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

The Weather

The High yesterday 82° The Low this morning 67°



Residents are advised to stay weather aware today as the potential for strong or severe storms increases. The highest threat for severe weather is closer to and east of I-35, but as a dryline advances toward and through Central Texas today storms are possible anywhere. After the storms, dry air will move into the region making for a quiet night. Lows will be in the 50's and 60's with clearing skies. Friday will see another cold front moving through our area bringing a 5-10 degree temperature drop, and winds will shift to the MW at 15-25 mph making for a windy Friday.

Today: There is an 80% chance of showers and storms this morning, with chances decreasing beginning in the early afternoon. The high temperature will be near 84° and S-SE winds at 10-15 mph becoming SW in the afternoon possibly gusting to 25 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear with a low near 57°, and an W-SW wind at 5-10 mph becoming NW overnight.

Thursday: Sunny with a high near 83°. The wind will be W-NW at 5-10 mph becoming NE in the afternoon.

Thursday Night: A low near 62° with clear skies. Wind will be light out of the SE.

Friday: Sunny with a high temperature near 88° and a S-SW wind at 15-20 becoming NW in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly clear with a low near 56° and winds from the N-NE at 10-15 mph.

Earth Day Today

Today is the 50th Anniversary of the 1st Earth Day.

According to Earthday.org, on April 22, 1970, 20 million Americans — 10% of the U.S. population at the time — took to the streets, college campuses and hundreds of cities to protest environmental ignorance and demand a new way forward for our planet.

The first Earth Day in 1970 launched a wave of action, including the passage of landmark environmental laws in the United States. The Clean Air, Clean Water and Endangered Species Acts were created in response to the first Earth Day in 1970, as well as the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Many countries soon adopted similar laws. On Earth Day 2020, we seize all the tools and actions that we have, big and small, to change our lives and change our world, not for one day, but forever.

While the coronavirus may force us to keep our distance, it will not force us to keep our voices down. The only thing that will change the world is a bold and unified demand for a new way forward.

No matter where you are, you can make a difference. And you're not alone, because together, we can save the Earth



City Manager Notes.

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

They visited about the assistance the City of Lampasas can offer businesses that have had major impacts due to the Coronavirus. There are two programs, one is from the City and one is from the Lampasas Economic Development Corp.

The city is offering a credit on the utility bills of businesses that have been affected. The credit can be for 100% or 75%. There is a committee that will grant the credits based on applications submitted to the city.

The LEDC is also offering a program, that will consist of cash grants to local businesses that have had an impact from the Coronavirus shutdown. Not everyone will receive that amount of money, it will depend on your applications. It is understood that the impact to local businesses huge, and maybe these programs can be utilized as a "bridge" until greater resources can be distributed.

Call the City of Lampasas at 512-556-6831 for information on the applications.

Finley de Graffenreid, Lampasas City Manager expressed his thoughts that we will all have a "new normal". Things will be different from now on, we may not shake hands as much, and be more cognizant of the way we interact with one another.

Mr. de Graffenreid also spoke about bids that are being taken and will be awarded in early May for the repaving of Ave. E.

From Judge Randy Hoyer

The following was released by Judge Hoyer yesterday;

"Lampasas County – Today at 1:30pm, County Judge Randy Hoyer held an Emergency Called Commissioner's Court Meeting to discuss Governor Abbott's most recent Executive Orders 15, 16, and 17 pertaining to COVID-19.



Hoyer stated that the new state-wide orders were going to be implemented in a rolling schedule over the next few weeks with more orders to follow as recommendations from the Governor's Strike Force to Open Texas come in. Hoyer explained that while the County could adopt more restrictive orders, the County, her citizens, visitors, businesses and organizations of all types, must adhere to the Governor's Orders. The County adopted a Shelter in Place Order prior to the Governor issuing a state wide Shelter in Place Order. There is no longer a need for the County to maintain a Shelter in Place Order since we are all now following directives from the Governor, Hoyer said. Another concerned expressed by the Judge if the County were to continue a Shelter in Place Order, is the need to amend the order to reflect the Executive Orders as new orders are issued out of the Governor's office. With the information provided, the Commissioner's Court took action to rescind the Lampasas County Amended Stay Home Stay Safe Order dated April 7, 2020.



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The Blotter

Lampasas Police Dept. blotter for Tuesday shows a noise complaint in the 1100 block of W. 3rd St. at 7:31am. The afternoon shows a reported theft in the 1700 block of CTE at 2:50pm, then a suspicious person in the 600 block of S. Walnut at 3:06pm. There was a minor accident in the 100 block of EE Ohnmeiss at 5:05pm. The evening shows a domestic disturbance in the 800 block of Casbeer St. at 8:51pm and a harassment in the 700 block of Old Georgetown Rd. at 9:27pm.

The Sheriff's Dept. Blotter for Tuesday shows Kempner with a civil matter, a report of suspicious activity, animal/livestock issues, a medical call and a reported fraud. Out in the county there were livestock/animal issues, an abandoned vehicle, an accident and a suicidal person.

The Burn Ban has been lifted indefinitely

Citizens of Lampasas County are reminded to adhere to and follow guidance from Executive Orders issued by the Governor of Texas. The State still has a Shelter in Place Order, citizens may not gather in groups larger than 10, and social distancing is still required in public. Effective April 22, certain medical surgeries and procedures previously restricted can be performed and beginning April 24 certain non-essential retail stores may open for "retail to go" using curbside pickup. For more information on the Governor's Executive Orders, you may visit <https://gov.texas.gov>

District Court Notes

Lampasas Courthouses was the site of a 27th District Court Docket Call on April 17th. Presiding over the Court was 27th District Judge John Gauntt.

Altogether 6 cases were brought to court, and all of them involved men. There were 2 cases of possession of a controlled substance, one for less than a gram, and one for 2-400 grams. There was 1 credit/debit card abuse case, one for evading arrest with a vehicle, one for burglary of a habitation, and one for murder.

Of the 6 cases presented to the court, 2 were resolved, and one defendant for 2 cases was given a PR Bond. John West of Lampasas, on the charges of debit/credit card abuse and manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance 4-200 grams had his bond reduced to \$4000 and a PR bond was approved for him. Zachariah Sanchez of Lampasas, plead guilty to burglary of a habitation and was sentenced to 2 years TDCJ with credit for days served. Dalton Steele, on the charge of possession of a controlled substance PG1 less than a gram, saw his probation adjudicated and was sentenced to 20 months in state jail with credit for days served.

The balance of the cases were reset of had trials scheduled for a future date.

Coronavirus Numbers

According to the Dept. of State Health Services there are now 20,196 cases of COVID-19 in the state (738 more on Tuesday) and 517 have died. According to the Dept. of State Health Services, 205,399 tests have been given to Texans.

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Updated Closures, Cancellations and Changes.....



The Radiogram Offices will be open from 9am to 5pm. We are still limited on where we can deliver the Radiogram. Convenience stores, the Dollar Stores, Subway, Tractor Supply and there will be more available in front of our building at 505 N. Key.

The Boys & Girls Club of Lampasas is offering Grab-n-Go meals from 4:30-6pm every day for any child under the age of 18. The child has to be in the car with the adult. Just pull up in front of the building and they will be set up on the sidewalk.

The stadium lights at Lampasas High School will be on tonight to honor all of our students during this time of absence from school

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 Mission also states that at this time, due to the COVID-19 pandemic they are not taking any donations of clothing or household items until further notice. The only donations being accepted at this time will be food donations.

Workforce Solutions Launches "Jobs Now" Page

Workforce Solutions of Central Texas sent the following press release.:

Workforce Solutions of Central Texas has launched a new page that helps connect job seekers directly to employers. Because of the need for essential workers across many industry sectors and the large volume of traffic on the State's WorkInTexas.com job site, Workforce Solutions of Central Texas is posting jobs that are hiring now in Central Texas.

"We began to hear from job seekers that they have had trouble registering on the state web site. Our priority is to connect people with jobs so we decide to provide an alternative to view those opportunities. It is certainly a unique and critical time for the workers in Central Texas" said Susan Kamas the Executive Director of the Central Texas Workforce Board. "Families are being impacted by job loss while at the same time many employers are trying to connect with new talent".

From April 4 to April 10, there were more than 2,300 unique job postings for the Central Texas region that spanned multiple industry sectors with the leader being healthcare. Louis LeDoux, Chief Operating Officer wants job seekers to know that Workforce Solutions is there to assist customers. "The facilities may be closed but we are still operating to serve the needs of Central Texas. We have the infrastructure in place for staff to assist the needs of our customers remotely and we are still focused on meeting their needs".

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