



PHOTOS BY BILL McDONALD
Annual picnic
 A large crowd turned out for the Democratic Women of Lampasas' Labor Day Picnic at Hancock Park. The event, emceed by Lampasas County Democratic Party Chairman Daniel Melder, included speeches by current political figures and candidates, a barbecue lunch and a cake auction. Top photo: Lunch was served at the park's pavilion. Bottom photo: Third Court of Criminal Appeals Chief Justice Woodie Jones, center, visited with Robert Gradel, right, Lampasas Municipal Court judge, and a constituent.



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Law Enforcement Report

The following arrests were reported by law enforcement officials.

- Sept. 8**
 -- Dennis Wayne Williams, 56, of Marble Falls for possession of marijuana under two ounces. He made bond and was released from the Lampasas County Jail on Wednesday.
- Dustin Jared Peak, 31, of Kempner for driving while intoxicated. He posted bond the same day.
- Sept. 7**
 -- Carlos Moreno Garza, 52, of Lampasas for assault causing bodily injury. He posted bond Tuesday.
- Edmond Eugene Hallmark, 43, of Kempner for assault causing bodily injury. He bonded out Tuesday.
- Rogelio Roy Sanchez, 39, of San Antonio for driving while intoxicated. He bonded out Tuesday.
- Aaron Michael Bailey, 22, of Copperas Cove for assault/family violence. He was still in jail Wednesday.
- Sept. 6**
 -- James Willard Williams, 40, of Pflugerville for driving while intoxicated. He made bond the same day.
- Daryl Ray Waitschies, 32, of

- Goldthwaite for driving while intoxicated and driving while license invalid with previous convictions. He made bond Monday.
- Sept. 5**
 -- Lindsey Ann Richardson, 19, of Stephenville for possession of marijuana under two ounces. She made bond the same day.
- Danny Ray Swan, 19, of Galveston for possession of marijuana under two ounces. Bond was posted the same day.
- Alonzo Moses Botello, 40, of Lampasas for driving while intoxicated third or more with open container and driving while license invalid with previous convictions. He was still in the county jail Wednesday afternoon.
- Antonia Lynn Carnley, 20, of Lampasas for driving while intoxicated. She bonded out the same day.
- Sept. 3**
 -- Cody Mack Butts, 20, of Lampasas for possession of marijuana under two ounces. He was released to see the judge on Sept. 4.
- Sept. 2**
 -- Williams Joshua Warren, 32, of Lampasas on a warrant for theft of service over \$1,500 and under

- \$20,000. Bond was made Sept. 3.
- Wayne Joseph Persick, 57, of Killeen for driving while intoxicated. He posted bond Sept. 3.
- Aug. 31**
 -- Sean Matthew Reed, 18, of Lampasas for delivery of marijuana over one-fourth ounce and under five pounds, and possession of marijuana under two ounces in a drug-free zone. He posted bond Sept. 1.
- Armando Rosales, 31, of Lampasas for two counts of manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance over one gram. He was released Sept. 1 after making bond.
- Aug. 29**
 -- Zachary Shea Bond, 22, of Burnet for possession of marijuana under two ounces and open container. He made bond the same day.
- James Gregory Izell, 24, of Burnet for purchase/furnish alcohol to a minor. He bonded out the same day.
- James Randall Taylor, 48, of Lometa for driving while intoxicated. Bond was posted Aug. 30.
- Aug. 28**
 -- Robin Dean Hendershot, 39, of Lampasas for driving while intoxicated. He posted bond the same day.

TSCRA: Health care plan would hurt ranching families

The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association released the following statement after President Barack Obama rallied Congress for support of his government-run health care proposal.

"President Obama's plan for a federal takeover of America's health care industry will be especially harming to ranching families, many of whom depend on TSCRA's insurance services for their health care," said TSCRA President and rancher Dave Scott.

TSCRA began to offer insurance services to its members in 1977 to meet the growing need for affordable health care for independent businessmen and women. TSCRA insures more than 5,000 people through its insurance services.

"TSCRA is unlike most associations because we offer our members, many of whom run small ranching businesses with a small number of employees, health care insurance similar to what would be offered to employees at a large company. Our members are able to get full health care benefits, including dental and vision, at a lower price because they are part of the larger TSCRA insurance system," said Jerri McDonald, TSCRA executive director of insurance services.

"Our fear is that Obama's plan will drive private insurance premiums so high that it will become nearly impossible for our members to afford TSCRA insurance, eventually putting us, and other private insurance companies, completely out of business.

"There is no doubt that our health care system needs reform, but that reform should not take away the fundamental freedom of choice and the ability to choose quality health care like what is offered at TSCRA and other private insurance companies across the country."

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