

Deaths

Mr. Machen

Nelson Wayne Machen, 61, of San Antonio died Nov. 5, 2009, at his residence.

Graveside services were Nov. 8 at Nix Cemetery in Lampasas County.

Mr. Machen was born March 5, 1948, in Lampasas County, the son of Nolan O. Machen and Merle Wright Machen.

He graduated from high school and served in the U.S. Navy for four years.

Mr. Machen had been in sales most of his career.

Survivors include a son, Travis J. Machen of New York City; daughters, Dianna Brown and Monica Ventress; his father of Lampasas; sisters, Lori Paulson and Donna Slaughter; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his mother; a brother, Neil Machen; and his stepmother, Eva Joe Lively Machen.

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TxDOT sets open house

During the September 2009 meeting, the Texas Department of Transportation Commission adopted draft strategic direction statements for the agency to provide performance results that the public can use to measure the organization.

TxDOT is engaged in education and outreach through the district and divisions to collect input from across the state. The Brownwood district's public open house is Thursday from 2-7 p.m. to gain information on issues concerning the future of transportation in the state.

The open house will be a free-flow process where participants will be guided through resource material interactively that will outline the direction in which TxDOT is moving. The process will take less than 30 minutes.

Those who are unable to attend but would like to share an opinion may complete an online survey at www.webservices.camsys.com/txdotstratplan/.

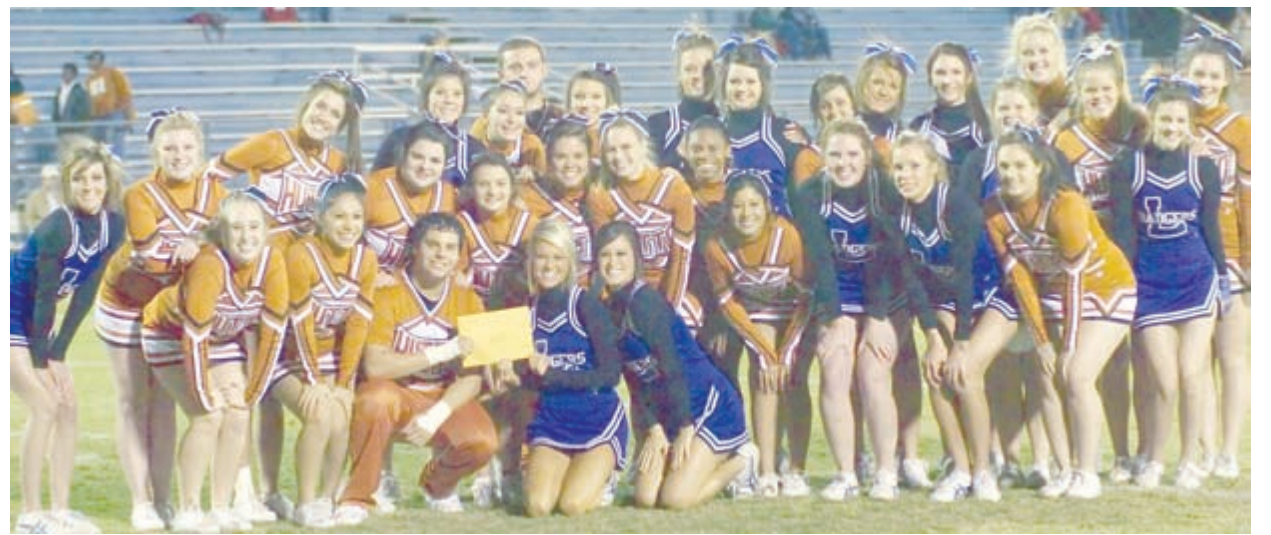


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Cheerful donation

Lampasas High School and Hutto High School cheerleaders met at Badger Field Friday night before the football game for a joint collection of \$160 to the Capitol Area Food Bank.

Kempner Council to meet

Kempner City Council will meet tonight at 7 p.m. at City Hall Council Chambers to hear an update from Pedernales Electric Co-op.

Other agenda items include an update on Sylvia Tucker Memorial Park by Mayor Gene Isenhour.

Amending the budget also is up for discussion.



PHOTOS BY LISA CARNLEY

Myriad of media

A number of state and local television and radio stations were on hand as events unfolded at Fort Hood last Thursday. Above: Microphones covered the podium in anticipation of Lt.Gen. Robert Cone's media briefing that came nearly three hours after announcement of the press conference. Below: Reporters, camera operators and sound technicians all converged at the Bernie Beck Main Gate waiting for information on the victims and the shooter.



Public may send donations for victims

There are several opportunities for the public to donate to various agencies at Fort Hood to honor soldiers and family members affected by the mass shooting.

Checks can be mailed to Chaplain's Funds Office, Bldg. 44, 761st Tank Battalion Ave., Fort Hood TX 76544-5000. Checks should be made payable to CTOF with a note in the memo line stating "Nov. 5 tragedy."

Contributions on behalf of Fort Hood soldiers also can be mailed to Fisher House, Bldg. 36015, Fisher Lane, Fort Hood, TX 76544. For information, phone (254) 286-7929.

Donations can be sent to Red Cross through Killeen Red Cross, 208 W. Ave. A., Killeen, TX 76541. For information, phone (254) 200-4400 or visit www.waco.redcross.org.

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Fund-raiser

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