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Wednesday
April 15th 2020

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

The Weather



The High yesterday 58° The Low this morning 35°

The main weather story this week is the below-normal temperatures. The abundant sunshine today should allow highs to warm into the 60's. Look for it to be cooler Friday in to Friday evening with an incoming cool front. Highs Friday will be in the high 60's, and after the cool front passes through lows should be in the 50's.

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high temperature near 64° and calm wind becoming NE near 5 mph in the afternoon.

Tonight: Mostly clear with a low near 45°, and an E wind at 5 mph.

Thursday: Sunny with a high near 75°. The wind will be S. at 5-10 mph increasing in the afternoon. Afternoon wind gusts could be 20 mph.

Thursday Night: A low near 59° and increasing clouds overnight. Wind will be light out of the S-SE at 5-15 mph gusting to 20 mph.

Friday: Cloudy with a high temperature near 68° and a S wind at 5-10 become N in the afternoon.

Friday Night: Mostly cloudy with a low near 54° and a 20% chance of showers and storms. The wind will be N-NE becoming calm

City Manager Notes.



Finley de Graffenreid was in the Lampasas Radio studios this morning for his weekly show with Ronnie Witcher.

Last week, Mr. Witcher and Mr. de Graffenreid talked about the enormous financial and economic strain on the city residents from the closure of local schools and businesses.

At the city council meeting Monday night, the city began researching 2 different plans to see "What we can do for some of the businesses that have been forced to close their doors", and to help with some of their expenses. The city manager states that chapter 380 of the local government code allows cities to provide grants to businesses. The City Council is looking into how the city can assist shuttered businesses with their expenses, utilities and rent and such. Also, the businesses that are staying open, there is much less activity so sales are down. The Lampasas Economic Development Corp. is looking into how the city can help with funding these businesses, which will not be based so much on expenses such as utilities. Some type of a "bridge" loan, to help local businesses get back on their feet, and stay open. Mr. de Graffenreid stated that the Lampasas EDC will meet today at noon. The city council and EDC hope to have more information in the next few weeks.

The City of Lampasas will also receive less sales tax rebates, due to the shutdown of the state's economy, and the Golf Course being closed also means less income.

He also states that in order for businesses to reopen, there needs to be a quick-test/quick-isolation protocol in place.

For those that have issues with the utility bills, residents are advised to call city hall and make arrangements for the bill.

There are several different ways they can accommodate people for their utility bill.

The coronavirus is a tough virus, and lives for days on environmental surfaces. So remember, Take Care of your Family, Wash Your Hands, and Stay Safe!

Upcoming Guests at Lampasas Radio

Thursday Morning Lindsey Duhon from Hanna Springs Elementary will be in the Lampasas Radio at 8am to discuss the online curriculum and other topics. Be sure to tune in!

Friday Morning at 8am Lampasas Radio will welcome Dr. Georgia Hay, the Lampasas County Health Authority bringing the community an update on the COVID-19 situation.

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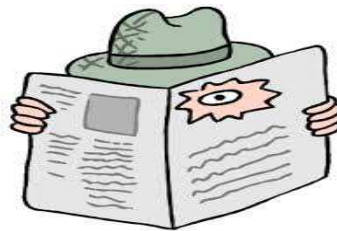


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The Blotter

Lampasas Police Dept. blotter for Tuesday shows an early morning report of a missing person in the 1500 block of S. Main St. at 12:23am. The afternoon shows a reported runaway in the 1000 block of Mill St. at 12:36pm and a harassment was reported in the 200 block of Landon Dr. at 10:33pm.

The Sheriff's Dept. Blotter for Tuesday shows Kempner with a welfare check, animal issues, medical calls, a mental health assist call and an accident. Out in the county there was a medical call and a civil matter. Deputies went into Cove on an alarm call, a utility problem, a medical call and animal issues.

The Burn Ban has been lifted indefinitely

Coronavirus Numbers

According to the Dept. of State Health Services there are now 14,624 cases of COVID-19 in the state and 318 have died. According to the Dept. of State Health Services, 146,467 tests have been given to Texans.

IRS Info Now Online...

The IRS now has the information online for non-filers to input payment information for the stimulus checks. There is quite a bit of information. Go to IRS.gov and follow the directions.

Everything You Need to Know..

This email, from a local doctor, we found to be informative, so thought we would share:

"Everything you need to do to protect yourself from COVID-19 we learned from our Kindergarten teachers.

First, do not pick your nose (YUCK) or touch your face. This virus is primarily spread by touching your face ... so STOP IT!
Second, wash your hands! If you didn't learn the first lesson, this can help you from contracting the virus.

Third, clean up after yourself. The virus lives on surfaces, so keep your play stations, work stations and high traffic areas clean. If you go out in public, try to avoid touching frequently touched surfaces and things like money. If you cannot wash your hands, use hand sanitizer. If you do not have any, make your own! 70 parts alcohol to 30 parts water (great science project for kids).

Fourth, SOCIAL SPACING! Distancing yourself from others prevents your cough or sneeze from infecting the person next to you. You need to be at least 6 feet apart from people and avoid rooms with more than 10 people in them.



Lastly, "Do not come to school if you are sick!" Please stay home if you are sick. If you feel that you need treatment, CALL your doctor's office.

Viruses cannot spread if you don't let them. So thank your Kindergarten teacher, and all your teachers for preparing you for what we are going through. They taught us everything we need to know."

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.

The Mission will no longer be open on Mondays. They will be open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1pm-3pm for the Drive-thru and walk-up services.

The stadium lights at Lampasas High School will be on tonight to honor all of our students during this time of absence from school
St. Mary's Catholic Church will be having another drive-thru food pantry on Friday April 17th from 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 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 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.

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. Funding in the amount \$304,295 was allocated to the Central Texas Area Agencies on Aging for seniors residing in Bell, Coryell, Hamilton, Lampasas, Milam, Mills, and San Saba Counties. 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.