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

The Weather



High yesterday was 74° Low this morning was 61°

A fairly strong cold front is expected today, and at print time it is 45° in Abilene with a 35° wind chill. It is expected to reach here near lunchtime. This doesn't look to be as big a rainmaker as tomorrow, but when the front gets farther south in encounters better moisture, it may produce some rain, or possibly a thunderstorm in our area. On Saturday, temperatures will be slow to warm and may only reach the 60's in some areas and 70's to the east.

Today: Skies will be cloudy with a high temperature near 64° in the late morning, then falling to near 59°. Winds will become N in the afternoon at 5-10 mph. There is a 30% chance of showers.

Tonight: Cloudy with a low near 48°. Winds will be N at 5-10 mph.

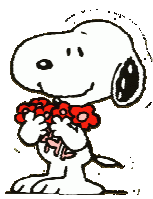
Saturday: A 50% chance of showers and storms. Mostly cloudy with a high near 67° and N-NE wind at 5-10 mph becoming SE in the afternoon.

Saturday night: A 30% chance of showers and storms mainly after midnight. Mostly Cloudy with a low near 60°, and S-SE winds at 5 mph becoming calm.

Sunday: Mostly sunny with a high temperature near 84° and a 20% chance of showers or storms. Winds will become W-NW in the morning at 5-10 mph.

Sunday night: Mostly clear and a low near 55°, with NW winds at 5 mph becoming calm.

Monday: Mostly sunny skies with a high temperature near 80°. Winds will be calm, becoming E-SE near 5mph in the afternoon.



It's Friday!
What's goin' on?
"Look at the Roses,
Not the Thorns!"



Lampasas County Health Authority, Dr. Georgia Hay was in the studios at Lampasas Radio this morning.

Dr. Hay confirmed that there are only 2 confirmed cases in our county, and they are both in the same household. The 3rd case is over the county line in Bell County. She also cautioned we should consider the case in our area as close as it is.

She stated that in the last few meetings she participated in, there is a cautious optimism, and the curve has flattened in Texas. We did great!

One purpose of the social distancing, shelter at home orders was that we not overwhelm our medical/hospital system. They had time to prepare, to obtain supplies and knowledge, and Dr. Hay is very thankful for this. This is a very good thing for our whole community. Dr. Hay was very clear this morning that the COVID-19 spreads different from the flu, like comparing apples to oranges.

At this time the Family Medicine Clinic has tests, and the hospital has some, but not as many. As the medical clinic. AdventHealth of

Central Texas has drive-thru testing now weekdays from 7am-2pm. You need to make an appointment at 254-519-8500, and have photo ID and your insurance card ready. There is no out-of-pocket expense. Results will be available in 24-48 hours. Lampasas has tested 133 people, 45 are pending and there have been no positive tests. She believes it will go up, though. State-wide we have 16,455 cases, 393 deaths and 3,677 recovered. There are about 1500 in the hospital with COVID-19 in the state. The state website also shows the beds and supplies that are available.

Dr. Hay thinks things may go back to a new(?) normal, but feels that wearing masks in public will continue for a while. She said this about the COVID-19 patients: "It really is important for the people that test positive to talk to the health authorities. **Your privacy will be respected!** If the people who have COVID-19 will talk to us, we will talk to the people who may have been exposed.

It really is very important." When they speak to COVID-19 patients, they gain important information and knowledge, which can be used to assist in diagnosing and treating other patients. Dr. Hay said this: "Hold Steady" "You can look at it like why do the pretty roses have thorns, or you can look at it like wow, the thorn bush has pretty roses"

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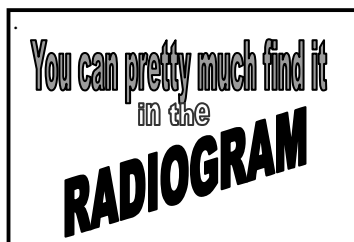
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The Blotter

Lampasas Police Dept. blotter for Thursday shows reckless drivers were reported, one in the 2700 block of 281S at 8:07am, one in the 1400 block of S. Key at 8:34am and one in the 1500 block of CTE at 12:09pm. The evening shows a noise complaint on SueAnn Dr. at 9:14pm, suspicious activity in the 1300 block of CTE at 9:25pm, and a criminal trespass in the 400 block of S. Spring at 10:03pm. 10:21pm saw the arrest of 30 year old Demarkus Dirden of Nolanville in the 1900 block of 281S for Possession of a controlled substance PG1 (ecstasy) 1-4 grams. There was a reported disturbance in the 600 block of S. Ridge at 11:39pm and a minor accident in the 200 block of 281 S at 11:40pm.

Lampasas County Sheriff's Dept. Blotter for Thursday shows Kempner with a noise complaint, animal issues, a reported trespassing, suspicious activity, and a reported harassment. Out in the county there was a reported abandoned vehicle, a medical call, a civil matter and a report of illegal dumping. Deputies went into Cove on animal issues and a noise complaint. The Jail Log shows the arrest of a 21 year old Portland, Texas man on a probation violation.

The Burn Ban has been lifted indefinitely

Governor Abbott To Hold Press Conference Today

Today at noon, according to the Texas Tribune, Governor Abbott's expected to lay out at least some of his plans to begin reopening the Texas economy. But on Monday, he cautioned it will be a "slow process" guided by public health concerns. He also told reporters to expect an announcement this week on whether schools will remain closed for the rest of the school year.

Abbott previously ordered them closed until May 4.

Lometa ISD Board to Meet

The Lometa ISD Board of Trustees will hold a regular meeting on April 20th at 6:30pm via Video Conference on Google. At least a quorum of the board will be participating by videoconference or telephone in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Government code.

The agenda includes; consideration of a resolution regarding grading policies, a consideration of a resolution regarding educator appraisal waivers due to COVID-19, consideration of a resolution of COVID-19 missed school day waiver attestation statement.



Happy Birthday

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Happy Birthday Saturday

Jimmy Lundy -76 years young

Discussion of all Scheduled activities that may be cancelled or postponed by COVID-19, and consideration of a school calendar for the Leon Valley Campus. Also on the agenda are budget amendments, monthly bills, departmental reports and discussion of teacher contracts.

USDA Unveils Tool to Help Rural Communities Address the COVID-19 Pandemic

USDA's COVID-19 Federal Rural Resource Guide Lists Federal Programs That Can Help Rural Communities, Organizations and Residents Impacted by COVID-19



This was sent from the USDA; "U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue this week unveiled a one-stop-shop of federal programs that can be used by rural communities, organizations and individuals impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The COVID-19 Federal Rural Resource Guide (PDF, 349 KB) is a first-of-its-kind resource for rural leaders looking for federal funding and partnership opportunities to help address this pandemic. "Under the leadership of President Trump, USDA is committed to being a strong partner to rural communities preparing for and impacted by COVID-19," Perdue said. "This resource guide will help our rural leaders, whether they are in agriculture, education, health care or any other leadership capacity, understand what federal assistance is available for their communities during this unprecedented time."

USDA has taken many immediate actions to assist farmers, ranchers, producers, rural communities, and rural-based businesses and organizations impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information on these actions, visit www.usda.gov/coronavirus.

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