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News at 7:20am & 12, 6pm & 10pm

The Weather



The High yesterday 86° The Low this morning 66°

The forecasters say there is a possibility of an isolated storm to-night associated with the dryline arriving in our area. The moisture in the air will increase as a low-level-jet pulls the Gulf moisture northward. The chances for showers and storms increase tomorrow mainly in the morning.

Today: Cloudy, then gradually sunny, with a high temperature near 87°. Winds will be southerly at 15-20 mph and gusting to 25.

Tonight: A 50% chance of thunderstorms after 1am. Otherwise cloudy with a low around 65°, and the wind that starts from the south early will shift to northerly as the front hits sometime after midnight.

Wednesday: Most cloudy, then clearing, with a high near 80° in the afternoon. The wind should be out of the north around 5 mph.

Wednesday Night: Clear and low around 52° and light north wind.

Thursday: Sunny with a high near 85° and calm wind..

Thursday Night: Clear and about 60 for the low.

Covid-19 Testing Available

Thursday Only – at Kempner - Free

The Texas Military Department is conducting a COVID-19 drive-thru testing site in Kempner, TX April 30th, 2020 beginning at 8am at the Kempner Fire Station, 315 Pecan St. The drive-thru testing will be FREE and by APPOINTMENT ONLY. If you believe that you could have COVID-19, or are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, please call the COVID-19 Testing Call Center at 512-883-2400. You can also register at www.txcovidtest.org for your drive-thru test. Once you register online and go through the screening process, you will receive a text message or phone call from the call center to inform you of the time of your appointment.

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Lampasas Council Meets



Lampasas City Council met last night in council chambers for their regular session. The meeting allowed no visitors other than those called to speak. The meeting was broadcast live over youtube.

The workshop session had a few professional healthcare speakers. Dr. James Cain spoke on the importance of wearing face masks during this time period. His advice was that, aside from being at your own home or in your car, it would be best to be wearing the mask to help in lessening the spread of the virus. This does include walking alone in parks or any other place where people that are not in your own house hold might be walking, even at a later time.

The second speaker was Ashley Underwood, from Advent Hospital. She pointed out, that with businesses starting to reopen,

we should remember what happened with the Spanish flu pandemic. It had a second round that ended up taking the lives of more people than the first round. She also stressed the importance of wearing that face mask. Ashley said that people could have fun, using their masks as a fashion statement.

The last speaker was Kevin Roberts, the president and CEO of AdventHealth in the area. He spent some 40 years working as a nurse, 30 of those years he was an administrator. He joined the other speakers in stressing face mask use, but he also spoke on the hospital's Covid19 testing capabilities. He said that "we have plenty of testing capabilities for anyone experiencing symptoms or who has come into contact with a positive corona virus patient." He also mentioned that they are getting ready to reopen the hospitals and will soon begin elective surgeries. They will take great measures to insure that patients are safe, including testing every patient for the Covid-19 virus before scheduling them for surgery. All employees will also be tested! These test results can be verified within hours, according to Roberts, at their Killeen facility.

In regular session, City Manager Finley deGraffenried told the Council that he and staff continue to work with consultants on the comprehensive plan. They are currently working on the last phase, in the last quarter, and hope to be carrying out the processes in late may.

On other matters, deGraffenried said that Vision Lampasas wants to work on the entrance sign on Hwy 281N, near the airport, and that applications for the local business assistance funding program from the EDC and utility cost assistance program from the City are continuing. He also mentioned that trash is running a little late now, due to the virus problem but not more than a day behind.

Council approved a resolution for the EDC's emergency program and it was noted that the Stay-at-home order was still in place, awaiting further information from the Governor's Office. It was noted that counties with less than 5 cases of the virus are supposed to be able to open up businesses with a 50% capacity – up from the 25% capacity in phase one of the re-opening process.

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The Blotter



Lampasas Police Dept. blotter for Monday showed 22 calls to the Dispatcher. Among them as a 3:39pm criminal mischief report from the 200 block of W. 9th. At 4:19pm an accident report came in from the 1700 block of CTE. No injuries were reported from the scene. At 4:45pm there was suspicious activity reported in the 2200 block of Hwy 281S, and a traffic hazard report came from the 100 block of S. Ridge at 5:40pm. The final call last night came from suspicious activity in the 500 block of E. 3rd at 11pm.

Lampasas Sheriff's Office blotter for Monday showed a medical call to Copperas Cove at 5:27am, a disturbance call in Kempner at 10:34am and then in the afternoon there were a couple of animal calls, a medical at 5:54pm in Kempner and another one there at 11:24 last night. A runaway report came in at 11:38pm.

The Burn Ban has been lifted indefinitely

Bell Co. Deputy Killed in the Line of Duty

We learned Sunday morning that a Bell Co. Sheriff's Deputy had died in the line of duty. Deputy John Andrew Rhoden, who graduated from Lampasas High in 2005, was called out on a Williamson Co. car chase. Rhoden was sent out to a spot along northbound IH35 at about 1am Sunday morning. He was to put out spike strips near the intersection of, and exit ramp at, FM93. Somehow, at about 1:45am, a semitrailer truck hit and killed Rhoden.

Bell County Justice of the Peace David Barfield ordered an autopsy from the Dallas County Medical Examiner's Office. The accident is being investigated by the Texas Department of Public Safety, the Temple Police Department's Accident Reconstruction Unit, and BCSD.

Commissioners Meeting

Lampasas County Commissioners had their regularly scheduled meeting yesterday at 9am. The meeting was broadcast due to social distancing guidelines.



LA Porter Construction Co. was awarded the bid for Non Spec/Spec Flex Base. The final plat for the Milam Subdivision was tabled. A request to place 3 patrol cars and 1 animal control unit in an auction was approved. A resolution was approved to apply for a grant from the Fort Hood Area Habitat for Humanity. Also approved was the purchase of 3 additional electronic poll books. A bid was approved in the amount of \$11,621 for repair of the Annex I and Annex II awnings.

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Updated Closures, Cancellations and Changes....

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 Boys & Girls Club is also offering "Activity Bags" for children. You can email your child's first and last name to Mr. Michael at mblount@bfctx.org to reserve your Activity Bag. All Activity Bags will include instructions & materials to participate in our group virtual activities! Activity Bag pick-ups are Fridays from 4-5:30pm.. Visit www.bgctx.org/VirtualPrograms to see our weekly activity calendar & more virtual resources.

The St. Mary's Food Pantry will be open on Friday May 1st from 1-3pm. The pantry served 95 families and 315 individuals in April. Please pull into the church parking lot and follow the directions the volunteer gives you.

The Radiogram Offices will be expanding our hours until further notice. We 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 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 are food donations..



Funeral/Death Notice

Raymond Cardenas Sr., 69 of Lampasas, Texas died Friday April 24 at Cedar Hill Healthcare Centre in Lampasas.

He was born August 25, 1950 in Lampasas, Texas to parents Encarnacion and Anita Cardenas. Ray grew up in Lampasas and remained a life-long resident. He worked in the construction and truck driving industry for many years. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church. He is survived by his son; Ray Cardenas Jr. and wife Anitra. Daughter; Candie Young. Partner; Yolanda Martinez. Brothers; John Cardenas and wife Jan, Tony Cardenas and wife Samantha, and Jesse Cardenas and wife Lydia. 8 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren also survive. Ray was preceded in death by his parents.

Family burial will be Tuesday April 28 in Oak Hill Cemetery. Sneed Funeral Chapel in charge of arrangements.