway Department of Rains County at the time of his enlistment into the Air Force.

Aviation Structural Mechanic Third Class Joe Burns, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Burns of Emory, is at the U.S. Naval Air Facility, Naha, Okinawa, as a member of Patrol Squadron 46, deployed to the Western Pacific in support of the U.S. Seventh Fleet.

The Naval Air Facility is responsible for providing logistic support for ships, aircraft and personnel of the Seventh Fleet.

Patrol Squadron Forty-Six is homebased at the Naval Air Station, Moffett Field, Calif.

Private Bobby E. Jennings, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude A. Jennings, Emory, completed an eight-week telephone switchboard operator course at the Army

Southwestern Signal School, Ft. Gordon, Ga., January 20.

During the course, he was trained to operate the complex central office telephone switchboards used by the Army. He also learned the various communications systems of the Army and was taught to operate manual telephone office sets.

He took basic training in Fort Polk, La. He was a 1966 Rains High School graduate.

Junior Class Makes Plans For Banquet

The Rains High School Junior Class met Friday, February 6, in the school auditorium to discuss the type of banquet we are going to have. Our date is set for April 21. We selected a committee to decide upon a suitable theme for the banquet. They are: Mike Groves (chairman), Marinell Jones, Billy Smith, Jewel McMillan, Ronnie Fenter and Kay Shelton.

We then decided to sell family-pack tooth brushes to raise additional money for the banquet.

We chose two waitresses and two waiters from the Sophomore Class to accompany us on our banquet. They are: Judy Moody, DaLee Gilley, David McAree and James Hays.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Reported by Dorothy McQueen and Billy Smith
Seen...

Melba Childers in the *Leader* office Tuesday afternoon ... Mr. and Mrs. John Coats visiting with the *Leader* force ... also a pleasant chat Saturday while the rain was falling ... Mrs. Buck Latham going to the Nix Pharmacy ... Mr. and Mrs. Miller Robinson and their handsome little grandson in town last week ... Mrs. W.T. Hass in the *Leader* office to renew her *Leader* ... Mike Nettles is painting the Henry place on North Texas Street ...

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY

Triple lynching touches off nasty feud

A masked mob dragged five suspected cattle thieves kicking and screaming from the Mason



By Bartee Haile
HISTORICAL COLUMNIST

County jail on Feb. 18, 1875, lynched three of the terrified outlaws and touched off a nasty feud forever known as the Hoodoo War.

In the chaotic aftermath of the Civil War, Texans often took the law into their own hands. Desperate characters, who mistook common folk for easy pickings, were routinely dispatched without benefit of judge, jury or clergy.

Like so many similar episodes, the Mason County hanging might soon have been forgotten had the vigilantes not been Germans and the victims so-called "natives." Blood began to flow when fear replaced reason, and people blindly picked sides along ethnic lines.

Small ranchers and farmers of German descent hesitated to strike back against the saddle tramps plundering their precious few possessions in the early 1870s. Having suffered for their pro-Union opinions during the war, they wanted only to pick up the pieces of their quiet lives. The last thing most German Texans wanted was trouble.

Confronted by a worsening crime wave, Mason County voters elected a new sheriff, who promised a complete cleanup.

John Clark did his best, but the rustler rings were always one step ahead of the inexperienced lawman.

In February 1875, the sheriff got lucky. He caught five members of the notorious Backus Gang red-handed with a herd of stolen cattle. That evening a crowd of irate citizens overcame light resistance at the local lockup and whisked the prisoners off to the nearest tree.

A Texas Ranger, who just happened to be passing through, crashed the necktie party in time to save a pair of the badmen. Sheriff Clark suddenly appeared to back his play but swore he could not identify any members of the mob that disappeared in the darkness.

Word of the lynching spread like wildfire. Although the "native" ranchers could have cared less about the Backus bunch, they feared indiscriminate attack from an aroused German community. In a show of force, they occupied the county seat.

At the head of 60 armed Germans, Sheriff Clark retook the town and negotiated a fragile truce. Six weeks later, the cold-blooded killing of a popular "native" rancher shattered the peace. Lured off his property by a deputy sheriff, Tim Williamson was brutally bushwhacked.

The senseless slaying brought into the simmering feud Scott Cooley, the victim's half-crazed adopted son. Since Indians slaughtered his parents and held him captive as a child, Cooley had never been quite right in the head. The murder of the stepfather he idolized pushed the grief-stricken youth over the edge.

Coming upon the guilty deputy digging a well, Cooley shot him six times, repeatedly stabbed his dead body and removed his scalp. To prove his gruesome point, he made the rounds of the Mason saloons proudly displaying the grisly trophy in each and every establishment.

Both sides suffered casualties in the ensuing county-wide conflict. Cooley organized his own band of trigger-happy misfits, who had no stake in the affair but relished the combat. Mason County quickly became a blood-soaked battleground.

After weeks of strife, a Ranger company commanded by Major John B. Jones tem-

porarily restored order. Sheriff Clark complied by immediately resigning and vanishing without a trace.

Cooley, however, calmly stayed put. The former Ranger bet his old comrades would be reluctant to bring him in, and to the disgust of Major Jones, he was right.

Six weeks later, the Rangers pulled out of the war-torn county leaving a token force to keep up the half-hearted hunt for Cooley. Meanwhile, the fugitive shrewdly steered clear of Mason but continued his search for German targets.

In late 1875, Cooley and sidekick Johnny Ringo, the same gunslinger who later blazed his way into the history books in Arizona, were arrested in Burnet. Hopes for an end to the bloodshed soared in Mason County only to be dashed by news of a suspicious jailbreak.

Freed by friends in Lampasas County, Cooley resumed his rampage. But revenge did not put food on the table, and to satisfy his grumbling followers as well as his own stomach, he turned to the tried-and-true practice of rustling cattle. In a few months, Cooley was teaching old hands a thing or two about swiping steers.

Deliverance sometimes comes in strange packages, and for Mason County it came in a bottle. Cooley stopped for dinner at Fredericksburg and bought a fifth of whiskey for the road. Several swigs later, he tumbled from the saddle and lapsed into a coma.

By dawn Scott Cooley was a goner, done in not by a dose of lead but poison. With him died the Hoodoo War, and the barricades at last came down in battle-scarred Mason County.

Bartee's three books *Texas Depression-Era Desperadoes*, *Murder Most Texan* and *Texas Boomtowns: A History of Blood and Oil* are available for purchase at barteehaile.com.



Thank you



The RAINS FFA BOOSTER CLUB wishes to thank the community for their donations and participation in the First Annual Rains FFA Booster Club Stew and Auction held February 4th. Because of you, this first year we are able to provide 4 scholarships for Rains FFA Seniors. We greatly appreciate your commitment to this new organization.

Special thanks to Wade and Clay Bartley for auctioning off the items, the Rains High School and Cafeteria Staff, Teresa Burns for the great desserts, Ag Teachers Robert Fisher, John McAree and Kara Covey for making the stew.

We want to recognize School Board members Robert Burns, Heath Sisk and Denita Young for taking time out of their evening to come out and help with the cause. To everyone, thanks again and we hope to see you again this time next year. For those who didn't make it - you missed a lot of great stuff!!

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