

The Little Peoples Paper

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Wednesday
April 1st 2020

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

The Weather



The High yesterday 69°

The Low this morning 50°

Look for the clouds to return this afternoon with the winds from the south. No rain is expected, and it may be the only rain-free day for the next several. We are moving into an extended period of unsettled weather for Central Texas. The conditions may allow for some strong storms tomorrow, and Friday brings a cool front which may be the trigger for showers and storms.

Today: Mostly cloudy, with a high temperature near 74° and a S-SE wind increasing to 10-15 mph this afternoon.

Tonight: Cloudy skies with a low near 59°, and a S-SE wind near 10 mph.

Thursday: Cloudy with a high near 71° and a 50% chance of showers and storms. The wind will be S near 10 mph.

Thursday Night: A low near 63° and mostly cloudy skies. Wind will be S-SE at 5-10 mph.

Friday: Mostly cloudy with a high temperature near 79° and a 70% chance of showers and storms. The wind will be S near 5 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly cloudy with a low near 54° and wind shifting to E-NE after midnight. Showers and storm are likely as the 70% chance of precipitation continues.

Tune in to hear Lampasas Public Health Authority on KACQ

Lampasas County Public Health Authority, Dr. Georgia Hay will be in the Lampasas Radio studios Friday morning to update the community on the COVID-19 virus.

Be sure to tune in to 101.9fm KACQ or 1450am KCYL to stay up-to date!

City Manager Notes.

Finley de Graffenreid was in the Lampasas Radio studios this morning for his weekly show with Ronnie Witcher. They visited at length about the continuing "shelter in place" order, and the importance of social distancing. Mr. de Graffenreid spoke about the precautions city workers are taking to maintain distance from one another, and while the State of Texas is now under a shelter in place order until May 4th, it may need to be extended after that date. The city is trying to move forward with City Business, working on the capital plan and other projects. The W. Ave C project was delayed because of wet weather.

The Lampasas Police Dept. as well as the City of Lampasas have to find ways to deliver services to residents that are precautionary, given the social distancing that is required.

Remember, Take Care of your Family, Wash Your Hands, and Stay Safe!



New Orders/Proclamations

From Lampasas County Judge Hoyer:

Lampasas County Judge Randy Hoyer extended the "shelter in place" order through April 7th. STAY HOME, STAY SAFE! Judge Hoyer stresses that this order is to protect residents and their families.

With all neighboring counties with confirmed cases, it is just a matter of time before Lampasas has a confirmed case.

The judge states: "Without a doubt, this virus has disrupted our lives, families, jobs and everyday life. We will eventually prevail and return to our lives before Coronavirus. Do not panic, do not be fearful, be mindful of the seriousness of the times, and follow the orders and recommendations provided to you.

Stay positive Lampasas County, and remember: Stay Home and Stay Safe!"

To read the full proclamation, go to lampasasradio.com/coronavirus.

From Governor Abbott:

Texas Governor Greg Abbott yesterday issued an order "Implementing Essential Services And Activities Protocols" which is designed to do the following: "except where necessary to provide or obtain essential services, minimize social gatherings and minimize in-person contact with people who are not in the same household." This is being implemented to prevent the transmission of the COVID-19 virus.

Governor Abbott also closed all schools in the state until at least May 4th.

To read the full proclamation you can go to texas.gov.texas or lampasasradio.com/coronavirus.

Update from Lampasas ISD

Dr. Chane Rascoe, Superintendent of Lampasas ISD, sent the following notice yesterday after Governor Abbott closed schools until May 4th. "Parents,

Just a quick update:

Governor Abbott announced today the extension of school district closures until May 4, 2020. We will continue to provide remote instructional materials as developed and implemented by each campus at least through May 4, 2020.

Meal services will continue to be provided as developed and implemented each day except for Good Friday, April 10, 2020. We will not be serving on that day but will all other days through at least May 4, 2020.

It is extremely important for our community to take this virus issue seriously but not lose common sense. Stay home, wash your hands, and limit large gatherings are all things we must do to help prevent the spread of this virus.

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The Blotter

Lampasas Police Dept. blotter for Tuesday shows a missing person reported in the 1200 block of E. Ave G at 5:31am. The evening shows a noise complaint in the 700 block of N. Hackberry at 8:08pm, a criminal trespass in the 400 block of W. 1st St at 8:44pm, and a criminal mischief in the 100 block of EE Ohnmeiss at 8:48pm.

The Sheriff's Dept. Blotter for Tuesday shows Lometa with a livestock issue. Kempner had a medical call, an animal issue, a civil matter and a warrant was served. Out in the county there were animal issues, a reported missing person, an alarm call and a noise complaint.

The Jail Log shows the arrest Tuesday of 35 year old Bruce Lenamond of Copperas Cove for Burglary of a Habitation. Ski Strange, 48, of Kempner was arrested for injury to child/elderly person w/bodily injury and burglary of a habitation/ intended felony.

The Burn Ban has been lifted until April 5th.

Coronavirus Numbers

According to the Dept. of State Health Services there are now 3,266 cases of COVID-19 in the state and 41 have died. Locally, Bell County has 36 cases, Williamson County 42 cases, Brown County 3 cases, Llano 3 cases, Burnet 2 cases and Coryell has 1 case.

Updated Closures, Cancellations and Changes.....

AdventHealth has suspended visitation at hospitals. AdventHealth Rollins Brook will receive patients through their front entrance only. Patients receiving wound care treatments should enter through the back entrance.

The Radiogram Offices will be open from 8am to 12pm. We are still limited on where we can deliver the Radiogram. Convenience stores, the Dollar Stores, Subway and there will be more available in front of our building at 505 N. Key.

The Jury Trial for County Court for April 7th has been cancelled.

The Food Handler's Course scheduled for March 27th has been postponed and will be rescheduled.

The LCHEC office will be open on Monday, April 6th with a skeleton crew. If you have any questions, this is the time to give us a call. We will not have the office open for person to person visits. Phone calls only. 512-556-8226

Lampasas High School : This week packets can be picked up/ dropped off at Lampasas High School on Friday, April 3rd from 11am to 6pm. The teachers have virtual office hours from 9-11am, 1-3pm and 6-7pm if students need assistance.

The City of Copperas Cove has closed all city offices. Services will be available by telephone, email and online only. The only exception is the Police Dept. Lobby which will remain open. The city states that they are



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working to minimize the impacts on Copperas Cove citizens. Contact information for all services are available on the city's website at www.copperascovetx.gov. Concerns can be addressed by calling Kevin Keller at 254-547-4221 or by email at kkelelr@copperascovetx.gov.

The St. Mary's Food Pantry will be open on Friday April 3rd from 1-3pm. Pre-packed bags of food will be given in a drive-through distribution with no-contact. Please come to the St. Mary's parking lot, and a volunteer will instruct you on how to line up to receive the bags of food.

The Lampasas Mission is open. The email received at Lampasas Radio states the following: "We are distributing pre-packaged bags to our folks. We will be serving people that are walking, by giving out tickets to keep everyone in order, and serving them through one of our front doors. Also folks with cars can drive in off of 4th St and come around the building turning left on College St and there is a carport there where they can stop (not pull in) and someone will bring them a bag. Everyone is getting basically the same bagged items. None of our clients are allowed into the building, only staff and volunteers. If anyone has any questions, please give us a call at 512-556-5779.

Road Work Ahead

WACO – The Texas Department of Transportation will temporarily close the roadway and conduct pavement repair operations on portions of I-14/US 190, south of Copperas Cove, beginning Sunday, April 5, 2020, weather permitting. This routine maintenance work will repair pavement sections along I-14 from the Business 190 split, east of Copperas Cove, to the intersection of I-14 and FM 3046, southwest of the city. The work will begin Sunday at 10 p.m. thru 7 a.m. Monday, then continue Monday thru Friday between the hours of 7 p.m. and 7 a.m. and is expected to last about one week, weather permitting. Work is not currently planned for Saturday. Eastbound and westbound I-14 traffic will detour via Business 190 through Copperas Cove during the overnight hours of the repair operations. The roadway will reopen by 7 a.m. daily. TxDOT cautions motorists to be alert for traffic control along the detour route and at I-14 access points within the work area.

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