

Deaths



Travis Sittner  
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A memorial service for Travis Scott Sittner of Lampasas County was held July 27, 2009, at Grace Fellowship Church with Pastor Bob McClinton officiating. He was buried in Colorado.

Travis died July 22, 2009, in Sanderson. He was 14.

He was born Feb. 10, 1995, in Lubbock, to Jeffery and Cressenda Sittner.

Travis was an eighth-grader who enjoyed baseball, football and track. He was an avid hunter and fisherman.

Survivors include his parents of Kempner; a sister, Megan Sittner of Kempner; and grandparents, Lea and Bill Hawn of Sanderson, Darrell and Betty Scott of Burnet, and Donald and Jeanne Sittner of Walsenburg, Colo.

He was preceded in death by great-grandparents, George and Esther Sittner, RA and Bobbie Scott and Lavina Webb; and by several great-aunts and a great-uncle.

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Jerry Swinney  
Mr. Swinney

Lometa resident Jerry L. Swinney, 73, died July 26, 2009, at Spring Oaks Nursing & Rehab in Lampasas.

Funeral services are July 28 at 11 a.m. at Lometa United Methodist Church with Pastor Celia Kitchens officiating. Burial will follow at Lometa City Cemetery.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church.

Mr. Swinney was born Feb. 20, 1936, in Lometa, the son of Raymond A. and Lausia Evans Swinney.

He grew up in Lometa and graduated from Lometa High School.

Mr. Swinney worked for the Potts brothers at Lometa Wool & Mohair for a number of years, and then was a rural mail carrier for the U.S. Post Office in Lometa for 19 years.

He was a member and secretary of the Lometa Lions Club. He also was a member of the Lometa United Methodist Church where he served as treasurer for many years.

He is survived by a cousin, Virgil Evans of Bastrop.

Mr. Swinney was preceded in death by his brother, Johnnie, on June 30, 2009.

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

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County poised for increased population

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broker said, and Kuker said the combination of retailers, outdoor recreation at Sulphur Creek and medical centers like Rollins Brook Community Hospital also attracts new residents.

"Medical facilities are a big one," Kuker said.

Taylor Creek Elementary in east Lampasas County and the new Lampasas High School campus, both opening in August, also provide an impetus for families to move to the area,

Kuker said.  
The new high school is designed to accommodate 1,600 students -- about 550 more than were enrolled at the beginning of the 2008-09 term -- and Taylor Creek Elementary is built to hold 650.

As Lampasas grows, Ms. Hetherly hopes to attract new businesses to the city and develop recreational facilities, including a civic center and a possible bird- or butterfly-watching area at the recently donated Rex and Linda

Johnson Park land.  
Ms. Hetherly also believes plans for a higher-education center in Lampasas will allow the city better to serve its growing population, as well as students from as far away as Evant, San Saba and Hamilton.

"I really believe we're going to become a regional destination," she said.

Challenges remain as Lampasas County growth continues. Subdivisions have begun to fill up

in east Lampasas County, Kuker said, and new ones are limited within Lampasas. While homes priced at less than \$100,000 remain plentiful, buyers looking for homes worth more than \$200,000 typically have fewer options, he added.

Ms. Hetherly believes one of Lampasas' greatest needs is for a positive vision of growth.

"We don't think big here," the mayor said. "We need to think outside the box and be willing to do things differently."

Artifacts show slated

The annual Indian Artifacts Show is Aug. 8 at AMVETS Post 80 on U.S. Highway 281 South.

Show hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. General admission is \$2 for adults. Children under 12 will be admitted for free.

Vendors and exhibitors interested in participating should phone the Lampasas County Chamber of Commerce at 556-5172.

Kehoe returns to Lampasas to head new high school

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school districts have. But what we have had, we have made work, and I don't anticipate it will be any

different this year. We have always taken care of our kids."

Kehoe said he plans to be in Lampasas for a while. "I didn't

split up my family and come here with the intention of leaving soon. This is our home. We love it here."

He also praised the new superin-

tendent.

"I think he will be really good for Lampasas and for our school district. I am excited to have the

opportunity to work with him.

"He has high expectations for our schools, and so do I. "I am so glad to be back."

PEC board adopts rules, waives reconnect fees

Setting a new foundation for conduct at its meetings, the Pedemales Electric Board of Directors voted July 20 to abide by the rules contained in the 10th edition of "Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised," with specific attention to its "Procedure in Small Boards" section.

"We deemed Robert's Rules of Order the best and most widely used procedures for conducting board meetings," said District 7 Director Patrick Cox, who sponsored the resolution with board president Larry Landaker, District 6 director.

PEC's governing body also voted to streamline its committee structure, dissolving all prior committees except the Audit Committee. The new policy committees, to be approved at the next board meeting, are Governance, Bylaws and Legal; Energy, Conservation and Renewable Generation Programs; and Financial Strategies, Contracts and Budgets.

Guidelines were adopted for charters, meeting minutes and limitations on the number of meetings per year. Committee chairs were given latitude to appoint PEC members and other individuals to serve as volunteer advisers.

The board also recognized the effects of the heat wave gripping Central Texas and unanimously approved a resolution to waive any \$100 reconnection fees assessed to PEC members from June through September 2009.

"This reflects the tremendous effect the very hot summer has had on our members, as well as the bad economy we're in," said PEC General Manager Juan Garza.

In other action, the board:

- heard a report that more than \$566,000 had been legally deemed Texland funds, to be disbursed after a meeting between Texland's owners.
- approved major infrastructure projects in the Cedar Park and Kyle areas.
- decided that ideas for a long-term strategic planning session would be presented at the Aug. 17 board meeting in Johnson City.

Kempner teen dies in shooting incident

A Kempner teenager died Wednesday in the West Texas town of Sanderson as the result of a suspected accidental shooting.

Travis Scott Sittner, 14, an incoming eighth-grader at Lampasas Middle School, died of what investigators are considering an accidental "self-inflicted gunshot wound," Terrell County Sheriff Clint McDonald said in a telephone in-

terview Friday.

McDonald said Sittner was at the residence of a family member at the time of the shooting, but the sheriff declined to comment further on the incident, citing an ongoing investigation.

A memorial service for Sittner was held Monday at Grace Fellowship in Lampasas.

Aycock receives veterans award

State Rep. Jimmie Don Aycock (R-Killeen) was awarded the Texas House Republican Caucus' Victor for Veterans Award for his work advocating veterans issues during the 81st legislative session.

"I feel privileged that the Republican Caucus has honored me with the Victor for Veterans Award," said Aycock, whose district includes Lampasas County. "Improving life for those who serve our country was a priority this session."

Aycock worked to help pass legislation that exempts disabled veterans from ad valorem taxes on their homesteads.

Other legislation the lawmaker filed included an extension of eligibility for free

prekindergarten to stepchildren of active duty military personnel and members of the armed forces killed or injured while on duty, and measures to protect parents deployed by the military from losing possession of or access to a child.

"Rep. Aycock's commitment to protecting our veterans was prevalent throughout the session," said Larry Taylor, chairman of the House Republican Caucus. "His passion for these issues was obvious during debates and hearings."

"This honor is well deserved, and the people of District 54 should take pride in their state representative."

Free tire collection set this week

The city of Copperas Cove and the Central Texas Council of Governments are sponsoring a free tire collection event through Saturday.

Residents of Bell, Coryell, Hamilton, Lampasas, Milam, Mills and San Saba counties may bring up to eight passenger car and/or truck tires per household to the transfer station at 2605 South FM 116 in Copperas Cove.

Participants must show proof of residency. Tires will be accepted until the trailers are full. Rims will not be accepted.


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**Lampasas County Office Building**

These newly named officials will discuss their perspectives on upcoming state and local public education issues. You are invited to hear their presentations and participate in a question-and-answer session after their remarks.

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