

# RAINS COUNTY POST

July 2005

## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



**Name:** Tina Gaston  
**Place of Birth:** El Paso, Texas  
**Family:** Husband, Jay Gaston, two daughters, Heather & Ashley, Mom, Gracie Smith  
**Occupation:** Deputy District Clerk  
**Brief description of your job responsibilities:** Filing & maintaining district suits.  
**Pets:** 5 dogs, 6 cats, 3 goats.  
**My favorite place to vacation is:** Savannah, Georgia  
**My favorite things about Rains County:** The beautiful trees, & the friendly people.  
**My hobbies are:** Listening to music & reading.  
**My pet peeve is:** Smacking while eating food or chewing gum.  
**The people who influenced me the most were:** My Mom & Dad.  
**One thing that I've always wanted to do is:** Race in a Nascar race.  
**Four words that describe me:** Caring, honest, dependable, trustworthy.  
**If I could have any job in the world it would be:** Either an investigator or a trauma room doctor.

*My favorite t.v. show is: E.R.*  
*My favorite movie of all time is: Pretty Woman.*  
*The craziest or funniest thing that I have ever done: Walked into the men's restroom by mistake and thought no one saw me, but I was SO wrong!!*  
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## THANKS FOR YOUR YEARS OF SERVICE!

Kay Player.....8 years  
 Terri Hunter.....3 years  
 Jaime McAllister.....3 years  
 Todd Anderson.....1 year  
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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Richard Almon.....July 4  
 Eddie Sisk.....July 10  
 Kurt Fischer.....July 14  
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## NEW COUNTY EMPLOYEE

Ronnie Goolsby-Rains County Sheriff's Department  
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# COUNTY HOLIDAYS

*Labor Day....September 5*



## A MESSAGE FROM JUDGE DOUGHERTY

Wow! How quickly time does fly. A year has passed and it is time to do county budgets for 2005-06. Needless to say, this is a very busy and stressful time for everyone in my office. We can't get the necessary information from the tax office, utility companies, operating county departments and etc... until July and then the race is on to meet statutory time deadlines. Once we have all revenues and projected expenses for the next year we have to back into a tax rate. That is a tax rate that is hopefully acceptable. If not, we have to do it all over again. Road scoring is also a key part of budgeting that tells us how much money we will have to set aside for next years roads. Obviously, materials are up as well as oil and fuel. In fact, just like your home budget everything is up and nothing is down. This always makes it a challenge! Even so, Rains County, our county, is in the best condition ever with the best team ever. Thank you each and everyone.



## CONGRATULATIONS!

*Congratulations to  
Jeanette & Gary Robinson.  
They were married on  
June 18, 2005.*



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*Front row: Two residents of the Green Acres*

*Nursing Home.  
Back row: Senior 4-H officer Breanna Herriage,  
4-H Leader Ruth Herriage,  
4-H member Kortni Robbins, &  
Shirley Weeks - Rains County Extension Agent -  
F&CS. (Taking their picture was Stephen Gowin -  
Rains County Extension Agent - AG.)*

*The Rains County 4-H Club  
held their annual 4-H Day Camp  
on July 19, at the Rains County  
Fairgrounds Exhibit Building  
in Emory.*

*We had around 34 youngsters that  
enjoyed making many different  
crafts, playing water games, &  
making homemade ice cream.  
The kids were treated to hot dogs  
& chips for lunch. They prepared  
three large containers with  
beautiful flowers & then presented  
the containers to the residents  
at Green Acres Nursing Home  
in Emory as a community service  
project.*



## *Rains County Fair Celebrating 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

*The Rains County Fair is celebrating  
it's 75th Anniversary this year!  
The Rains County Free Fair began  
in 1930, and was originally held on  
the Rains County Courthouse Square  
in Emory!*

*The annual Rains County Fair will*

*be held September 12 - 17, 2005.  
Schedule of Events include:  
Gospel Singing, Chili Cook Off,  
Pageant Contests, Junior Livestock  
Show & Sale, Classic Car Show  
(which continues to grow bigger each  
year), carnival rides, country &  
western band and dance, Creative  
Arts Exhibits, Agricultural Mechanics  
Silent Auction, Kids' Rodeo Roundup  
Contests, Mutton Bustin Contest,  
Don Meeks' Horse & Dog Show,  
Parade, 42 Domino Tournament,  
Pet Show, and lots of great food for  
everyone to enjoy!*

*For additional information contact  
Texas Cooperative Extension at  
903-473-2412.*



## *Great Idea For Emergencies!*

*I received the following information from  
Judge Dougherty and wanted to share with  
everyone.*

*Following the London bombing, an  
English Ambulance Service has launched an  
international "In Case of Emergency ( ICE )  
campaign", as they have discovered that at  
almost every accident scene there is a working  
mobile/cell phone on the victim(s).*

*The idea is that you store the word " I C E "  
in your mobile/cell phone address book, and  
against it enter the number of the person you  
would want to be contacted "In Case of  
Emergency".*

*In an emergency situation ambulance.*

*paramedic, police and/or hospital staff will then be able to quickly find out who your next of kin are and be able to contact them. It's so simple that everyone can do it. Please do it now.*

*Please will you also e-mail this to everybody in your address book, it won't take too many 'forwards' before everybody will know about this. It really could save your life, or put a loved one's mind at rest.*

*For more than one contact name ICE 1, ICE 2, ICE 3 etc.*

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## **A MAN & HIS DOG**

*A man and his dog were walking along a road. The man was enjoying the scenery, when it suddenly occurred to him that he was dead. He remembered dying, and that his faithful dog had been dead for many years. He wondered where the road was leading them. After a while, they came to a high, white stone wall along one side of the road. It looked like fine marble. As he reached the wall, he saw a magnificent gate in the arch, and the street that led to the gate made from pure gold. He and the dog walked toward the gate, and as he got closer, he saw a man at a desk to one side.*

*When he was close enough, he called out, "Excuse me, where are we?"*

*"This is heaven, sir," the man answered.*

*"Wow! Would you happen to have some water? We have traveled far," the man said.*

*"Of course, sir. Come right in, and I'll have some ice water brought right up."*

*The man gestured, and the gate began to open.*

*"Can my friend," gesturing toward his dog, "come in, too?" the traveler asked.*

*"I'm sorry, sir, but we don't accept pets."*

*The man thought a moment, remembering all the years his dog remained loyal to him and then turned back toward the road and continued the way he had been going. After another long walk he came to a plain dirt road, which led through a farm gate that looked as if it had never been closed. There was no fence. As he approached the gate, he saw a man inside, leaning against a tree and reading a book.*

*"Excuse me!" he called to the reader.*

*"Do you have any water? We have traveled far."*

*"Yes, sure, there's a faucet over there." The man pointed to a place that couldn't be seen from outside the gate. "Come on in and help yourself."*

*"How about my friend here?" the traveler gestured to his dog.*

*"There should be a bowl by the faucet; he is welcome to share."*

*They went through the gate, and sure enough, there was an old-fashioned faucet with a bowl beside it. The traveler filled the bowl and took a long drink himself, then he gave some to the dog. When they were full, he and the dog walked back toward the man who was standing by the tree waiting for them.*

*"What do you call this place?" the traveler asked.*

*"This is heaven," was the answer.*

*"Well, that's confusing," the traveler said.*

*"The man down the road said that was heaven, too."*

*"Oh, you mean the place with the gold street and pearly gates? Nope. That's hell."*

*"Doesn't it make you mad for them to use your name like that?"*

*"No. We're just happy that they screen out the folks who'd leave their best friends behind in exchange for material things."*



## **Have You Ever Wondered?**

**Why the sun lightens our hair, but darkens our skin?**

**Why women can't put on mascara with their mouth closed?**

**Why don't you ever see the headline "Psychic Wins Lottery"?**

**Why is "abbreviated" such a long word?**

**Why is it that doctors call what they do "practice"?**

**Why is it that to stop Windows 98, you have to click on "Start"?**

**Why is lemon juice made with artificial flavor, and dishwashing liquid made with real lemons?**

**Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?**

**Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called rush hour?**

**Why isn't there mouse-flavored cat food?**

**When dog food is new and improved tasting, who tests it?**

**Why didn't Noah swat those two mosquitoes?**

**Why do they sterilize the needle for lethal injections?**

**You know that indestructible black box that is used on airplanes? Why don't they make the whole plane out of that stuff?**

**Why don't sheep shrink when it rains?**

**Why are they called apartments when they are all stuck together?**

**If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport the terminal?**

**If con is the opposite of pro, is Congress the opposite of progress?**



## **RECIPE CORNER**

### ***Peach Cobbler***

*2 cups sliced peaches  
2 cups granulated sugar  
1/2 cup butter  
3/4 cup all-purpose flour  
2 teaspoons baking powder  
Dash of salt  
3/4 cup milk*

*Mix peaches with 1 cup sugar. Set aside.*

*Melt butter in 2-quart baking dish. Blend 1 cup sugar with remaining ingredients. Pour over melted butter. Do not stir. Put peaches on top. Bake at 350 degrees F for 1 hour or until crust is golden brown. Makes its own crust.*

### ***Homemade Peanut Butter Cups***

*1 package (11-1/2 ounces) milk chocolate chips, divided  
3 tablespoons vegetable shortening, divided  
1-1/2 cups confectioners' sugar  
1 cup creamy peanut butter  
1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter, softened*

*Line a 12-cup muffin tin with paper baking cups. In a small saucepan, melt 1-1/4 cups chocolate chips and 2 tablespoons shortening over low heat, stirring just until the mixture is smooth. Allow to cool slightly; the mixture should still be pourable. Starting halfway up each paper cup, spoon about 2 teaspoons of the mixture over the inside of the cups, completely covering the bottom half of each cup. Chill the cups for about 30 minutes, until firm. In a large bowl, combine the confectioners' sugar, peanut butter, and butter; mix well (mixture will be dry). Spoon evenly into the chocolate cups and press down firmly. Add the remaining 3/4 cup chocolate chips and 1 tablespoon shortening to the saucepan and melt over low heat, stirring just until*

*the mixture is smooth. Spoon equal amounts into the cups, spreading to completely cover the peanut butter mixture. Cover and chill for at least 2 hours, or until firm.*

*Yields: 1 dozen.*



## CLOSING THOUGHT

*Nobody can make you feel inferior without your permission.*

*- Eleanor Roosevelt*







