

Deaths



Ed Dimas

Mr. Dimas

Edward Raymond "Shorty" Dimas, 56, of Lampasas died Dec. 26, 2007, at Rollins Brook Community Hospital in Lampasas.

Funeral Mass was Dec. 29 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Lampasas with Father Pedro Castillo officiating. Burial was at Oak Hill Cemetery in Lampasas.

Mr. Dimas was born July 16, 1951, in Lampasas, the son of Lupe and Sally Veliz Dimas.

He attended and graduated from Lampasas High School.

Mr. Dimas married Teresa Crow on Sept. 27, 1986, in Lampasas.

He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and enjoyed sports of all kinds, especially baseball.

Mr. Dimas also enjoyed wood-working, bullriding and being a "picture taker" for the Lampasas Dispatch Record. He was a current member of the Spring Ho Committee.

Mr. Dimas was a co-owner of A Step Up Day Care in Lampasas and was an electrical and HVAC estimator for Miller's Service Company.

He is survived by his wife of Lampasas; two sons, Patch Ray Dimas and Spinner T. Dimas, both of Lampasas; his parents of Lampasas; three sisters, Cecelia Jimenez, and husband, Monroe, of Temple, Patty Rios, and husband, Rey, of Lampasas, and Diane Hibbert, of Colorado Springs, Colo.; one brother, Tom Dimas, and wife, Dana, of Hockley; his grandfather, Mike Medina, of Lampasas; and five godchildren of Lampasas.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Margarite Medina. Donations can be made at First Texas Bank for the Dimas family.

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McInis infant

Joshua Shawn McInis, infant son of Michael and Jamie McInis of Gatesville, died Dec. 22, 2007, in Temple.

Graveside services were Dec. 23 at Restland Cemetery with Dr. Rev. Jonathan Swanson officiating.

Survivors include his parents; siblings, Victoria, Veronica, Teagan, Trenton, Susi and Sophi McInis; grandparents, Johnny and Candi Marsh, of Goldthwaite, and Norman and Connie McInis, of Gatesville; and great-grandparents, J.B. and Ethylene Marsh, of Plantersville, and Floyd Morris, of Atoka, Okla.

He was preceded in death by a brother, James Mathew McInis.

The family requested memorials be made to the March of Dimes.

Arrangements by Gatesville Funeral Home.



Barbara Heavner

Mrs. Heavner

Funeral services for Lampasas resident Barbara E. Heavner were Dec. 30, 2007, at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Burial was at Oak Hill Cemetery in Lampasas.

Mrs. Heavner died Dec. 27. She was 82.

She was born Dec. 30, 1924, in

Lawrence, Mass., the daughter of James Robert and Jeannie Marguerite Harrison Kay.

Mrs. Heavner graduated from Lawrence High School in 1942 and began nurses' training at Lawrence General Hospital in January 1943. She left training to marry Capt. John H. Hargreaves. They had four children.

She was married to CSM Paul J. Heavner in 1964.

Mrs. Heavner saw her husbands through three wars: World War II, Korea and Vietnam. She was an active Army wife for over 30 years and held various offices in the Officers and NCO Wives clubs. She also volunteered many hours with Army Emergency Relief. She was "mom" to many young soldiers and their wives throughout the 38 years of both husbands' Army careers.

Mrs. Heavner worked as a nurse's aide at civilian hospitals or nursing homes during stateside tours of duty.

She was a member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church and Order of the Eastern Star.

An avid baseball fan, her hobbies included watching the Atlanta (Boston) Braves and many of her grandchildren's Little League and high school games.

Mrs. Heavner enjoyed sewing, reading, scrabble and crossword puzzles.

Survivors include her children, Jean A. Harrison, and Alton, of Brownfield, Robert D. Hargreaves, and Julia, of Green Bay, Wis., Donna L. Rodgers, and Richard, of Temple, Okla., and Cheryl K. Dugger, and David, of Lampasas; a sister, Dorothy I. Birrille, of Lady Lake, Fla.; 18 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews and other family members and friends.

Mrs. Heavner was preceded in death by a brother, James R. Kay Jr.; by her husband, Paul, in 1990; by her children's father, in 2004; and by one grandchild and one great-grandchild.

Pallbearers were grandsons, James Robert Kreiser-Harrison, Ronnie Lee Fowler, Paul Christopher Harrison, Martin James Hoover, James Houston Dugger and Curtis Coleman Bryant.

Honorary pallbearers were grandsons, John David DeHaven II, Alan Russel Hargreaves and Johnny Ray Hargreaves.

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Geraldine McCraney

Mrs. McCraney

Geraldine Annabelle McCraney, 84, of Copperas Cove died Dec. 28, 2007, at her residence.

Funeral services were Dec. 31 at Sneed Funeral Chapel in Lampasas. Burial was at Kempner City Cemetery.

Mrs. McCraney was born Oct. 7, 1923, in Waterloo, Iowa, to Earl and Neva Murphy Conerd.

She was a Catholic and was active in Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, bowling and PTA.

Survivors include four daughters, Carole Sparks, and Virgil, and Jo Antrim, and Ross, all of Copperas Cove, and Barbara Sero, and Bob, and Angela Hegland, and Jeff, all of Iowa; six sons, Patrick McCraney, Michael McCraney, Randy McCraney and Roger McCraney, all of Iowa, Tony McCraney, and Renee, of Virginia Beach, Va., and John McCraney, of Colorado; two sisters, Norma O'Donnell, and Marty, of Iowa, and Nancy Robbins, of Oregon; four brothers, Richard Conerd, and Dorothy, Earl Conerd, and Carol, Danny Conerd, and Agnes, and David Conerd, all of Iowa; 22 grandchildren; and 17 great-

grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by Shirley McCord, Jean Timmerman and Jim Conerd.

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Mrs. Cure

Burnet resident Mary Anne Cure, 88, died Dec. 26, 2007.

Funeral services were Dec. 28 at Burnet Presbyterian Church with burial at Burnet City Cemetery.

Mrs. Cure was born Nov. 7, 1919, at the Corder homestead in Burnet, the daughter of William Dotson and Rachel Inez Addison Corder.

She graduated from Burnet High School and attended Southwestern University at Georgetown, graduating from Mary Hardin-Baylor College at Belton.

She was married to Wayne O. Cure of Seymour for 49 years until his death in 1994.

Mrs. Cure was a lifelong member of Burnet Presbyterian Church and a member of Order of the Eastern Star, Chapter 425 of Burnet. She also was a member of Epsilon Sigma Alpha sorority and supported many charitable organizations in the area, as well as Texas A&M University.

She is survived by sisters, Dorothy, and husband, Dr. A.A. Bishop, of Lampasas, and Catherine, and husband, Robert Harden, of Ashville, Ala.; a brother-in-law, Dr. M.K. Patteson Sr., of Lampasas; a stepbrother, Joe Morgan Wittenburg, and wife, Ruthie, of Lometa; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Cure was preceded in death by sisters, Rachel, and husband, Weldon L. Maples of Fort Worth, and Ruth Neal Patteson of Lampasas, and twin infant sisters.

The family requested memorials be made to W.D. Corder Scholarship Fund of Burnet High School or to the charity of one's choice.

Arrangements by Clements-Wilcox Funeral Home of Burnet.



David Woods

Mr. Woods

David Hugh Woods Sr., 67, of Lampasas died Dec. 27, 2007, at Rollins Brook Community Hospital in Lampasas.

Funeral services were Dec. 31 at Calvary Baptist Church in Lampasas with Chance Carter and Jim Graham officiating.

The body was cremated following the service.

Mr. Woods was born Sept. 12, 1940, in Johnson City, the son of William Hugh and Lucille Pearl Foster Woods.

He married El Vera "Verdie" Woods on April 16, 1982, in Georgetown.

Mr. Woods was a retired insurance salesman from American National Insurance Co. for many years.

He was a Baptist and a member of the Masonic Lodge.

Survivors include his wife of Lampasas; one daughter, Linnea Weatherly, of Angleton; one son, David Hugh Woods Jr., of Blanco; two sisters, Judy Niemann, of Woodsboro, and Joan Connor Luedke, of New Ulm; one brother, Willis Woods, of Brenham; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

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School bond approval, jail top first half of '07 year

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saster area in the wake of flooding, making the county eligible for grant money to cover flood damage.

Lampasas Independent School District voters overwhelmingly approved a \$48.85 million bond measure that will provide a new high school campus, an east-end elementary school, and renovations to several other campuses. An earlier bond proposal failed in November.

Lampasas County commissioners voted to purchase a 12-acre tract south of the city between U.S. Highway 183 and County Road 4030 as an additional proposed location for a new law enforcement center. Commissioners previously purchased property a block east of the courthouse square as a possible jail site.

A number of residents were left homeless after raging flood waters devastated a senior citizens' apartment complex adjacent to Sulphur Creek.

Heavy debris and churning flood waters also wreaked havoc on the Hancock Park Municipal Golf Course, downing trees, ruining greens and washing away structures.

Lometa High School seniors Christopher Crain and Aurora Reyes were named valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively, for the Class of 2007.

Earning top honors for the Lampasas High School Class of 2007 were valedictorian Ashley Lowe and salutatorian Connie Rosado.

The Lometa Independent School District was forced to hold a runoff election, as two candidates polled equal votes for one of two at-large seats on the board of trustees. Incumbent Stephen Stone polled the highest vote count with 145, and Jacob Williams and Ben Leggett each garnered 91 votes. Leggett, the incumbent, reclaimed his seat.

James Briggs was re-elected president of the Board of Trustees of the Lampasas Independent School Dis-

trict after May elections and board reorganization.

JUNE

Lampasas businessman Les Gerhardt was appointed to fill the City Council seat vacated by Judith Hetherly after she was elected mayor.

The Board of Trustees of the Lampasas Independent School District began discussing repairs to several facilities damaged in May flooding, including the high school's old gym where about two inches of water were left standing on the wood floor.

Lampasas officials declared a Stage 2 water shortage because of pump problems experienced by Central Texas Water Supply Corp., which supplies water to the community. Residents were asked to limit water use for a short time.

Officials from the Governor's Division of Emergency Management toured the town to assess the cost of May flood damages. City of Lampasas officials submitted a preliminary \$3 million claim to the state emergency management division.

A tornado in far east Lampasas County damaged 12 homes, but residents escaped major injury. The storm touched down just inside the Lampasas County line near Sleepy Hollow Lane and Carroll Drive in Copperas Cove, where it displaced 18 people from their homes and left one person with minor injuries.

The Downtown Task Force began formulating a long-term action plan to address the downtown historic district. A four-hour workshop session allowed a number of community members to gather to share and research ideas to develop a vision for the historic district's future.

A number of Lampasas County residents who reside near the 12-acre tract the county recently purchased as a proposed jail site expressed their opposition to the facility, noting they are concerned about safety and property values in the area.

Austin company refurbishing former Santa Fe train station

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have carpet."

Hardin does not anticipate major floor plan changes, and he said discussion continues about how to use the building once renovation ends.

The primary updates to the

interior will include a possible "wet bar" kitchen near the front of the building and bathroom conversion to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Any additions Hardin Interests makes will look historically "sympathetic," he said, but not so similar to the century-old style

and materials as to keep viewers from distinguishing the additions from the originals.

Although work continues, Hardin said he does not yet know when the building will re-open.

"It's hard to budget or put a time frame on a historical renovation."

Copperas Cove man arrested after pharmacy break-ins

A Copperas Cove man is under arrest after the break-in of a local pharmacy and the attempted break-in of a second pharmacy on Christmas day.

Lampasas Police Chief Tim Angermann gave the following account of events that holiday morning.

At 8 a.m. Tuesday, back-to-back alarms went off at Hodges & Sargent Pharmacy and Cattles Pharmacy. Police dispatcher Andy McCatherine handled both calls.

A quick response by Officer Dean Werlinger led to the arrest of a suspect who was caught inside Cattles Pharmacy filling his pockets with pill bottles, Angermann said.

Prior to that, Dale Roy Noordam, 33, cut the phone line at Hodges & Sargent, which tripped the alarm, said Angermann.

With the alarm blaring at that South Key Avenue location, Noordam made his way north a few blocks to Cattles Pharmacy, where he used a jack handle to break the drive-through window.

Noordam then climbed through the window into the building, said Angermann.

Werlinger was assisted at the scene by Ronnie Withers, a firefighter and certified police officer, as well as by Sgt. Tony Barrio and Angermann. They were joined by Department of Public Safety Trooper Monte Carroll.

The building was searched to be sure no other suspects were inside, Angermann said.

Lt. Investigator Jody Cummings is handling the follow-up report.

Noordam, who was wearing flip-flops, was transported to Rollins Brook Community Hospital for treatment of a cut on his foot and then taken to Lampasas County Jail.

He is charged with burglary of a building, possession of a controlled substance under 200 grams, possession of a dangerous drug and criminal mischief. Bonds total \$8,000.

As of press time Monday morning, Noordam was still in the county jail.

Florence Municipal Court set to participate in warrant round-up

Do you owe a debt to the Florence Municipal Court? Some time ago, the Florence Municipal Court recalled every warrant that had been issued by the court to ensure the integrity of its warrants.

Now, the court is about to start re-issuing warrants. Currently, there are 2,100 outstanding charges at the court with a total of \$449,131 in outstanding fines as of Dec. 20, 2007.

These amounts reflect the number of charges that are delinquent only.

"This is your opportunity to pay for your outstanding fines at the Florence Municipal Court," said Lanny Booth, municipal court judge. "If you pay your fines now, before the warrants are issued, you will avoid paying the maximum fine on the original charge and the warrant fees."

Booth said those who do not respond to this notice for every citation received in the past and did not appear on it could result in approximately \$250 in additional fines and court costs for violating a promise to appear or for failure to appear on a court date.

Those who cannot make a payment in full must appear before the judge to request time payments, said the judge.

"Telephone calls do not constitute as an appearance," he said.

The payment plan requires forms to be filled out and signed, and once persons are on a time-payment plan, they will not go into warrants as long as payments remain current.

"If you fail to maintain your time-payment schedule, you will go into warrants, and all legally required fees will be added to your outstanding balance," said Booth.

Also, those who owe a debt to the court may have the outstanding balances reported to major credit bureaus, which could have a negative effect on credit scores.

The Florence Municipal Court also could contract with a debt collection agency.

State law allows a 30 percent fee to be added to an outstanding warrant to cover collection agency costs.

"As an example," said the judge, "an outstanding balance of \$500 would then be raised to \$650 to cover the costs of the collection firm."

To avoid being reported to credit bureaus and a collection firm, those with outstanding warrants must either pay the fines in full or make and maintain a time-payment schedule.

"Once the municipal court starts re-issuing warrants, you will have lost the opportunity to avoid paying the extra fines and court costs," said Booth. "Do you really want to be arrested at your child's school function, at a restaurant, in front of your boss or while leaving church? Think about it."

The judge said fines must be paid in full or payment arrangements made prior to warrants being issued by the court. To contact the Florence Municipal Court, phone (254) 793-2490 or (254) 793-3717. The court is at 106 S. Patterson (Highway 195).

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