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

The Weather



High yesterday was 67° Low this morning was 64°

The forecasters say to look for a gusty NW wind and a 15-20 degree cool down within an hour of the front's passage. There are 40's behind the front. The best potential for severe storms will be across the Central Texas area this afternoon with the biggest threats being hail and downburst winds. The threat for severe storms will shift south of the forecast area by Friday night. The rain and storms will continue through the night-time, where some heavy rainfall may result in localized flooding. The National Weather Service says to stay aware in our area, due to the amount of rain expected this weekend.

Today: Look for showers and storms for most of the day with an 80% chance. The high temperature will top our near 68° just before noon, then fall to near 60° for the rest of the day. The wind will become N at 10-15 today gusting to 20 mph.

Tonight: Showers and storms likely, before 8pm. Then cloudy with a low near 46°. Winds will be N at 10-15 mph with gusts as high as 20 mph. there is a slight chance of showers early in the morning.

Saturday: A 60% chance of showers and storms. Otherwise cloudy with a high near 59 and N wind at 10 mph.

Saturday night: A 60% chance of showers and storms mainly between 8pm and 2am. Cloudy with a low near 53°, and light N-NE winds becoming calm.

Sunday: Cloudy with a 40% chance of showers and storms. With a high temperature near 70°. Winds will be calm becoming E at 5 mph in the afternoon.

Sunday night: Cloudy with a 50% chance of showers and storms. and a low near 61°, with E-SE winds at 5 mph becoming calm.

Monday: A 70% chance of showers and storms with a high near 77°. Winds will come around from the S at 5 mph



It's Friday!
What's goin' on?



Keep Doing What We're Doing!

Lampasas County Health Authority, Dr. Georgia Hay (above right) was in the studios at Lampasas Radio this morning. She spoke about the positive Covid-19 case in Lampasas County. This is the first Covid-19 case in our county. It has been confirmed through the Region 7 Public Health. The person is self quarantining and thankfully is not in the hospital. Dr. Hay asks that the public allow the Health Authorities in our county to handle this situation.

Dr. Hay stresses that the county is doing a great job on social distancing! And to keep doing what we are doing.

The anticipated peak for cases in our area is expected to be around the 1st of May. According to the authorities, the longer we can keep up social distancing the better. The more time we have before cases start increasing the more time the local and medical authorities have to obtain supplies as well as knowledge.

The Local Authorities meet several times a week, and keep residents up to date.

Right now, Dr. Hay said tests are limited, but they hope to have more soon. If you have a respiratory issue, please do not arrive at the medical clinic or Emergency Room without calling first. Most medical visits are being handled over the phone at this time, with very limited in-person appointments.

As for the kids getting on your nerves, she had an answer for that, too. Put 'em to work! She insists upon her medical authority it will not hurt them! Make sure the chore is age-appropriate, and let them help out.

"The way to stop this is to stay home" is the mantra, and "Keep Doing What We're Doing".

Covid 19 Confirmed in Lampasas County

The Following was released by Judge Hoyer this morning:

Lampasas County – Yesterday evening, Dr. Georgia Hay, Lampasas County Local Health Authority received confirmation from the Region 7 Texas Department of State Health Services that Lampasas County has a confirmed case of COVID19. The individual is a female in her 40's. She is not hospitalized and is currently in self-quarantine at her residence.

County residents should continue to practice the recommendations from the CDC and follow the orders issued by the Governor and local authorities. Lampasas County residents are doing a great job limiting the spread of the virus. Please continue to remain at your residence and limit travel to only essential needs.

Randall J. Hoyer, Lampasas County Judge

The following was released by the City of Lampasas:

"City Responds to Confirmed County Case

Today City Officials responded to the first confirmed case of COVID-19 in eastern Lampasas County. "We knew this day would come, and want to remind our residents to continue to be vigilant to limit any possible future exposures," stated Jeff Smith, City of Lampasas Fire Chief. On March 23, 2020, City of Lampasas Mayor Misti Talbert issued a Disaster Declaration that defined essential business and essential activities, and encourages residents to stay at home. "There is no question, the steps that were put in place over 10 days ago, and the actions of our residents and businesses, have made a big difference in delaying the spread of the virus in Lampasas," said Mayor Talbert. "It is a source of great pride seeing our community come together for this fight," added the Mayor. The City continues to reinforce best practices of good personal hygiene, hand washing, physical distancing, and not assembling in groups larger than 10.

City Council will meet on April 6, 2020 to discuss an extension to the Declaration through April 30, 2020 consistent with the date on Governor's Essential Services and Activities Executive Order, GA-14.

If additional information is needed, or if you care to further report, please contact Jeff Smith, City of Lampasas Fire Chief and Emergency Management Coordinator, or Finley deGraffenried, City Manager."

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The Blotter

Lampasas Police Dept. blotter for Thursday shows two early morning arrests as Elza Green III, 29, of Austin was arrested in the 1500 block of S. Key Ave for DWI and possession of drug paraphernalia at 12:10am. Caleb Anthony Loya, 21, of Lampasas was arrested in the 300 block of E. 4th St. on a LPD warrant for assault causing bodily injury/family violence at 6:51am.

The afternoon shows a burglary of a motor vehicle in the 900 block of N. Elm St. at 2:14pm. A suspicious person was reported in the 1000 block of W. Ave E at 3:43pm, and a disturbance was reported in the 700 block of N. Key at 5:16pm. **Lampasas County Sheriff's Dept. Blotter** for Thursday shows Lometa with a medical call. Kempner had several animal problems, a welfare check, an alarm call and a reported disturbance. Out in the county there was a medical call and a civil matter. Deputies went into Cove on a juvenile problem.

The Burn Ban has been lifted until Sunday April 5th

Lampasas ISD

Parents, Staff and the Community of Lampasas ISD:

You hear it all the time during flu season: wash your hands to prevent the spread of flu. You may have heard advice encouraging you to do the same to stop the spread of COVID-19. But do you know why this simple practice works so effectively? Washing your hands with soap and water breaks up the molecules of the virus and washes them away, preventing the virus from infecting you or others.

To be able to effectively and reliably break up the virus cells, you must wash your hands thoroughly and vigorously for at least 20 seconds. Doing this can be incredibly effective! In fact, a study showed that when a group of elementary aged school children participated in supervised hand washing 2-4 times per day, the spread of a similar virus was reduced by 47%

While it is important to wash your hands, it is also important that we all regularly disinfect surfaces.

COVID-19 has been shown to live for up to three days on various surfaces. If you must leave your home for essential services, be sure to wash your hands as soon as you return and disinfect any surfaces you may have touched. If someone in your home is ill, it's also important to regularly disinfect. Applying soap and water plus commonly used disinfectants to frequently touched surfaces will break up the virus and carry it away, in the same way soap kills and carries away the virus on your hands.

We hope you and your family are able to regularly take these simple steps, which will help prevent the spread of COVID-19, and help your family to stay well. For more information on preventing the spread of COVID-19, visit www.tea.texas.gov/staywell.

Also, according to Mr. McQueen the stadium lights at LHS will be on every, Wednesday from 8pm to 9pm. This is not an invite, so please do not come to the school. We love our students and miss them very much.

Meetings Next Week

The Lampasas City Council will hold a special meeting Monday April 6th at 5:30pm. It will be live-streamed like the last meeting. You will be able to access the live streaming via [Youtube](#) , [Website](#), and it will be shared on the City's [Facebook](#) page.

Citizens are encouraged during the meeting to interactively communicate with Council and staff by sending a message via City [Facebook](#) or by calling (512) 564-1383 with any questions or concerns you may have.

The agenda includes discussion and possible action regarding the City of Lampasas Emergency Disaster declaration that has been extended through April 6th. Also on the agenda is discussion regarding modification to the document "What the order means" , with regard to orders, services or fees, which may also be considered. The council will also discuss the approval of purchase of two 60hp VFD motors and motor adapter assembly at Hancock Golf Course.

The Lampasas County Commissioners Court will have a called meeting on Tuesday April 7th at the Lampasas County Courthouse. On the agenda is the March 31st Shelter in Place Order and the fertilization schedule for Lampasas County.

Updates, Changes and Cancellations

Lampasas High School is having Instructional packet pick up today from 11am-6pm. **It is IMPERATIVE** that you notify Mr. McQueen by email that you need a packet. The email address is mcqueenj@lisdtx.org. Students will drive through past the front entrance of the school to get their packet. If transportation is a problem, let Mr. McQueen know.

Dr. Rascoe advises going to the schools website and contacting your child's teacher if you have any questions

The Mission will no longer be open on Mondays. They will be open Tuesdays and Thursdays for the Drive-thru and walk-up services.

The St. Mary's Food Pantry will be open today 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 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

