

## Deaths

### Mrs. Ewing

Gail Elizabeth Ewing, 59, of Kempner died April 24, 2008, at her residence.

Funeral services were April 27 at Clear Creek Baptist Church with Minister Thomas Edwards officiating. The body was cremated.

Mrs. Ewing was born Aug. 9, 1948, in Kansas, and had been a resident of Kempner for 31 years.

She had previously resided in Dixon, Mo., where she married Thomas L. Ewing on April 30, 1971.

Mrs. Ewing was a tax preparer for H&R Block in Lampasas. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include her husband; three sons, Charles William Pool, Glenn Edwin Ewing and Samuel Uris Ewing; brothers, Richard D.

Catero, of Phoenix, Ariz., Michael A. Catero, of Houston, Robert Reynolds, and wife, Ela, of Childress; Troy Glenn Reynolds, and wife, June, of Wichita Falls, and Dean C. Reynolds, and wife, Linda, of Corpus Christi; a sister, Ilya Fay Georges, and husband, Jeffrey, of Lampasas; three grandsons, Charles William Pool III, Eric Zebulon Pool and Eddie Wayne Pool; and a number of nieces and nephews.

### Mrs. Butler

Funeral services are pending with Crawford-Bowers Funeral Home of Copperas Cove for Violet Mae Butler, 81, of Kempner.

Mrs. Butler died April 25, 2008, at her residence.

## Trustees show support for preschool program

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implement up-to-date lesson plans and a daily schedule with three hours of cognitive instruction.

Teachers attend professional development after school hours, and those who attend at least 80 percent of all sessions receive an incentive check of \$1,000.

"We expect student achievement to be enhanced as a result of the TEEM readiness program," said Mrs. Fortune. "It should help students be able to start school and experience success."

The goal for the TEEM project is to have all 3- and 4-year-old students ready at the start of their public school experience, said Ms. McNulty.

Partner programs are certified by the Texas Education Agency to acknowledge their facilities are state-approved to educate children

in preparation for kindergarten. Ms. McNulty said the program also serves special-needs children through plans individualized to meet their educational needs.

"I am really excited about this TEEM approach. It is so important to have our children ready when they get to kindergarten. This will be a benefit for everyone."

The coordinator said several other rural schools are poised to join the program.

"We hope to reach out to more rural communities. There is a large population of at-risk kids who can be served."

Ms. McNulty said students will be tracked for progress through their kindergarten year, and adjustments to the program then can be made to suit a partner's needs.

## Early voting under way

Early voting for Lampasas City Council, Lometa City Council and Lampasas Independent School District elections continues through May 6, with the election day set for May 10.

Following is a listing of candidates.

**Lampasas City Council:** Up for election are the seats of Debbie Fuller, Place 3; Wanda Bierschwale, Place 4; and Les Gerhardt, Place 5. All three incumbents have filed for their seats, and Dayton Carpenter has filed to run for Mrs. Bierschwale's place.

Mrs. Fuller has announced she will step down in May, and the City Council will pick a successor.

Early voting is at the County Elections Administrator's Office, 412 S. Live Oak during the following hours:

Today and Wednesday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Thursday, Friday, Monday and May 6, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Lometa City Council:** Positions on the ballot include those of the mayor, held by David Ivey who was appointed after the death of Mike McGarry, and the at-large seats of Cynthia Kirby, George Watson and Toni Torres. The seat filled by Kyle Walton when Ivey was appointed mayor also is up for election.

Ivey has filed for the mayor's post, and Walton, Watson and Mrs. Kirby have filed for their seats. They are being challenged by Mario Maldonado, Betty Poe and Chuck Lymber.

Mrs. Torres did not file for reelection.

## Grand jury returns indictments

The Lampasas County Grand Jury handed down 19 indictments in its most recent term.

The Lampasas Police Department presented cases that resulted in the indictment of:

- Blair Duane Wright, 40, for driving while intoxicated with a child, on Feb. 13.
- Charles Augustus Harmon, 42, for driving while intoxicated, third or more, on March 8.
- Ray Anthony Valles, 44, for driving while intoxicated, third or more, on March 23.
- David Zepeda, 45, for driving while intoxicated, third or more, on March 1.
- Matthew Bradley Harris, 24, for theft over \$20,000 and under \$100,000, on Feb. 20.
- Amy Lynn Hernandez, 25, for unlawful possession of firearm by a felon, on March 19.
- Malcolm Scott Walker, 21, for burglary of a building, on Feb. 21.
- Samantha Acker, 38, for driving while intoxicated, third or more, on March 31.
- Arlyn Levert Williams, 37, for possession of a chemical with intent to manufacture, on March 12.
- Ashley Monique Montemayor, 32, for possession of a chemical with intent to manufacture, on

March 12.

- Clay Leggett Russell, 26, for possession of a chemical with intent to manufacture, on March 13.
- Don Dwayne Griffin, 47, for possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine, on Feb. 10.
- Gilbert Flores Jr., 28, for possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, methamphetamine.
- Mitchell Colby Gardner, 22, for theft over \$20,000 and under \$100,000, on March 31.
- The Major Crimes Assistance Unit presented cases that resulted in the indictment of the following:
  - Stacey Jan Temple, 42, for criminal conspiracy, on Jan. 29.
  - Jason Dwayne Lamb, 34, for hindering a secured creditor, on March 1, 2007.
- The Lampasas County Sheriff's Department presented cases that resulted in indictments against:
  - Rozell Dandre Barrow, 34, for possession of a controlled substance, cocaine, on Feb. 19.
  - Joshua Dee Daniels, 26, for burglary of a habitation, on March 25.
  - Steven Ray Wilson, 23, for evading arrest with a vehicle, on April 11.

## Former LISD trustee challenges incumbent

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operate. "I have a full understanding of the pressures and constraints that the current economy has had on the agriculture community."

Hensley and his wife, Beth, a teacher at Kline Whitis Elementary, have three children and are very involved in their activities: football, FFA, 4-H, volleyball, softball, track and livestock showing.

The former board member owns a small electrical business. He lives in Nix and is active in New Covenant Church, FFA and 4-H.

Mrs. Melton then asked questions of both candidates. Their responses follow.

**What was your reason to run for school board this term?**

**Crow:** Three years ago I ran for the board because I wasn't happy with the speed or direction the proposed construction process was going, and now after I was involved in getting the bond passed, I want to be involved in the construction phase where the school can benefit from my experience.

I hope to provide input that will help keep costs down and save the district money and provide our community with facilities that are maintenance-free, cost-effective and something our district can be proud of.

**Hensley:** It is an exciting time for our district. We have a lot of changes fixing to take place, and I want to give my community the voice it needs at this exciting time.

I feel God has led me to run at this time, and He will continue to lead me as we face the challenges of a growing district. I have no ax to grind and no hidden agenda. Now is the time for me to run.

**If elected to serve on the school board, what role can you or the board play in developing an improved morale for the district?**

**Hensley:** Money always improves morale. I'd like to give everyone a big raise and a Christmas

bonus, but I won't lie to you: That's probably not going to happen.

I think we could boost morale by treating staff and teachers like professionals, and trusting them to do the job they have been hired to do.

I believe a teacher should get the respect a doctor gets, if not more.

Let's tell our staff daily they are doing a good job, just like they tell our children. They need a pat on the back. We need to treat them with the utmost respect.

We also need to open the lines of communication. And it seems every year we give teachers added workload and more programs, and what do we take back?

**Crow:** School employees are under a tremendous amount of pressure -- some we can't do anything about, like the 4x4 requirements, No Child Left Behind, English as a Second Language and others. The list gets bigger every year. Now, we have added to that on a local level demanding recognized status and the interruptions of all the upcoming construction. This will take a tremendous effort from everyone involved.

It will have to start with communication. That will have to happen from the top to the bottom and the bottom to the top. There seems to have been a disconnect in between that has to be mended.

Our role as a board is to oversee these effects and evaluate whether or not this is happening. I read a plaque recently that said, 'Communication is talking and listening,' and that's important for any organization.

**What specific goals do you want to accomplish as a board member?**

**Crow:** Finish the construction on time under budget, become a recognized district and continue to monitor spending. Over the past three years, we have put back close to \$3 million into our fund balance that we're going to need when we open a

new campus.

I want to provide a safe environment by constructing security fencing at the new middle school and new elementary campuses, and by closing the new high school campus. I want every child who walks across that stage to leave with a sense of confidence that they are prepared for whatever direction they choose.

**Hensley:** Very simple: unity. Yes, we can agree to disagree, but we need to have a united front. After all, we all have the same goal -- to educate our children. When it comes to our schools, the board, the teachers and the administrators should all be on the same page. No one needs to walk on pins and needles afraid of losing their job if they voice their opinion.

If we don't have unity in our school system, how do we expect to have unity among our students?

We also need stability. My son saw three or four different high school principals during his four years at LHS. Teachers and coaches come and go. Why can't we keep good teachers, coaches and principals? Why can't we make this a place where people want to come to work and stay? Why are they not staying?

**How are you different from your opponent, and why should we vote for you?**

**Hensley:** I'm probably no different or no better than Wesley. But I can bring a fresh set of eyes and ears and a new way of thinking. When you have looked at the same situation over and over, sometimes it takes a fresh pair of eyes to see new opportunities and solutions. I have those fresh eyes, and I am ready to use them to serve this community.

**Crow:** I have developed a relationship with the construction manager, architect, city officials, TxDOT officials and the school board. I am respected by those

people for my experience in construction management, construction budgets and value engineering. I have the knowledge to make sure the district gets every penny's worth out of this construction process.

I was very involved in the bond issue and helped construct a long-range plan through 2020 for our district to handle future growth. I feel sure that I have the confidence and support of the current board to prevent any potential transition period from causing delays or disruptions to the every-day challenges our educators are going to face over the next three years.

**Closing remarks:**

**Crow:** Nancy and I decided to make Lampasas our home a long time ago. We were raised in Lampasas and wanted to raise our kids here. We are proud of living in this area, and our kids are proud of living in this area. That is my hope for every child going through this school district. Three years ago I felt we had lost some of this pride.

My goal then was to help spearhead the bond issue so we can have facilities that everyone in our community could be proud of. We've done that, but we are not done. We have to finish what we started.

The next 16 months of construction will not be easy. It will be taxing on everyone, and at the same time, there can be no drop in the quality of education our kids receive. We owe this to our kids and our community.

**Hensley:** I can tell you that if I am elected, when I vote, I will vote from my heart. It doesn't matter if any of the board agrees with me or not. I'm going to do the right thing, and I can go home and sleep well at night. If I am elected, you're going to get the real deal. I will vote from my heart.

## Family still seeks clues in girl's disappearance

It's been two decades since Elizabeth Ann Campbell disappeared, and her family is no closer to knowing where she might be than they were all those years ago when she first was reported missing.

Miss Campbell disappeared on April 25, 1988.

Police reports note she got into a fight with her boyfriend and used a pay phone around midnight at a Copperas Cove 7-11 convenience

store off U.S. Highway 190.

She was wearing blue jeans, a white T-shirt and a faded yellow jacket, and the work smock from the store where she worked was draped over her arm. Miss Campbell also carried a maroon purse.

In 1992, the Crockett County Sheriff's Department in Ozona located Miss Campbell's purse in a property room at the department.

How it got there and how long it had been there remain unknown.

Since Miss Campbell's disappearance in 1988, her parents, Sam Soon and Tom Campbell, and daughter, Barbara, have devoted much of their time and financial resources in repeated attempts to locate their missing daughter.

Every lead has been investigated, but to no avail.

The Campbells moved from

Lampasas to Killeen in 1993, and still follow any leads that come their way -- though they are fewer as time goes on.

But the family does not intend to give up hope.

Somewhere, they believe, is someone who knows what happened to their daughter.

And they continue to wait -- and to hold out hope that a resolution will be forthcoming.

## Lampasas property owners sent appraisal letters for 2008 tax year

Property owners whose property value has increased in the last year should soon receive a notice of their 2008 appraised value from the Lampasas Central Appraisal District. About 8,500 notices were mailed Friday.

Notices on business personal property will be mailed May 12 and May 16. The city, county and school district will use the appraisal district's value to set the 2008 property taxes.

State law requires county appraisal districts to notify property owners about changes in their property's values. The notice also contains important information about changes in a property's location, its ownership and property tax exemptions that have been applied to the property. It may include an estimate of 2008 taxes by local taxing units.

Property owners who disagree with the appraised value of their property, the exemptions or any other action by the appraisal district have the right to appeal to the Lampasas Appraisal Review Board.

The Appraisal Review Board is an independent panel of citizens responsible for hearing and settling property owner protests. The notice of appraised value includes instructions on how and when to file a protest and a protest form. Deadline for filing a protest is May 31, or 30 days after the appraisal district mailed the notice, whichever is later.

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs' publication, Texas Property Taxpayer's Remedies, explains in detail how to protest a property appraisal, which issues the ARB can consider and what to expect during a protest hearing. The publication also discusses the option of taking one's case to court or enter-


## FB contests

The Lampasas County Farm Bureau's annual Little Miss, Little Mister, Miss Farm Bureau and Talent Find contests are set for May 10 at the Farm Bureau building at 6 p.m.

Winners in Miss Farm Bureau and Talent Find contests will represent Lampasas County in the district contest in October. District winners receive a \$1,000 scholarship and are eligible to participate in the state competition in December.

To enter, phone Christine Groves at 556-5511 or 556-3009.

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## Countywide Prayer Breakfast

Thursday, May 1, 2008  
7:00-8:00 a.m.

### First United Methodist Fellowship Hall

Speaker: Darrell Feemster

Breakfast provided with love offering accepted  
for the Lampasas County Ministerial Alliance