

Deaths



Mr. Rivera

Jesse James Rivera of Lampasas died Aug. 25, 2010, at Scott & White Continuing Care Hospital in Temple at the age of 55.

Graveside services were Aug. 28 at Oak Hill Cemetery in Lampasas with Father Ranjan Cletus officiating.

Mr. Rivera was born Dec. 28, 1954 in Corpus Christi, the son of Jesus Rivera and Rosa Rangel Rivera.

He graduated from Floyd H. Moody High School in Corpus Christi and later worked as a dietary service manager.

Mr. Rivera's passion was music. He played trumpet professionally for many years.

He married Lori DeLaCruz on May 16, 1981.

He also was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Lampasas and had been a resident of the city for 29 years.

Survivors include his wife of Lampasas; five sons, Nick Rivera, Noe Rivera, Jacob Rivera, Jason Rivera and Josh Rivera, all of Lampasas; and two grandchildren, Levi James and Presley Ann.

Additional family members live in Corpus Christi.

Mr. Rivera was preceded in death by his father.

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Ms. Shaw

Kimberly Anne Shaw, 25, of Lampasas passed away Aug. 27, 2010, at Scott & White Memorial Hospital in Temple after a battle with a rare form of cancer.

Funeral services were Aug. 29 at

Grace Fellowship in Lampasas with Alvin Slaughter officiating. Burial was Aug. 30 at Shady Grove Cemetery in Grand Prairie.

Ms. Shaw was born April 30, 1985 in Midland, the daughter of Jay Shaw and Karen Sutton.

She graduated from Lampasas High School in 2003, where she was a member of the Flames drill team, the National Honor Society and in the top 10 percent of her class.

She later earned an associate of applied science degree in radiology from McLennan Community College in Waco.

Survivors are a son, Barrett Cantu; Barrett's father, Matthew Cantu, and his parents, JoAnn and Freddie Cantu of Waco; her mother, Karen Kelley of Lampasas; stepfather William Kelley of Lometa; her father of Midland; five sisters, Shelby Kelley of Lampasas, Crystal Shaw of Midland, Alyssa Shaw of Midland, Kayla Maxwell of Germany and Kassie Kepler of Lampasas; a brother, Cole Kelley, of El Paso; grandparents, Barbara and Robert Clack of Midland, Richard Sutton of Temple, Donna and Jim Shaw of Midland, and Sissy and Earl Kelley of Lometa; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

An educational fund has been established for Barrett Cantu at Wells Fargo Bank, 1101 Buchanan Dr. in Burnet.

Mrs. Still earned her Bachelor of Science from Georgia State University with a dual major in elementary and special education. She earned her master's degree in early childhood education for the handicapped from the University of Texas in Dallas. Her career as a special education teacher included working at a residential school for autistic children in South Carolina, as well as a private facility for handicapped infants in Florida.

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She was preceded in death by her father.

Memorials may be made to the Hospice Society.

Arrangements by Crawford-Bowers Funeral Homes.



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Barbara Lucinda (Beem) Still died Aug. 26, 2010, from complications of multiple systems atrophy.

A memorial service will be held at a later date at School Creek Baptist Church.

She was born Dec. 11, 1948 in Battle Creek, Mich., the second child of Barbara and Richard Beem.

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LISD enrollment grows

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New assistant principals Wes Graham at Kline Whitis Elementary School and Renee Cummings at Taylor Creek Elementary also helped the transition to the new school year, Hoyer said.

"Those two campuses are also running extremely smoothly this year as a result of the extra administrative support," he said.

Enrollment increased at several campuses compared to last year, and the district -- with a total student population of 3,334 on the first day of classes -- added 12 students compared to last year's first-day figures.

The freshman class, with 288 students, boasted the largest enrollment, followed by the total district second-grade tally of 266. The first-day freshman tally was 14 students more than last year.

The LHS sophomore class reported 262 students, three more than last year, and the junior class increased by 12 students to 245.

The senior class posted the only year-to-year decline at Lampasas High School, as 214 students reported to school the first day. The high school began last year with

225 seniors.

Total high school enrollment increased to 1,009 -- 18 students more than last year.

Enrollment decreased at Lampasas Middle School, where 771 students -- compared to 793 last year -- reported for the first day of classes. The eighth-grade class, with 265 students, was the campus' largest, followed by the 260-pupil seventh-grade class. Those classes declined from 273 students apiece the first day of school in 2009. Just one fewer sixth-grader enrolled this year than last year, as 246 sixth-grade students were enrolled last Monday.

Hanna Springs reported 666 students, the highest enrollment of LISD's three elementary campuses. Hanna Springs had 129 fifth-graders -- five more than last year -- 106 fourth-graders -- 27 less than last year -- and 99 third-graders, one more than last year. The 119 second-grade students represented an increase of 26 compared to last year, while the kindergarten class decreased by 18 to a total of 102.

Kindergarten enrollment at Hanna Springs was 111 -- 17 students more than last year. Total enrollment for the school increased by three compared to last year.

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City to use solar power

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budget and solar project. Councilmen Jerry Grayson, Brad Neely and Evan Stubbs cast 'no' votes.

Before voting against the project, Neely noted the city will incur periodic costs for replacement materials. Solar panels' efficiency may decrease at a rate of about 0.5 percent per year, HDR Inc. engineer Jim Glaser wrote in an Aug. 19 e-mail to city officials, and Glaser said replacement of inverters will cost about \$150,000 every 10 years.

The solar energy market holds interesting possibilities, Grayson added, but he said he doesn't know if Lampasas will benefit immediately from paying to build a solar power facility.

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Seton Highland Lakes Hospital welcomes Dr. Jay Huntzinger to the Seton Lampasas Healthcare Center.

Dr. Huntzinger received his B.A. in Biology from St. Mary's University of San Antonio. He attended the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, where he obtained his medical degree. He completed his internship and residency at Baylor Affiliated Hospitals, Houston, Texas. He is Board Certified by the American Academy of Family Medicine.

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