

Deaths



Grady Clarkston

Funeral services for 16-year-old Grady Brendan Clarkston of Lampasas are Feb. 4, 2010, at 2 p.m. at Grace Fellowship Church. The body will be cremated following the service.

Visitation is Feb. 3 from 5-7 p.m. at the church.

Grady died Jan. 30 at his residence.

He was born July 25, 1993, in Killeen, the son of R.L. "Bucky" and Susan Overton Clarkston.

Grady was a junior at Lampasas High School where he played football and ran track. He was a member of Grace Fellowship in Lampasas.

He is survived by his parents of Lampasas; two sisters, Eunice Louise Clarkston of Copperas Cove and Josie Phe Uvalde of Lampasas; three brothers, W. Eugene Clarkston and wife, Kelly of San Leon, Michael Donovan Clarkston of Lafayette, La., and John Wayne Clarkston of Lampasas; an aunt; one cousin; and several nephews.

Memorials may be made to the Badger Quarterback Club, P.O. Box 1693, Lampasas, TX 76550

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Mrs. Linzey

Graveside services for Emily Jo Linzey, 82, were Jan. 30, 2010, at Senterfitt Cemetery at Lometa with James Mosley officiating.

Mrs. Linzey died Jan. 26 in Austin.

She was born July 1, 1927, in Lometa, the daughter of Ben Daniel and Oma Lee Coleman.

She married Homer Lee Linzey on May 4, 1946, in Lometa. They lived in San Saba for more than 50 years.

The Linzeys were longtime members of San Saba Methodist Church and were active in the San Saba American Legion.

Mrs. Linzey was a bookkeeper at

San Saba County Hospital for more than 10 years.

She and her husband drove across Texas for many years to dance to their favorite country music bands and entertainers.

Survivors include a son, David Glenn Linzey of Austin; two granddaughters, Jaimie Nicole Danek of Eddy and Nikki Jo Snyder of Austin; a great-granddaughter, Laken Emily Danek of Austin; a sister and brother-in-law, Bonnie and Don Owens of Lampasas; a sister-in-law, Margie Coleman of Midland; and a host of nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband and by three brothers, James Coleman, Jack Coleman and O.B. Coleman.

Pallbearers were Josh Smith, Jason Smith, Don Owens, Ricky Smith, Cloise Graves and Frank Tomlinson.

Arrangements by Sheppard Funeral Home of Copperas Cove.



Mrs. Wardlow

Maurnez Wardlow, 82, of Lampasas died Jan. 21, 2010, after a long battle with cancer.

A memorial service is Feb. 6, 2010, at 3 p.m. at Briggs-Gamel Lampasas.

Mrs. Wardlow is survived by a daughter, Marveen "Sissy" Clark and husband, J.W. Clark; a son, Sonny Wardlow and wife, Lisa; a daughter-in-law, Zanna Wardlow; a son-in-law, Warren Kaufman; nine grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and numerous other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her husband, G.A. Wardlow; by a son, G.A. "Skeeter" Wardlow Jr.; a daughter, Belinda Carol Kaufman; and a brother, Jackie Wardlow.

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Heavy rains last week not only swelled Sulphur Creek, but also caused many other rivers and streams to rise several feet.

Heavy rains soak county, fill creeks

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Lampasas County.

"All the way from Fort Worth -- through Hico, Hamilton and Evant -- there was water running everywhere," she said.

East of Kempner, F.A. Taylor received a 3.35-inch rain.

"Minor out-of-bank flooding" occurred Friday morning at the Lampasas River at Kempner, according to a National Weather Service notice posted on weather.com. The river rose to 18.27 feet, slightly above flood stage, but by about 10 a.m. the water in the river began to recede below the 18-foot flood stage.

About three inches of rain fell at

Classes begin

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dual-credit hours, the CTC coordinator said, and would give incoming college students an opportunity to earn credits early.

Plans for next spring include college biology and chemistry classes, in addition to the existing science offerings. LCHEC, in partnership with Texas State Technical College, also may offer job-related classes -- such as welding, computer training and other continuing education courses -- by next spring, Sanders said.

LCHEC's assortment of classes has attracted students not only from Lampasas but also from Lometa, Goldthwaite, Gatesville and Burnet, he said. Even some Killeen residents enrolled in LCHEC courses when they were unable to schedule classes offered at CTC's main campus.

LCHEC also has generated substantial interest from Kempner and Copperas Cove students, Sanders said.

"We have a bunch who come from over there," he said.

LCHEC, in conjunction with CTC and Rollins Brook Community Hospital, is seeking grants to be administered through the Texas Rural Health Association, Sanders said. By the fall, LCHEC foundation members hope to build a college-level science laboratory at the LCHEC campus at the former middle school, Sanders said.

Those interested in fund-raising should contact Mayor Judy Hetherly, he said. "We certainly won't turn down any donations."

For more information about LCHEC, visit Sanders at his Lampasas High School office, or phone 564-2328.

Badgers drop to 3A

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because we are finally going to be competitive in district in all sports.

"However, just because we're in 3A, it doesn't mean it will be a walk in the park. We are still in a tough district."

Lampasas turned in an enrollment of 987 students back in October. The cutoff for Class 3A was set at 989, making Lampasas a large 3A school, with 430 serving as the cutoff between 2A and 3A.

Lometa also was moved during the realignment, but not far.

Beginning next year, Lometa will reside in District 15-1A Division I with Evant, Prairie Lea and Rochelle. Lometa currently competes in District 16-1A Division I.

For the complete story on district realignment, please see Friday's edition of the Lampasas Dispatch Record.

Escape attempt foiled at TDCJID

Inmate serving time for murder in county involved

Donald Gower -- serving a life sentence for capital murder in Lampasas County for the July 2007 death of his wife, 31-year-old Hidi Gower -- was one of five inmates who attempted to escape from a high-security prison Friday night at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Institutional Division at Livingston.

Three of the inmates who attempted escape were shot by officers, news reports stated, and they were released after treatment at a hospital. The other two were treated for lacerations from razor wire on one of the prison fences.

The five are accused of trying to escape after attending a Friday night church service.

The inmates are said to have scaled an interior fence and were trying to climb a perimeter fence when guards opened fire.

Charges of felony attempted escape are pending.

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Crime Stoppers seeks tips in arson of vehicle case

Lampasas Fire Department and Hill Country Area Crime Stoppers Inc. are asking for the public's help in solving the arson of a 1993 Jeep Wrangler, white over black in color. The Jeep broke down and was set on fire Jan. 20 between 9:40-10 p.m. on FM 580 East, one mile east of Lampasas.

Anyone with information may

contact Lampasas Fire Marshal Reece Oestreich at 734-0455 or Crime Stoppers at (866) 756-8477, online at www.hccrimestoppers.com or text to CRIMES(274637) then tip218 at the beginning of the message, then send.

Callers will remain anonymous and are eligible for a cash reward up to \$2,000.

AARP offers Tax Aide

The AARP is offering its annual Tax Aide program at the Lampasas Senior Center each Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. through April.

I.R.S.-certified volunteers will prepare e-file tax returns for middle- and low-income taxpayers with an emphasis on seniors age 60 and older.

For more information, contact Robert McCauley at 556-8367.

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