

Calendar of Events and Meetings

CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS

- ALBA LIBRARY BOARD** – meets at 6:30 p.m. the 3rd Monday every month at the Alba City Hall. Everyone is welcome.
- THE LADIES CLUB OF ALBA** – 4th Thurs., 7:00 p.m., Alba Community Center
- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS & AL-ANON**
 Emory: Each Tues. night Emory United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall at 8:00 p.m. For info call 903-597-1796.
 Thursday, 7:00 p.m. at the Rose Community Center.
 The H.O.W. Group – First Baptist Church in Point every Thursday night 8:00 p.m. For information call 903-474-3823
- AMERICAN LEGION POST 156, Rabb Bro. Mem. Rains Co.**, Meeting 7:00 p.m. on the 4th Monday, 440 South 1st St., Point. Phone 903-473-5198.
- ARBALA DANCE** – Every Tuesday at Arbala Community Center, 7:00 - 9:30
- BETTER LIFE GROUP OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS** – 8:00 p.m. Tues., Wed., Fri. & Sat. noon at Wesley United Methodist Church, Sulphur Springs. For info contact Gary S. 903-473-3329
- BOY SCOUTS** – Every Sun., 7:15 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Emory United Methodist Church
- CELEBRATE RECOVERY** – Friday, 7:00 p.m., Bull Creek Cowboy Church, Lone Oak. For more info call 903-268-9647 or 903-662-9577
- DEMOCRATS ORGANIZING** – 1st Tuesday of the month 7:30 p.m. Rains County Public Library
- EMORY LIONS CLUB** – 1st & 3rd Tues., 12:00 noon, Mira's Kitchen. Visitors welcome
- FRIENDS OF RAINS CO. PUBLIC LIBRARY** 3rd Thurs., 4:00 p.m., Meadows Cultural Center, Rains County Public Library
- LAKE COUNTRY NEIGHBORS** – First Thursday, 11:30 a.m., Location TBA
- LAKE FORK AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** – 4th Thurs. of each month, 6:00 p.m. For location, visit our Web site www.lakeforkchamber.org
- LAKE TAWAKONI LIONS CLUB** – 2nd & 4th Tues., 7:00 p.m., Lions J. P. McNatt Community Center
- LIFE RESOURCES** – (Crisis Pregnancy Options) First Mon. 6:00 to 7:30 at Meadows Cultural Center Rains Co. Library
- LIVING THE PROGRAM** – (narcotics anonymous) – each Monday @ 8 p.m. Meadows Room
- LONE OAK CANCER SUPPORT GROUP** – First Thurs. of each month, 7 p.m. Lone Oak United Methodist Church
- MARS HILL MASONIC LODGE #1440** – 4th Thurs., 7:30 p.m., at Lodge on Hwy. 69
- NORTHEAST TEXAS PARATROOPERS ASSOCIATION** – Meets at the Dinner Bell Restaurant Quitman, the 3rd Sat. of each month at 7:30 a.m. 903-763-4555
- ORDER OF EASTERN STAR - QUINLAN/EMORY 170 CHAPTER** – 3rd Tues. 7:30 p.m. Trestle Board Masonic Lodge Quinlan.

GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES

- EAST TAWAKONI CITY COUNCIL** 3rd Tues. of each month, 7:00 p.m., East Tawakoni City Hall
- EMORY CITY COUNCIL** 3rd Tues. of each month, 7:00 p.m., Emory City Hall
- POINT CITY COUNCIL** 2nd Tues. of each month, 7:00 p.m., Point City Hall
- RAINS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT** 2nd & 4th Thurs. of each month, 10:00 a.m. in the Rains Co. Courthouse
- RAINS COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE:** 110 E. North St., Every Tues. and Thurs., 8:00-5:00
 TRANSPORTATION: To schedule a ride Call 903-474-7231
- RAINS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICE AREA DISTRICT** 2nd Thurs., 7:00 p.m., Rains County Courthouse Annex
- RAINS ISD SCHOOL BOARD** 2nd Tues. of each month, 6:30 p.m., Rains ISD Board Room
- RAINS COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT** 3rd Thurs. of January, March, May, July, September, November, 6:30 p.m., Rains Tax Office

EDITORIAL

Shame on You!

It is difficult to imagine scum so low they would steal from the needy – or those who volunteer to help the needy.

But that scum does exist! In the middle of the night, some thief or thieves snuck onto the Good Samaritans' property, hitched the much-needed, much-used food trailer to their vehicle and proudly drove off.

Well, shame on you! That food truck was bought with funds raised by the Rains County Good Samaritans. It was routinely pulled to Tyler by volunteers to pick up food from the East Texas Food Bank for distribution to those in need in this county.

The Good Samaritans are a group of hard-working volunteers whose one purpose is to help the needy. As individuals, they go about their work without fanfare, knowing they are working for the good of the community.

Here is what makes Rains County so great! Citizens and organizations have begun a campaign to help replace the stolen trailer. One is currently being built by Kearney's Trailer at a cost of \$3,500.

Individuals, churches, businesses – anyone – may join in this worthy cause by mailing a check to the 1st National Bank in Emory, P.O. Box 114, Emory, TX 75440. Just reference Good Samaritans Food Trailer on your check.

This was a despicable act. But it is one that will bond us together in support of the selfless volunteers of the Rains County Good Samaritans.

Carolyn Hill, Associate Editor
 Rains County Leader



Photo contributed

EUREKA! WE HAVE FIRE WATER! – After much hard work and cooperation among the county, ESD and firefighters, the first of several dry hydrants installed in the Steamboat Shores area of Lake Fork passed inspection recently. Commissioner Mike Willis reported that the monitor has an adjustable fog nozzle and at testing, was set at 1,000 gallons per minute (GPM), with the pressure on 100 pounds pressure per square inch (PSI). It is expected that with more practice on drafting procedures, the fire departments should have a substantial water source to fight fires in certain areas of the county.

RECYCLE!

The Litter Letter

By Harold L. Carr
 Rains County Environmental Enforcement Officer and On-Site Sewage Systems Inspector

Folks, we are in dire straits. The county is in serious need of rainfall. Vegetation is drying out rapidly and poses a serious fire hazard.

The VFDs are getting stretched thinly. They have been on fire calls almost continuously since last Friday.

Fighting fires is hard enough under "normal" circumstances; but firefighting in this heat and wind is almost too much. It is unpleasant to be out in the heat of the day, but to be facing a fire is just too much.

Many of those fires were preventable. If the wind is blowing briskly, it is no time to ignite any fire.

An accidental fire burns just as intensely and is just as destructive as an intentional fire. It has often been said that the road to Hades is paved with good intentions.

It matters not how pure the intention, a fire out of control is just as destructive. "I was just going to burn my burn barrel" is not a viable or acceptable excuse when the wind is howling as it has been lately.

Please folks, be aware of all fire hazards at all times. Our county is at stake.

I am available for further information on this matter or environmental issues at 903-473-5091 or at my office at 109 Wood Street.

NEWS BRIEFS

Founder's Day Check Distribution

The 2011 Founder's Day Festival committee will hold its check distribution ceremony Wednesday, June 22, in the Emory Development Corp. board room at 1:00 p.m. Six organizations will receive checks from the proceeds of this year's festival. The Good Samaritans, Rains 4-H, RYSA, Women's Service Club, Friends of the Library and Rains County Senior Center should have a representative attend to accept its check. The public is invited.

Business After Hours Thursday

The Senior Suite Care and Rehab will host a chamber of commerce Business After Hours at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 23, at the nursing home on Hwy. 19N in Emory. Come for refreshments, fellowship and interaction with fellow business people.

Texas Citizens Convention to Meet

The next meeting of the Texas Citizens Convention for Sovereignty for Texas House District 2 will be held in Greenville at Two Señoritas on Thursday, June 23, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Good Samaritan Thrift Shop Sale

The Rains County Good Samaritans Thrift Shop will hold a sale of items on Saturday, June 25, from 8:30 to 12:00 noon. The Thrift Shop is located behind the public library on Hwy. 69N. Funds from the sale go to buy food for the needy and to operate the center. The sale includes clothes for all ages and sizes, household items and knick-knacks. There is new stock every week.

American Legion Fish Fry Saturday

The Rabb Brothers Memorial American Legion Post 156 will host a fish fry at the Post home Saturday, June 25, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$9.00 for all you can eat. The Post home is located at 440 S. 1st Street in Point. Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy a time of fellowship with friends and neighbors.

Dunbar Memorial Day June 26

Dunbar Cemetery Association will hold its Memorial Day on Sunday, June 26. Everyone interested in the cemetery is invited to bring a picnic lunch for dinner under the pavilion at 12:00 noon. A business meeting will follow at 12:45 to take care of old business, new business and elect new officers.

Lake Country Neighbors to Honor Vets on June 30

Lake Country Neighbors will honor Rains and Wood County veterans on Thursday, June 30,

at 10:00 at Rubye McKeown City Park in Emory. The Rains County Senior Choir will present the music and Boy Scouts Troup #393 will present the colors and flags. All area veterans and spouses/significant others are invited. RSVP by June 15 at 903-473-3409 or e-mail pkirsch2@verizon.net. Austin Bank will be "The Chef for the Day," offering hamburgers and hot dogs.

TamaleFest Is a Comin' July 1 and 2

The Point Volunteer Fire Department's 19th annual TamaleFest is planned for Friday and Saturday, July 1 and 2. Plan now to attend the pumper race on Friday evening and the barbecue dinner and street dance on Saturday evening. Also, order your tamales now! Only 1,000 dozen have been ordered. For more information, call 903-598-2016 or Candice at 903-441-4204.

Point Community Blood Drive July 2

The Carter Blood Mobile Unit will be located at the corner of Locust and 1st streets in Point on Saturday, July 2, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for the annual Point Community Blood Drive. A goal of 25 pints has been set for the drive and can be attained with everyone's help. For more information, call Charlene Harmon, 903-598-2567.

Republican Women of Rains County

The Republican Women of Rains County will not meet during June or July. Look for an announcement of the August meeting on the fourth Friday and location in the Leader's News Brief section.

*Display Ad
 Deadline is
 5:00 p.m. Fridays*

Reunions

STREBECK REUNION – The Strebeck Reunion is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, June 25 and 26. Bring a dish to go with Saturday's annual fish fry. Sunday, bring food for a potluck. Come and enjoy visiting or join in a game of 42.

SELECT THEATER (LAKE COUNTRY PLAYHOUSE)

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 June 25.....Bargain Matinee 2:00
 June 25.....7:30
 June 26.....2:00

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Running Time: 1 hr. 28 min.
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 MPAA Rating: PG

DATE: SATURDAY, JUNE 25
TIME: 8:00 P.M.; MOVIE WILL START AT DARK
PLACE: RUBYE MCKEOWN PARK PAVILION, EMORY
COST: FREE

(Rain date will be announced if needed.)

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets. Coolers with drinks and snacks are permitted; absolutely no alcoholic beverages are allowed on city property.
Lemonade & Popcorn will be available.
Please help keep the park clean.