

Around the State: Church safety seminar offered in Soda Lake

January 7, 2016

[Soda Lake Baptist Association](#) will offer a church safety seminar from 9 a.m. to noon, Jan. 23, at Westwood Baptist Church in Waskom led by Capt. Kenny Sanders from the Caddo Parrish Sheriff's Department. Admission is free, but advance registration is requested. Call the associational office at (903) 938-0756.

Dove-winning gospel group Ernie Haase and Signature Sound will join J. Mark McVey to present "Inspiration of Broadway" at 7 p.m., Jan. 28 at Wayland Baptist University's Harral Auditorium. McVey has performed more than 3,000 times as Jean Valjean in "Les Miserables," and Paul Harkey, a 2003 Wayland graduate, is the bass singer for Ernie Haase and Signature Sound. Tickets are \$25 for the Artist Circle near center stage and \$20 for general admission. Call (806) 291-3603 or email andrewsd@wbu.edu. Proceeds from the concert, sponsored by the Association of Former Students, will benefit Wayland's capital campaign.

An international fair for children, first grade through sixth grade, is scheduled from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Feb. 17, in the Ornelas Spiritual Life Center at East Texas Baptist University. International students at ETBU and students, faculty and staff who have served around the world will be available, and participants can sample foods from various cultures and countries. Admission is free, but advance registration is requested. Call Lisa Seeley at (903) 923-2175 or email lseeley@etbu.edu.

Hardin-Simmons University conferred honorary doctorate degrees on **Richard and Deann Styles** of New Braunfels. He is a former vice president for university relations and development at HSU. She served two

decades at the university, working as director of religious activities, consultant for the gifted and talented program, assistant director of continuing education, office coordinator for the Forging the Future campaign and as an adjunct professor in family psychology. She also served six years as a therapist in the counseling ministry at First Baptist Church in Abilene. Of the 233 honorary doctorates HSU has awarded, they are the third couple to receive degrees at the same time.

Anniversary

Keith Petteway, 20th, as pastor at Shiloh Baptist Church in Franklin.