

Fort Hood shootings, swine flu dominate second half of year

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shootings by Army psychiatrist Major Nidal Malik Hasan took place at the Killen Army post's Soldiers Readiness Processing Center, where troops receive medical and dental care before leaving for overseas duty.

President Barack Obama traveled to Fort Hood to speak at a memorial to honor those slain in the Army post's massacre. Gov. Rick Perry and other national and state officials also were on hand for the event.

Lometa voters may be asked next year to vote for a bond issue between \$4 million and \$4.8 million to provide a new gymnasium with double the capacity of the current facility, renovation of boys' dressing rooms into a science lab and a science classroom, and renovation of the girls' dressing room into two more classrooms.

A landowner-directed group will draft a list of voluntary policies intended to improve water quality in the Lampasas River watershed because parts of the river have failed state standards for bacteria levels and dissolved oxygen.

With jail space difficult to find, Sheriff David Whitis was authorized to sign a contract with officials in Upton County south of Midland to house some of Lampasas County's excess inmates. Upton County will charge \$38.50 per person per day, will transport inmates to and from the Lampasas County Jail, and will take them to and from court dates at no extra



A joint effort by the city and county resulted in a new animal shelter, which opened its doors in September.

charge.

DECEMBER
Lampasas County Republican Party Chairman Skipper Wallace was presented the Volunteer of the Year award by Gov. Rick Perry on behalf of the Texas Republican County Chairman's Association.

Bucking nationwide and state trends, several Lampasas retailers report steady sales and, in some cases, improvements compared to last year.

Former District 54 State Rep. Suzanna Gratia Hupp, one of Texas' most prominent Second Amendment advocates, released her book "From Luby's to the Legislature," an autobiographical

account discussing her parents' deaths in the Oct. 16, 1991 Luby's cafeteria massacre in Killen and Mrs. Hupp's gun rights advocacy since the shooting.

Because of construction cost increases and declining hotel tax revenue, the Lampasas City Council delayed taking further action on a civic center until May 2011, when the project may be placed on a debt issue ballot.

The Lampasas Independent School District Board of Trustees accepted an early Christmas present on behalf of several campuses. The architectural firm O'Connell Robertson gave the funds in appreciation of the relationship it has with Lampasas ISD.

Deaths



Mr. Hendrix

Henry Hoffmann Hendrix, 92, died Dec. 31, 2009.

Funeral services were Jan. 4 at Cook-Walden/Capital Parks Funeral Home in Pflugerville. Burial was at Cook-Walden/Capital Parks Cemetery.

Mr. Hendrix was born Oct. 25, 1917, the son of T.C. and Pansy Griffin Hendrix.

He traveled and worked outside the U.S. and met his wife, Lucille Ward, in Guam. He worked abroad for many years, retiring on Lake Buchanan. He moved to Georgetown and then to Round Rock.

He is survived by daughters, Linda H. Runyan of Bastrop and M. Elaine Walsh of Round Rock; sons-in-law, Brian Runyan and Tom Walsh; grandchildren, Gabriel Scott Wallace of New Orleans, La., Thomas Read Walsh and Cassandra Leigh Smith, both of Round Rock, and Abigail Laine Sellers of Hutto; and great-grandchildren, Olivia Bowen and Brady Sellers.

Mr. Hendrix was preceded in

death by his wife and by siblings, Tilleta Hendrix Lemoine, Alexine Hendrix, Chester Hendrix.

Arrangements by Cook-Walden/Capital Parks Funeral Home of Pflugerville.

Mr. Grimes

Graveside services for Glenn Edward Grimes, 89, of Lampasas are Jan. 6, 2010, at 1 p.m. at Murphree Cemetery near Evant. Minister Reid Schaub will officiate.

Mr. Grimes died Dec. 30 at Scott & White Memorial Hospital in Temple.

He was born July 14, 1920, in Wynnewood, Okla.

Mr. Grimes grew up in Oklahoma where he graduated high school. He served in the U.S. Army

Air Corps during World War II. He married Lowell Dean Kinsey and had been a resident of Lampasas since the mid-1950s.

Mr. Grimes was a retired Civil Service employee. He worked at Fort Hood for many years.

Survivors include his wife of Lampasas; a grandson, Kelly Dean Grimes of Kansas; and a stepson and his wife, Ronnie and Marie Alexander of Lampasas.

He was preceded in death by his son, Bill Grimes, and by a sister, Dorothy Grimes.

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Tax-relief law takes effect

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the Senate version of the tax cut legislation, has said one of his priorities for the legislature's 2011 session is to make the \$1 million exemption permanent. Rep. Rene Oliveira (D-Brownsville) was the author of House bill.

NFIB/Texas will lobby strongly for making the tax exemption permanent, said Ms. Stromberg. The

spokeswoman said she considers permanent approval of the \$1 million exemption quite likely if economic conditions improve by May 2011.

"As long as the economy picks up, we think most legislators will understand that the tax revenue is not worth the [negative] ripple effects," Ms. Stromberg said.



PHOTO BY DAVID LOWE

Texas Department of Public Safety trooper Monte Carroll inspects a 2002 Volkswagen Passat involved in a two-vehicle collision Thursday in Kempner. The other vehicle, a 2001 Dodge pickup, already had been moved from the point of impact.

Men unhurt in Kempner collision

A two-vehicle accident Thursday at the intersection of U.S. Highway 190 and Farm-to-Market Road 2313 in Kempner did not cause significant injuries.

At 3 p.m., Ron Bolinsky of Fort Hood stopped at the stop sign on the north side of the intersection. As he attempted to turn left onto U.S. 190, vehicles turning from the north shoulder of the highway onto FM 2313 obscured Bolinsky's view, said Monte Carroll, the Texas Department of Public Safety trooper who prepared the accident re-

port. Kenneth D. Sneed of Lampasas, driving west in a 2001 Dodge Ram pickup in the outside lane of U.S. 190, braked but skidded into the left front quarter of the Volkswagen, Carroll said.

Bolinsky was not injured, and Sneed refused transport for medical evaluation, the trooper said.

Along with Carroll, the Kempner Volunteer Fire Department and the Lampasas Sheriff's Department responded to the collision.

WEATHER

Date	High	Low	Rain
Dec. 31	66	37	
Jan. 1	52	30	
Jan. 2	51	28	
Jan. 3	48	34	

2010 rainfall to date: 0 inches. Same date last year: 0 inches. Data collected from the archives of weather.com.

Adamsville heritage group to meet

The first quarterly meeting of the Adamsville Heritage Association Inc. is Monday at 6:30 p.m. at the Adamsville Community Center, FM 581 East near U.S. Highway 281.

The agenda includes nomination and election of officers and board members. Regular committee reports will follow.

Anyone with business to be discussed must submit it to Betty Rials, president, at 768-3307, by Saturday.

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