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Tuesday April 14th 2020

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The Weather



The High yesterday 58° The Low this morning 41° After a cool day today, look for clearing skies and another cold night with lows in the 30's. After a cool overnight, Wednesday should be a warmer day by 10-20 degrees. With lots of sunshine, highs in the upper 50's and 60's will feel nice, but will still come in about 15 degrees below normal. The rest of the week will see a warm-up, and a cool front is possible Friday, but forecasters are unsure about whether it will make it this far south.

Today: Mostly cloudy with a high temperature near 56°. Winds will be N-NE near 10 mph.

Tonight: Mostly cloudy with decreasing clouds and a low temperature near 38°. The wind will be N at 5-10 mph. Wednesday: Mostly sunny with a high temperature near 64°. Wind will be light from the N becoming calm.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear skies and a low near 46°. Winds will be calm becoming light from the S-Se after midnight. Thursday: Sunny with a high near 78. Wind will be S at 5-15 mph gusting to 20 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly cloudy with S-SE winds at 10-15 mph. Gusts could be 20 mph

Commissioners Court Notes

The Lampasas County Commissioners held a regular meeting Monday at 9am. It was televised via ZOOM. The consent agenda was approved as presented. There was one bid for gas/diesel from Fuelman and it was accepted. Also accepted was a resolution and contract with Bancorp for the purchase of equipment in the amount of \$165,000. The replat of the Live Oak Hills subdivision was approved, and the closure of CR 2773 was tabled. A pay application of \$146,710.80 was approved to pay the subcontractors that had not been paid for the Jail Project. It was determined that The Jail Project should have new contractors in a few weeks.

City Council Notes

The Lampasas City Council met yesterday for a scheduled workshop session and regular meeting. The meeting was streamed live on YouTube and is still available.

In the workshop session, council members discussed possible helping local businesses with an incentive plan, to assist the businesses to get back to business-as-usual. And, for the ones that had to close to help in reopening those. One idea for the city to help will be paying part or all of a utility bill for one month. They are working on getting this done soon and are hammering out the details at this time.

In the regular meeting, the council approved the consent agenda as presented. A proclamation was issued to designate April 12th through the 18th as National Public Safety Telecommunications week, to recognize the workers whose professionalism keeps us safe. Members of the council would like to discuss waiving fees for credit card use on utility bills. Finley de Graffenreid gave a city manager operational report and said the work on Ave C is complete. A six month extension was granted to the Hidden Oaks preliminary plat.

Governor Abbott Announces Loans for **Small Businesses in Texas**

According to the Governor's website,

Governor Greg Abbott today announced that Goldman Sachs and the LiftFund, along with other community development financial institutions (CDFIs), are partnering to provide \$50 million in loans to small businesses in Texas that have been affected by COVID-19 as part of the Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses program. These loans, made through the U.S. Small Business Administration's (SBA) Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), will primarily be used for payroll so that employees can continue to receive paychecks and small businesses can retain their employees and will be partially or wholly for-

given.

"Small businesses and their employees are at the heart of the Texas economy, and they need support during these difficult times," said Governor Abbott. "These loans will help us revitalize our economy and restore Texans' livelihoods as we respond to COVID-19. I thank Goldman Sachs and the LiftFund for providing this lifeline to Texas small businesses and their employees by providing them with the (con't on back)



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The Blotter

Lampasas Police Dept. blotter for Monday shows suspicious activity reported in the 700 block of E. 4th St. at 12:59am. A reckless driver was called in from the 900 block of Old Georgetown Rd. at 12:21pm, and a suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1100 block of S. Key at 1:13pm. The Sheriff's Dept. Blotter for Monday shows Kempner with an alarm call. Out in the county there were livestock issues, medical calls, civil matters, and a reported disturbance. Deputies went into Cove on an animal problem.

The Burn Ban has been lifted indefinitely

support they need to overcome the challenges posed by COVID-19. This partnership is an important first step in our journey to economic recovery in the state of Texas." Goldman Sachs will provide the capital as part of its \$550 million commitment to COVID-19 relief, and LiftFund, alongside other CDFIs, will administer the funding to qualified small businesses. If all stipulations are met, small business can have their loans forgiven in full by the SBA. Business owners can apply for a PPP loan and find more information about the program on the <u>LiftFund website</u>.

Governor Abbott also said to expect an announcement later this week on whether schools will reopen or remain closed.

Coronavirus Numbers

There was some confusion Friday and Saturday about the number of cases that were confirmed in Lampasas County. Some news sites were or are reporting 3 and some are reporting 2. *Lampasas Radio confirmed with the County Health Authority on Saturday morning that there are only 2 cases in our county*. The 3rd case is over the county line in an adjoining county. Our County Health Authority was contacting the state about correcting this. It now lists 2 cases for Lampasas County on the state website as well as the Johns Hopkins website.

According to the state website, Bell County has 101 cases with 3 deaths. Coryell County has 34 cases. Burnet County has 6 cases, and neighboring Hamilton County has 2.

According to the State of Texas Dept. of Health website, 13,906 Texans have tested positive for COVID-19. There have been 287 deaths attributed to the virus in Texas, and according to the state DSHS website, 1,409 Texas remain hospitalized due to the coronavirus.

Chlorine Transition in City of Lampasas Water

The City of Lampasas website shows that residents should begin to notice a positive change in the smell and taste of City water this week. Chloramines began registering at the City metering points on March 20; however, it will take several days to reach the farthest

extent of our distribution system. The burn was very effective in maintaining and cleaning the water distribution system. Please feel free to contact the City Public Works Department 512-556-8315 if you have any questions or comments

Updated Closures, Cancellations and Changes.....



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.

St. Mary's Catholic Church will be having another drive-thru food pantry on Friday April 17th form 1-3pm for anyone needing food. Please stay in your car and follow the directions of the volunteer in the church parking lot.

Lampasas High School will have a packet-pick up day on Friday April 17th from 11am-6pm. The school is asking that you turn in library books and all late fees are waived.

The Lampasas Mission will be open on Tuesday and Thursday from 1-3pm for a drive-thru food pantry.

The Lampasas County Health Authority will be in Lampasas Radio Studios again on Friday at 8am to bring us up to date on the COVID-19 situation.

Home Delivered Meals for Seniors

The following is a press release from Governor Greg Abbott, and forwarded by County Judge Randall Hoyer:

"Governor Greg Abbott announced on March 25, 2020 that Texas has received a \$16.2 million grant from the Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Administration for Community Living (ACL) to help communities provide meals for older adults. The grant was part of a \$250 million dollar outlay authorized by the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, signed into law by President Trump on March 18, 2020. Originally created by the Older Americans Act (OAA) of 1965, these programs provide meals to more than 2.4 million older adults nationwide each year, both through home delivery and in places like community centers. The home delivered meals are for seniors age 60 and older impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Seniors requesting Home Delivered Meals should contact Hill Country Community Action at 866-372-5167 x 227 or 325-372-5167 x227 to begin the intake process. "

