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Tuesday
March 9th, 2021

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News at 7:20am & 12, 6pm & 10pm

The Weather



The high yesterday 67° This morning's low 52°

Today: Today will be mostly cloudy, with a slight possibility of more sun late this afternoon. The high temperature will be near 74°, and winds will be S increasing to 15-20 mph with possible gusts of 30 mph by midday.

Tonight: Increasing clouds with a low near 57°, and S winds near 15 mph gusting to 25 mph.

Wednesday: Mostly cloudy skies and a high temperature near 79° courtesy of the southerly winds, which will be S at 10-20 mph gusting to 30 mph

Overnight Wednesday: Partly cloudy with a low near 45°, and light S-SE breezes becoming calm.

Thursday: Mostly cloudy with a high near 80°, and S winds near 15 mph gusting to 30 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly cloudy and a low near 62°, and winds will be S-SE at 10-15 mph with gusts of 25 mph.

The late part of the week looks to have a typical springtime pattern, with storm chances by Friday and the weekend.

City Council Notes



The Lampasas City Council held their regular council meeting on Monday, March 8, 2021. Fire Chief Jeff Smith started the Workshop Session with some great news! He indicated in his COVID report that positive cases all across the state have continued to drop. He noted that Texas has 137,108 active COVID cases and that Lampasas County has 15. Unfortunately, our total COVID fatalities have risen to 28. Chief Smith said that all 22 trauma regions across the state have shown a 15% or less COVID hospitalization rate which warranted the "100% open" policy Gov. Abbott issued for Wednesday. Lampasas County is currently receiving 200 doses of vaccines per week from Bell County. The two facilities authorized to administer vaccines remain to be Family Medical Center and the hospital. Chief Smith recommends calling the hospital to request your name be added to a vaccine waiting list. He cautioned though, that upwards of 1000 people are already on the list and it will take time to cycle everyone through. For the school district, the teachers have been added as a "priority recipient" and the District plans to vaccinate 110 teachers in the coming weeks.

City Manager Finley deGraffenried discussed the final implementation steps of the Comprehensive Plan Status, Priorities and Implementation project. He described it as a "living document" with set benchmarks and designed for regular evaluation. The Public Hearing for this project took place during the meeting and no public comments were offered. The project made its way through the Planning and Zoning Commission with their full support. The formal consideration for this plan will be held at the March, 22, 2021 regular meeting. Reliance Architecture was awarded the bid to provide overall design and oversight for the Hostess House rehabilitation project. The Interceptor Capacity Study proposal from Eckermann Engineering was postponed to the March 22, 2021 regular meeting. The Third Street Culvert and Paving Project was awarded to M & C Fonseca for the amount of \$101,525. The Lampasas Police Department will be getting some

new radios for their radio upgrade project courtesy of Motorola. That public safety improvement will cost residents \$333,880.69. Council had its first reading of a proposed City Policy change for their IT department. Eckermann Engineering was awarded the task of preparing "the City's 2021-2022 Texas Community Development Block Grant application and subsequent engineering contract." The discussion of buying new heavy equipment from Holt Caterpillar was also postponed to the March 22, 2021 council meeting. City Manager deGraffenried described inevitable outcomes of our high growth and inflated housing prices. He explains, "even after test property appraisals, the deficiency to market value indicated an average of about 11%. The reappraisal is also driven by school funding. The state may reduce school funding if Districts underfunded locally due to below market appraisals." In summary, our property will be appraised more to current market values but despite the increased valuations, the hope is that effective tax rates would be lower. There were no action items discussed in the executive session.

District Court Notes

Lampasas County Courthouse was the site of a 27th District Court Docket Call on March 5th. Presiding over the Court was 27th District Court Judge John Gauntt.

Altogether 32 cases were brought to the court with 28 cases involving men, and 4 cases involving women. The following defendants failed to appear on the charge of possession controlled substance/PG1; mather Quinonez of Lampasas, Casey Estes of Lampasas, Mark Alger of Austin, and Kentae Jackson. Warrants were issued for these defendants.

There were 12 cases involving possession of a controlled substance/PG1; there were 7 cases for possession less than a gram. There was one case for possession 1-4grams, and 4 cases for possession of 4-200 grams PG1, with one also involving manufacture/delivery. There was one case involving possession of marijuana 4 oz. - 5 lbs.. There was 1 case each for; evading arrest w/a vehicle, theft of service \$30,000 to \$150,000, theft of property \$2500-\$30,000, bail jumping, one for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, and two for burglary. There was one case for engaging in organized criminal activity. Crimes involving personal harm included one case each for; abandoning a child, assault/family member, unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon, one case for injury to a child/elderly/disabled, sexual assault of a child, aggravated sexual assault of a child, and arson. Four cases were settled with Michael Clayton of Belton receiving 5 years TDCJ with credit for days served for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, and bail jumping/felony. Lucio Cuellar of Kempner received 4 years probation plus court costs, with the stipulations of no drug testing and earning a GED on the charge of injury to a child/elderly/disabled w/ bodily injury/mental suffering. Oshaun Robinson, of Killen, on the charge of evading arrest w/vehicle received 5 years probation plus court costs with the stipulation of and ISF or SAFP program. Chisum Brinkley has a motion to release from probation early under advisement on the charge of manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance PG1. All other cases were rescheduled or set for jury trials.

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The Blotter



Lampasas Police Dept. blotter for Monday afternoon shows a suspicious person reported on Park Lane at 2:10pm, a reported theft in the 200 block of W. Ave B at 3:19pm, and in the evening, a suspicious vehicle was reported in the 900 block of S. Broad St. at 11:13pm.

The Burn Ban has been lifted until May 7th

Heart Screening Available for LISD Students Tomorrow

Lampasas ISD Students in grades 7-12 involved in Athletics, Dance, cheer, Band, and JROTC are eligible to have their hearts screened tomorrow at Lampasas High School.

The Cody Stephens Foundation provides heart screening with ECGs for all Texas school districts for students ages 12-24. ECGs are interpreted via telemedicine by licensed cardiologists and results returned to the school within three business days. ECGs are quick, easy and painless – about five minutes for just \$20 per person (normally would cost \$150 or more).

The Foundation has screened more than 150,000 people, and more than 121 school-aged athletes have been diagnosed with heart issues. Students were given consent forms to be filled out and returned with the \$20 fee by last Friday. Ms. Hamilton at Lampasas High School can answer any questions.

Coronavirus Update

Dr. Georgia Hay shared with Lampasas Radio yesterday morning that Lampasas was at 5 active cases, 2064 total cases, and a total of 28 fatalities. The fatalities were increased due to a fluctuation in state numbers.

The State of Texas saw 1,084 new confirmed cases yesterday, and 216 probable cases. 4,329 Texans are hospitalized with Covid-19.

Badger Sports

Lady Badger Softball

The Lady Badgers will travel to Burnet today with games at 5pm (JV) and 7pm (varsity). District play will begin on Tuesday, March 23rd at home against Gatesville.

Badger Baseball

Badger Baseball begins district play this afternoon as they host Gatesville. JV will have 1st pitch at 4:30pm and varsity will have 1st pitch at 7pm. Tickets need to be purchased on the LISD website under athletics. Home tickets for Student Admission appear to be sold out.

If you can't make it to that Tuesday game, we do plan to broadcast over KCYL 1450AM radio, and stream at lampasasradio.com at the listen live button.

Badger Soccer

Badger Soccer fell to Salado yesterday 0-4. Badger Soccer has games against Burnet scheduled for today, and senior night will be Friday night.



Funeral/Death Notice

Carl Reese Kelley, 78, passed away on Sunday, March 7th at his residence in Lampasas, Texas.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, March 11th from 5pm to 7pm at Sneed Funeral Chapel. Graveside Services will be held at 10am. Friday, March 12, 2021, at Center Cemetery in Lometa, Texas.

Carl was preceded in death by his wife; Mary Kelley in 2011, his brother; Norman Kelley, and sister; Nina Webber.

Survivors include his sons; Dean Kelley and Tommy Wayne Kelley, and his grandchildren; Jonathan Wesley Kelley, and Thomas Wayne Kelley.

Neta Ruth Shirley Schaub, 83, passed away peacefully on Saturday, March 6th at her residence surrounded by her loving family.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, March 9th, at Sneed Funeral Chapel from 5pm to 7pm. Funeral Services will be held at First Baptist Church Lampasas on Wednesday, March 10th at 11am with interment to follow at Oak Hill Cemetery.

Neta was born on March 23, 1937, in Gatesville, Texas to Joe Frank Shirley Sr. and Ruth Alberta Rhoads Shirley. Neta's years in the work-force were spent as a secretary and stenographer for insurance agencies, a "sitter" for Rollins Brook Hospital, secretary for Lampasas Health Unit, a clerk for the Texas Department of Health, secretary for JTPA representative out of CTC, and a teacher's aide for the Life Skills Class at Lampasas Middle School. Neta alongside her late husband, Reid, started first grade together in Gatesville ISD and were charter members of the graduating class of 1955. Also alongside Reid, she was a member of Broad St. Church of Christ for 14 years before their family and a group of Christians began worshiping together under the name Community Church with Reid serving as the full-time minister.

She was preceded in death by husband of 58 years, Reid Schaub in 2014. Her parents; Joe F. Shirley, Sr. and Ruth Shirley, sister; Gladys Lowery, brothers; Joe Frank Shirley, Jr., Billy Don Shirley, Harold Shirley, "Infant boy" Shirley. Grandson, Elijah Blane McDonald and great-grandson, Reagan Levi Ervin. Sisters-in-law; Elizabeth Shirley, Fadene Shirley and brother-in-law, James Lowery.

Survivors include her daughters; Melodi Jackson, Valori Ervin, and husband, Tony, her sons; Craig Schaub and wife, Sandra, Roland Schaub and wife, Carla, brothers; Carroll Shirley and wife, Jane, Eugene Shirley and wife, Linda, Wayne Shirley and wife, Jay. sister-in-law, Patsy Shirley; grandchildren: Monica, Reid, Luke, Cord, Corby, Cayle, Jacob, Kait, Ben G., Shawna, Matt, Markus, Jerome, Jason, Kimberly, Ben R., Leslie, Jarrett, Kendal, Jack, and Meshia; great-grandchildren, Lina, Mason, Ruth Anne, Nolan, Baize, Brooks, Tatum, Jaxon, Kingsley, Hannah, Coy, Olivia, Logan, Sean, Austin, Jenna, Mason, Allie, Ellie, Flynn, Merritt, Norah, Ethan, William, Oliver, Jovi, Lou, Leni, Braydon, Paisley; great-great-grandson, Liam and numerous nieces, nephews and other loving family members. Memorials can be made to the Community Church at P.O. Box 20, Lampasas, TX, 76550

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