Pair hurt in oil tank explosion caused by cigarette

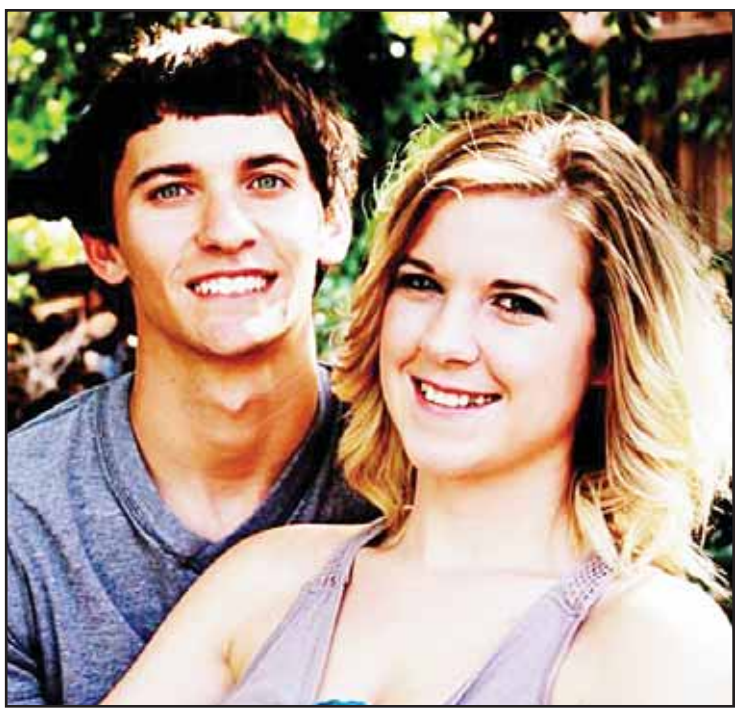
VAN, Texas (AP) — Authorities say two people are injured, one critically, after an oil storage tank exploded at a facility in East Texas.

Van Zandt County Emergency Management Coordinator Chuck Allen says firefighters began battling the blaze around 3 a.m. Tuesday at the oil storage facility in Van, about 75 miles east of Dallas.

Allen says the two people injured were smoking on top of a storage tank when one of them exploded.

Both victims are 24 years old. Allen says one is on life support.

Two of the facility's five oil storage tanks are on fire and firefighters are trying to keep the flames away from the others.



Bruce and Tasha Dorsett of Lubbock and Mitch and Shelly McElroy of Brownfield are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Jacey Drew Dorsett, to Luciano Ramon Soliz, son of Ramon Soliz of Brownfield. The bride-to-be is currently going to South Plains College to pursue a career in nursing. The prospective groom is going to South Plains College and then plans to continue his education at Texas Tech University to pursue a career in computer science. The ceremony will be held at The Fulford Barn in Brownfield on Saturday, May 25, 2013 at 6:30 in the evening. The couple plans to live in Brownfield while they continue their educations.

Eustaguio and Maria Elizardo of Brownfield will celebrate their 63rd wedding anniversary Monday with a family dinner hosted by their children. The couple were married February 4, 1950 in Karnes City. They have five children, to include: daughter Rosa and husband Lupe Lira of Brownfield; son Amador and wife Essie Elizardo or Lubbock; daughter Mary and husband Victor Estorga of Brownfield; Eustaguio Jr. and his late wife, Velen Elizardo of Brownfield and daughter Barbara Elizardo, also of Brownfield. The couple is blessed with 11 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren and one great great grandchild.

AgriLife to offer professional food manager certification training

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Statistics indicate that foodborne illness continues to be a health issue in the United States. Each year, 1 in 6 Americans will become sick, 128,000 will become hospitalized, and 3,000 will die due to a foodborne illness.

It is under the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) jurisdiction each food establishment is required to have one certified food manager on site.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Terry County, is offering a professional food manager certification training course. The two-day program will be offered for $125 on February 13 and 14, 2013 at 209 S. 5th St., Brownfield. Cost includes training, materials, and a national food manager certification examination. The food manager's certification is valid for five years.

This program is designed to not only prepare foodservice managers to pass the certification examination; it will provide valuable education regarding the safe handling of food. Almost 50¢ of every dollar Americans spend on food is spent on meals prepared away from home. Therefore, careful attention to food safety will help keep customers safe and satisfied.

Foodborne illnesses are estimated to cost thousands of dollars in lost wages, insurance, and medical bills. With these statistics, knowledge of how to prevent foodborne illness is essential. The benefits of improved food safety include:

· Increased customer satisfaction

· Improved relationships with health officials

· Prevention of bad publicity and law suits due to foodborne illness

By attending the course, foodservice managers will learn about:

· Identifying potentially hazardous foods and common errors in food handling

· Preventing contamination and cross-contamination of food

· Teaching and encouraging personal hygiene for employees

· Complying with government regulations

· Maintaining clean utensils, equipment and surroundings

· Controlling pests

Foodborne illnesses can be prevented by following simple food safety practices. For more information about the Professional Food Manager Certification Training course of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, called "Food Safety: It's Our Business," call Mary Collier, CEA-FCS Terry County at 637-4060. Registration deadline is February 6, 2013.

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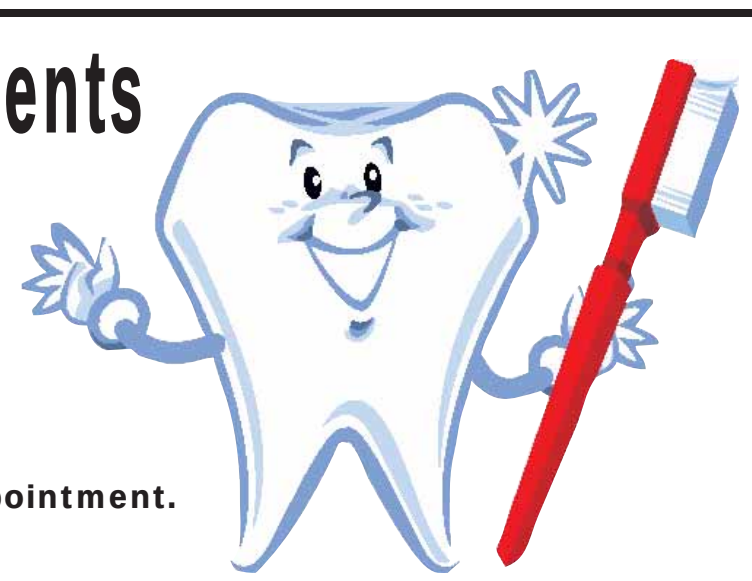

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9:00-9:30	**Sign-in/Register**
9:30-9:35	**Welcome and Opening Remarks** Matt Hogue, Board Member, SPUWCD
9:35-10:05	**-Historical Trends in Center Pivot Inventory** **-Historical Trends in Water Well Inventory** **-Declining Well Yields** Jason Coleman, SPUWCD
10:05-10:35	**Water Policy Issues in Texas** Sarah Clifton, Senator Robert Duncan's office
10:35-10:50	**-Meeting the Desired Future Condition of the Aquifer** **-Future Supply Projections** Jason Coleman, SPUWCD
10:50-11:00	**A History of Water and Irrigation in Terry County (video)** Adeline Fox, SPUWCD
11:00-11:15	**Questions and Comments**