

Deaths



Mrs. Hampton

Cora Charlene Hampton, 74, of Lampasas died Dec. 23, 2009, at her residence after a battle with cancer.

Graveside services were Dec. 26 at Oak Hill Cemetery in Lampasas.

Mrs. Hampton was born Sept. 30, 1935, in Stanton, the daughter of Charles Willard and Gladys May Arnold Hardin.

She was married to Roy K. Hampton and he preceded her in death in 2000.

Mrs. Hampton worked for the California Board of Compensation for 37 years and retired and moved to Texas.

She was the office manager for Bent Tree Construction for the last 10 years. She was a Seventh-Day Adventist.

Mrs. Hampton enjoyed traveling, sewing and making all types of

crafts. She worked with the youth in the CAPS program at First United Methodist Church in Lampasas.

Survivors include a sister, Gene Bouthillier and husband, Charles, of Sparks, Nev.; a brother and his wife, Jerry and Rosalie Hardin of Martinez, Calif.; a stepdaughter, Beverly Iverson of Tyler; numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews; and numerous cousins.

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Mrs. Amsler

Graveside services for Lucille C. Amsler, 85, of Bryan are Dec. 29, 2009, at Hempstead Cemetery in Hempstead.

Mrs. Amsler died Dec. 26 at St. Joseph Regional Health Center in Bryan.

She was born April 8, 1924, in Big Spring, to Charlie and Ruby Chamberland.

Mrs. Amsler moved to Hempstead as a teenager and graduated from Hempstead High School in 1940.

In 1948, she married Dan Wood Amsler.

Mrs. Amsler was appointed tax assessor-collector for Waller County in 1954 and served until 1956.

From 1956-1970, she was the bookkeeper for the Hempstead Chevrolet dealership.

In 1970, the couple moved to a ranch in Lampasas where she worked for a title company.

Mrs. Hempstead enjoyed landscape and still-life painting and was active in First Presbyterian Church. After her husband's death in 1984, Mrs. Amsler moved to College Station.

Survivors include sons and their families, Charles Amsler of Bedford and Robert Amsler of Carrollton; a brother and sister-in-law, C.C. and Sarah Lou Chamberland of Bryan; a sister and brother-in-law, Carol Ann and Bill Eplen of Waller; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Bob Chamberland.

Donations may be made to the American Cancer Society or to the charity of one's choice.

Arrangements by Hillier Funeral Home of Bryan.

WEATHER

Date	High	Low	Rain
Dec. 23	70	51	.12
Dec. 24	50	33	
Dec. 25	46	26	
Dec. 26	54	27	
Dec. 27	54	27	

2009 rainfall to date: 30.66 inches. Same date last year: 24.86 inches. Data collected from the archives of weather.com.

Deadlines

Due to New Year's Day, early deadlines are in effect for the Lampasas Dispatch Record. Deadline for classified, real estate and display ads and news items for the Jan. 1 edition is Wednesday at noon, and Thursday at noon for the Jan. 5 edition.

The Dispatch Record and The Print Shop will be closed New Year's Day.

PEC names advisory panel

Pedernales Electric Co-op's Board of Directors has ratified the cooperative's first advisory panel comprised of members. These members will give the Renewable Generation Programs Committee a fresh and informed perspective, which will help PEC in its ongoing effort to be a responsible steward of the environment.

"This is a ground-breaking event for us at PEC," said District 7 director and committee member Dr. Patrick Cox. "It is our organization's intent to involve more members and to benefit from the knowledge that is out there in our service area. We are pleased to have this new committee focus on our commitment to energy efficiency, conservation and renewables."

The three directors on the committee each appointed two members. District 2 director James Williams appointed Charles Hooks of Georgetown and Linda Kaye Rogers of Wimberley. Cox appointed Sue Barnett of Round Mountain and Karl Rabago of Austin. District 6 director Larry Lundaker, who also is the committee chairman, appointed Bret Raymis and Tom Smith, both of Austin.

"I am very impressed by the experience, education and passion that I hear from these nominees for the member advisory committee," said Williams. "Congratulations and good luck, because we need your help."

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Farm Bureau: Cap-and-trade decision would be 'premature'

A review of cap-and-trade legislation data by U.S. Senate leaders reveals the proposed climate change legislation could hurt farmers and ranchers in the future, the Lampasas County Farm Bureau said.

"Farmers and ranchers believe a decision on cap-and-trade legislation would be premature," said Barney Groves of the Farm Bureau. "Such a decision would continue to decrease the incomes of farmers and ranchers across the country, not to mention increase living expenses for consumers."

Not only would crop production be affected, but also a decrease in livestock production is expected, he indicated.

"The EPA [Environmental Protection Agency] suggests energy prices could rise with the proposed legislation," Groves said. "Fertilizer and electric costs are expected to rise, as well."

While the Senate recently announced a delay in its final decision on the legislation, its members are being urged to consider how the legislation could affect the entire population.

"In the process of making big decisions, not only must we think of our climate, we must remember how our food is grown and produced," Groves said.

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