

## Key Club garners award; Franklin named to district office

Lampasas High School Key Club members recently attended the 60th annual Texas-Oklahoma District Key Club Convention where they were awarded the Kim Owen Dinsmore Most Improved Club Award.

Key Club is the largest high school service organization, and the local high school club is sponsored by Lampasas Kiwanis Club.

LHS Key Club members increased membership by 100 percent the past year, and improved service to the school and community by 800 percent.

Club members assisted with projects at Lampasas Mission, Lampasas Boys & Girls Club, Austin Ronald McDonald House, Texas Red Cross Hurricane Relief, Special Olympics, UNICEF and Along the Road Home Animal Shelter.

Additionally, LHS Key Club member Sarah Franklin was inducted as the District 23 governor at the convention. She will serve as liaison for several high school clubs in the area to the state organization.

Miss Franklin is a junior at LHS and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Franklin.



LHS Key Club members show off the Kim Owen Dinsmore Most Improved Club Award they received at the annual convention in Dallas. Pictured are, front row from left, Xavier Walker, Timmy Kincheloe, president Emily Olivas, treasurer Sarah Franklin and club co-adviser Christine Byrd; back row from left, Brittany Freeman, Darryl Sunberg, Kabrina Honaker and Kathy Dobbs.



Sarah Franklin, a Lampasas High School junior and Key Club treasurer, was inducted as District 23 governor of the Texas-Oklahoma Key Club. She is pictured following induction with outgoing lieutenant governor Charles Struth of West High School in West.

58th Annual Observance  
**PRAYER... AMERICA'S HOPE**  
 THURSDAY May 7 2009  
 "May your unfailing love rest upon us, O Lord, even as we put our hope in you." -Psalm 33:22  
 www.NationalDayofPrayer.org  
**Countywide Prayer Breakfast • Thursday, May 7 • 7:00 a.m.**  
**First Baptist Church • Speaker: Jerrell Herron**  
 402 S. Key Ave. (Fellowship Hall) • Lampasas  
 Breakfast provided with love offering accepted for the Lampasas County Ministerial Alliance.

**Our Dad Is The One!**

**Re-Elect ANDREW IRVIN**  
 On May 9th  
 School Board, Place 2  
*Political ad paid for by Andrew Irvin.*

*You are invited to a celebration honoring*

**Ken Finch**  
 Metroplex Health System  
 President/CEO  
 Promoted to:  
 President/CEO, Southwest Region  
 President/CEO, Huguley Memorial Medical Center

*Friday, May 8, 2009*  
*1:30pm*

*Rollins Brook Community Hospital*  
*608 N. Key Avenue*  
*Lampasas, TX*

**APPRAISAL NOTICES FOR TAX YEAR 2009 ARE IN THE MAIL TO AREA PROPERTY OWNERS**

IF YOUR PROPERTY VALUE HAS INCREASED BY \$1,000 OR MORE IN THE LAST YEAR OR YOU HAVE PROPERTY IN THE CENTRAL PORTION OF LAMPASAS COUNTY, you should soon receive a notice of your 2009 appraised value from the Lampasas Central Appraisal District. About 8,500 notices were mailed on May 4, 2009. Notices on Business Personal Property accounts that requested an extension will be mailed May 18. Your city, county and school district will use the appraisal district's value to set your 2009 property taxes.

State law requires appraisal districts to notify property owners about changes in their property's value. The notice also contains important information about the property's location, its ownership, and property tax exemptions that have been applied to the property. It may include an estimate of 2009 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 (ARB). The ARB 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. The deadline for filing a protest with the ARB is May 31 or 30 days after the appraisal district mailed you a notice of appraised value, whichever is later.

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs' publication, Texas Property Taxpayer's Remedies, explains in detail how to protest your property appraisal, what issues the ARB can consider and what to expect during a protest hearing. The publication also discusses the option of taking your case to court or entering into binding arbitration if you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your ARB hearing.

Texas Property Taxpayer's Remedies is available from the Lampasas Central Appraisal District at 109 E. Fifth Street, Lampasas, Texas. The publication is also available on the state Comptroller's Web site at [www.window.state.tx.us](http://www.window.state.tx.us) or by calling the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division at 800-252-9121.

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