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The first rain of 2009 on Monday combined with below-freezing temperatures and resulted in ice covering trees, fences and most other exposed surfaces.

## NWS issues guide to seasonal warnings

With the first dose of winter weather recently passing through parts of the state, the National Weather Service's Fort Worth office has released a guide to surviving the winter season. When threatening weather is imminent, NWS will issue watches, warnings, advisories and statements to keep the public informed and prepared, officials note. Following is a guide for weather events the NWS may issue in case of bad weather.

**Winter storm outlook:** Issued when there is a good chance of a major winter weather event beyond 36 hours.  
**Winter storm watch:** Issued when the following conditions are possible within 12 to 36 hours: heavy snowfall of four or more inches in 12 hours, or six or more inches in 24 hours; freezing rain and/or freezing drizzle accumulating to a depth of 0.25 inches or greater; or heavy sleet accumulating to a depth of 1/2 inch or more.

**Winter storm warning:** Issued when the hazardous weather conditions defined above are occurring or expected to occur within 12 hours.  
**Freeze warning:** Issued for the first occurrence of freezing temperatures in the fall, for late freezes during the spring, or for a freeze expected to occur after a prolonged warm spell.  
**Snow advisory:** Issued when snow is expected, but the

accumulations will be less than four inches in six hours, or less than six inches in 24 hours.  
**Freezing rain advisory:** Issued when freezing rain is expected, but accumulation will be less than 0.25 inch.  
**Freezing drizzle advisory:** Issued when freezing drizzle is expected with little or no accumulation.  
**Wind chill advisory:** Issued when forecast wind chill values will be below minus-20 degrees.

## County faces tight budget in 2009

### Annex expansion, rising costs of law enforcement top list of priorities

By DAVID LOWE  
Staff Writer

Construction of an addition to the Lamparas County Office Building, as well as dealing with rising costs in law enforcement, road paving and county services, likely will highlight the coming year for county officials.

After the Lamparas County Commissioners Court in April approved \$4 million in tax notes for an annex addition, the former Brooks Supermarket building was demolished to make room for the new structure. Removal of the old concrete floor will begin soon, County Judge Wayne Boultinghouse said, and construction of the office building addition will follow. "I would hope it will be [completed in] 2009, but I can't guarantee that it will," the judge said of construction. Once the new office space is ready for occupancy, county employees working in offices on Live Oak Street will move into the annex, and the county will sell its buildings on Live Oak, Boultinghouse said.

Increasing costs for the sheriff's department, indigent health care and juvenile probation -- which together account for half the county budget -- likely will limit what the county can spend in other areas, the county judge said. "Law enforcement continues to be a challenge," he said. "In years past, we'd get somebody trained, and they'd go somewhere else where the pay is higher." Commissioners will continue their efforts to raise salaries for county law enforcement closer to the figures paid in surrounding counties, Boultinghouse said.

Although the Commissioners Court tries to pave as many miles of road each year as possible, the judge said, asphalt emulsion prices rose significantly in 2008 and have not dropped much, even with oil down 70 percent from its high mark in July.

The Commissioners Court will consider asphalt emulsion bids this month.

"Hopefully we will find something we can afford," Boultinghouse said. "If the price stays high, we may not be able to pave much."

Despite increases in several budget categories last year, Lamparas County did experience some fiscal relief in 2008.

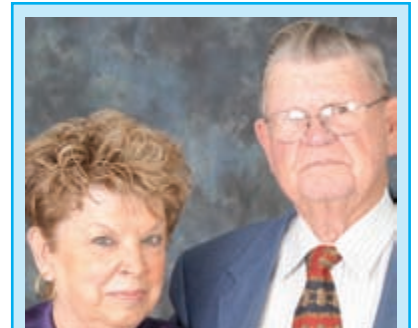
The county recently received \$436,000 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Office of Rural Community Affairs to fund repairs to low-water crossings at Simms Creek, School Creek and Binion Creek. The crossings were damaged during flooding in the spring and summer of 2007.

The Commissioners Court in June selected Waco-based Tabor & Associates Inc. to provide engineering services on the crossings. A pre-construction meeting is set Jan. 16.

"Hopefully we can start the construction in the next few months," Emergency Management Coordinator Angela Rainwater said.

In addition, the Central Texas Council of Governments has agreed to provide three new computers for the county judge's office, a new generator for backup power at the Lamparas County Jail, hand-held two-way radios for emergency manage-

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## The Crawfords Hood honors local couple for service

Bill and Anna Crawford of Lamparas were recognized as "Good Neighbors" during a recent dinner held in their honor at Fort Hood in Killeen. The Army installation selects recipients each year whose contributions significantly enhanced the well-being of soldiers and their family members. Mrs. Crawford, a lifelong Lamparas resident, and her husband, a transplanted Lamparan, have long been benefactors to the community and its residents. A complete story appears on page 2 of today's issue.

## County's youth livestock show enters second day of competition

The 2009 edition -- the 72nd year -- of the Lamparas County Youth Livestock Show continues through Saturday, with several hundred animals being exhibited over the course of the three-day event. The annual Food Fair as well as the Ag Mechanics Show also are scheduled.

This year's show is dedicated to the memory of several individuals for their past support of youth livestock programs: Tommy Kendrick, Jack Lacy, Wallace Maddox, Christy Nuckles and Dick Procter. Lamparas County Youth Livestock Association officers include Andrew Irvin, president; David Fisher, vice president; Judy Vann Kennedy, secretary; and Lee Loeffler, treasurer.

The broiler show was held Thursday. Today, judging will take place for market lambs, meat goats, market hogs, rabbits, the Food Fair and the Ag Mechanics Show.

Luther Hensley is the goat superintendent and assistant sheep superintendent, and Roy Stewart is the sheep superintendent and assistant goat superintendent.

Fisher is the swine superintendent, and Mark Langford is the assistant superintendent.

Rabbit and broiler show superintendent is Lewis Bridges, assisted by Steve Stone.

Ms. Vann Kennedy has charge of the Food Fair, and Mitch Ramon is the building and ag mechanics superintendent.

On Saturday, the heifer and steer shows will take place, with competition to kick off at 9 a.m. Danny Vann is the steer superintendent, and Dale Postel is the assistant.

Bobby Liverman is the heifer superintendent, and Roy Cockrell is the assistant.

A Buyer's Appreciation Dinner is planned for Saturday evening, followed by the premium sale.

Throughout the competition, special awards and belt buckles will be given. Junior and senior

showmanship awards also are presented in various divisions.

In conjunction with the livestock exhibition, the sixth annual Agricultural Mechanics Show will take place today, which involves 4-H and FFA youth who work with metal fabrication and woods.

A number of projects will be judged this morning. Premiums and prize money, provided by local businesses and business leaders, will be awarded.

Several exhibitors will offer their projects for sale at the conclusion of the show.

The fifth annual Food Fair also is set today at the showbarn, under the supervision of sisters Anita Allen, Jan Klose, Doretha Bohning and Becky Isom.

Cash prizes will be awarded in each division, along with ribbons and other prizes. Champions and reserve champs will earn extra money at the junior and senior levels.

The youth stock show will close with cleanup of the show barn on Sunday at 9 a.m. All animals must be out of the barn by 10 a.m.

After regular division showings, a Little Britches Pig Show and Little Britches Sheep and Goat Show will take place to give the youngest exhibitors a chance to get in some practice. This is the second year these events will be held.

The Colorado River CattleWomen and Lamparas County Youth Livestock Ladies Auxiliary will host a hot dog lunch for elementary school students, and auxiliary members will staff a concession stand.

Ag teachers working in a supervisory capacity throughout the show include Dr. Steve Forsythe and Wes Harris from Lamparas ISD, and Brad Barnett and Jamie Smart of Lometa ISD.

Lamparas County Extension Agent Jason Byrd also will offer assistance.

Auctioneers include Hilton Hopson and Billie Yearly, and Lamparas County Judge Wayne Boultinghouse will be the show announcer.



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## On the run

Lamparas High School senior Josh Akers (13) battles with a Killeen Ellison player for control of the ball during the Badgers' scrimmage against the Eagles last Saturday. Lamparas opens its regular season today playing at the Smithville tournament against Taylor at 11 a.m., before facing Navasota at 7 p.m. See related story in today's Sports.

WEATHER			
Date	High	Low	Rain
Jan. 5	41	31	.30
Jan. 6	65	33	
Jan. 7	70	34	

2009 rainfall to date: .30 inches. Same date last year: 0 inches.  
Courtesy of KCYL Radio, a National Weather Service observer station.

### Conaway

A member of Congressman Mike Conaway's Llano office staff will be in Lamparas Wednesday to visit with constituents from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the Lamparas County Courthouse's commissioners courtroom. Constituents may share concerns, request help on a federal issue or ask any other question of the staff.

### Dress code

Community forums will be held Jan. 22 and Feb. 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the Lamparas High School library for presentations, to see research and share opinions on the district's consideration of changing to a standardized dress code. The public is invited to share their opinion and to become informed on the issues, according to the group's chairman.

### LHS seminar

Parents of Lamparas High School freshmen through seniors are invited to "Making College Financial Planning Count," on Monday at 6:30 p.m. at the school library. Topics include how to plan for and manage college costs; strategies to prepare families for a student's next educational step; and ways to navigate the financial aid process.

### Meetings

The Lamparas County Commissioners Court will hold its regular meeting on Monday at 9 a.m. in the first-floor courtroom at the county courthouse. The Lamparas City Council will meet in a workshop session at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers. The council's regular session will begin at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers.

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