

Deaths

Castaneda infant

Serenity Love Castaneda, infant daughter of Bianca Olivarez and Max Castaneda Jr. of Lampasas, died June 26, 2009, at St. David's Hospital in Georgetown.

She is survived by her parents; one sister, Karysa; grandparents, Becky Gutierrez and Maximo and Kathy Castaneda, all of Lampasas, and Tim Olivarez of Killeen; great-grandparents, Harroll Straley and Maggie Maldonado, both of Lampasas, and Victorianna Guerrero of Mexico; great-great-grandparents, Annie Straley of Adamsville and Alfred Olivarez of Lubbock; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

She was preceded in death by a great-grandmother, Virginia Jordan; and an aunt and uncle.

Funeral arrangements by Broker Funeral Home of Salado.



Johnnie Swinney Mr. Swinney

Johnnie Glen Swinney, 63, of Lometa died June 30, 2009, at Temple Living Center.

Funeral services were July 2 at Lometa United Methodist Church with Pastor Celia Kitchens officiating. Burial was at Lometa City Cemetery.

Mr. Swinney was born Dec. 22, 1945, in Lampasas, the son of Raymond A. and Lausisia Evans Swinney.

He grew up in Lometa where he graduated from high school.

Mr. Swinney worked at the wool and mohair warehouse in Lometa, ran a store there, and hauled pipe.

He was a member of Lometa United Methodist Church.

Survivors include a brother, Jerry Swinney of Lampasas.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorials may be made to Lometa United Methodist Church Prayer Garden Fund.

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Nominations continue for committees

The Lampasas-Burnet County Farm Service Agency office will accept farmer and rancher candidate nominations for local FSA county committees through Aug. 3. Elections will be held in the fall.

FSA county committee members make decisions about disaster and conservation programs, emergency programs, commodity price support loan programs and other agricultural issues. Committees consist of three to five members, elected to three-year terms by eligible local producers.

To become a nominee, eligible individuals must sign Form FSA-669A, available at www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=newsroom&subject=landing&topic=cce. Nomination forms must be postmarked or received in the local USDA service center by the end of the business day on Aug. 3.

FSA will mail ballots to producers beginning Nov. 6. Completed ballots are due back to the local county office either via mail or in person by Dec. 7.

Newly elected committee members and alternates take office Jan. 1, 2010. For more information, phone 556-5572, ext. 2, or visit www.fsa.usda.gov.

Woman, unborn child die in collision

An accident Tuesday night about 10 miles northeast of Hamilton took the life of a Lampasas teen and her unborn child, according to information from the Texas Department of Public Safety office in Lampasas.

An official confirmed the following account.

Heather Ann Smith, 18, was a passenger in the back of a 1997 Ford pickup that was traveling near the intersection of Highway 22 and Farm to Market Road 1602 at 8:20 p.m.

The pickup, driven by Wesley Kepler, 24, of Lampasas, was being followed by a 1994 Kenworth tractor-trailer, driven by Adalberto Marquez of Clovis, N.M.

According to the report, the pickup signaled right but turned left into the path of the 18-wheeler, which was attempting to pass on the left in a no-passing zone.

Ms. Smith, who was about seven months pregnant, was ejected from the bed of the moving vehicle. She and her unborn child died at the scene.

Others in the pickup included passengers Kasey Kepler, 22, of Lampasas and Michael Wilson, 39, of Comanche. Raymond Smith, 19, and Kayla Bench, 18, both of Lampasas, rode in the bed of the pickup with Ms. Smith.

Wesley Kepler, Wilson and Smith were transported to Scott & White Memorial Hospital in Temple, and Kasey Kepler and Ms. Bench were transported to Hamilton Regional Hospital.

The truck driver was not injured. He was ticketed for attempting to pass in a no-passing zone, said the report.

The accident is under investigation, and other charges are pending, the report states.

Man sentenced to TDC on two charges

In recent 27th District Court action with Judge Joe Carroll presiding, Michael Joseph Schoolcraft, 46, of Kempner received two years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Institutional Division for bail jumping and a failure to appear felony charge.

In addition, Schoolcraft was given five years' probation and a \$1,000 fine for driving while intoxicated and felony repetition. He also must attend a substance abuse treatment program.

A 10-year probated sentence was given to Christopher John Young for delivery of a controlled substance, cocaine. The 31-year-old Copperas Cove resident also must pay a \$1,000 fine and attend a drug program.

On a charge of robbery, Michael Allen Longoria, 22, was given six years' deferred adjudication probation and a \$1,000 fine. As a condition of his probation, he must attend the Roy Robb

Treatment Facility, perform community service and pay restitution.

Joshua Ray Tibbitts, 18, of Lampasas received six years' deferred adjudication probation for burglary of a habitation. He was ordered to complete an intermediate sanction facility program and pay restitution.

For possession of marijuana under two ounces in a drug-free zone, Gatesville resident Donald Joe Kennedy, 34, was given four years' deferred adjudication probation and a \$1,000 fine plus court costs. He also must perform community service.

Daniel Caleb Gerhart, 21, of Lampasas was assessed two years' adjudication probation and must pay restitution and a \$200 fine plus court costs for burglary of a building, which was punished as a Class A misdemeanor.

Omar Velasquez, 25, of Lampasas is set for a July 17 hearing on a motion for abandon-

danger a child, criminal negligence.

Forty-seven-year-old Frank Scott Hedges is to enter a plea July 17 for unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.

A July 24 adjudication hearing is slated for Elgin resident Matthew Bradley Harris, 25, for theft over \$20,000 and under \$100,000.

Robert Allen Rossiter, 50, of Copperas Cove is set for a punishment hearing July 24 for failure to register as a sex offender.

July 24 pretrial hearings are scheduled for William Matsu Karcher, 44, of Lampasas for indecency with a child, exposure; and for John Carlton Brizedine, 46, The Florence resident is charged with possession/transport of a chemical with intent to manufacture a controlled substance.

Johnny Lee Fletcher, 27, of Lometa had his bond lowered to \$1,000 and is set for an Aug. 14 punishment hearing on a charge of burglary of a building.

For burglary of a habitation, John Randall Craddock, 18, of Lampasas faces an Aug. 21 punishment hearing. His bond was lowered to \$2,500.

Oct. 26 jury trials are on the docket for David Scott Barczy, 31, of Lampasas for harassment of a public servant; Florentino Flores, 44, of Dallas for engaging in organized criminal activity; Juan Antonio Villegas-Soto, 20, of Lampasas for engaging in organized criminal activity-conspiracy; and Nancy Gale Skeen, 45, of Georgetown for possession of a controlled substance over 28 grams in a drug-free zone.

Burn ban reinstated

County Judge Wayne Boultinghouse on Monday reinstated for 10 days the county's ban on outdoor burning in unincorporated areas. The emergency burn ban will be reviewed Wednesday.

Exceptions apply to barbecue pits, household trash burned in a barrel with a screen on top and burns for agricultural purposes with prior approval from Lampasas County Fire Marshal Gene Harrison.

A statement from Boultinghouse's office cited a "severe fire danger" in the county as justification for reinstatement of the burn ban.

A violation of the order is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.

With Independence Day festivities approaching, City of Lampasas Fire Marshal Reece Oestreich advised area residents to exercise caution.

The discharge of all types of fireworks is prohibited within Lampasas city limits, Oestreich said. Rockets with sticks and missiles with fins are illegal in unincorporated areas as well, he said.

Those who use legal fireworks in unincorporated areas should keep plenty of water on hand, Oestreich said.

Pet Parade rules listed

The 2009 Spring Ho Pet Parade will be July 10, with registration at the Santa Fe Depot building on the corner of Second and Live Oak streets at 8:30 a.m.

The event, sponsored by Animal Health Center of Lampasas, will hold judging at 9 a.m.

The Pet Parade will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the depot and end up at the courthouse bandstand for an awards presentation.

All entries must be registered to participate. Animals must have written proof of current vaccinations. No hoofed animals are allowed. Children are encouraged to enter in costume.

Animals must be caged or on a

leash and be controlled by participants or sponsors. All entries must be able to walk or ride the parade route. To help ensure the safety of participants and their animals, no motorized vehicles are permitted.

Grand champions may ride in the Spring Ho Grand Parade.

Categories for the Pet Parade include best cat, best dog, best group of pets, best dressed pet, best dressed children, most unusual pet, grand champion, reserve champion and best use of theme.

This year's theme is "Fiesta at the Springs."

For more information, contact the Spring Ho Committee at 556-5301.

LISD offering summer breakfast, lunch program

Lampasas Independent School District's Child Nutrition Department is offering its summer food service program at no cost to all children ages 18 and under.

To participate, youths may simply show up at Hanna Springs Elementary School through July 31.

There is no paperwork to participate, but proof of age may be requested.

Breakfast is served from 7:30-8:30 a.m., and lunch is served from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Lampasas Dispatch Record will continue to publish student menus each Friday through the summer.

For more information, phone 556-8948 or 556-6224.

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