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**Safety first**

Lee Fritsch, left, of the Lower Colorado River Authority, and Lampasas Independent School District maintenance worker Bart Clary use a dummy to illustrate tractor safety during Progressive Agriculture Safety Day last week at Hanna Springs Intermediate. The event included volunteers from the Texas AgriLife Extension Service, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Central Texas Council of Governments and the Texas Department of Transportation. A variety of educational stations available to Hanna Springs fifth-grade students included a vehicle rollover simulation; drug and alcohol abuse prevention information; displays about snake and animal safety, chemicals and safe water practices; gun safety; and proper handling of lawn mowers.



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**Farewell reception**

Ken Finch, left, said good-bye last week to a number of local residents who stopped by Rollins Brook Community Hospital to wish the former Metroplex official luck at his new post in Burleson. Here, Finch, wearing his new cowboy hat -- a gift at his departure -- visits with Lampasas businessman and Metroplex Health System Foundation Board Member Sid Wieser, while Richard Procter, right, Metroplex board member, looks on. Finch had served as president/CEO of Metroplex since 1997.

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