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Wednesday
April 29th 2020

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

The Weather

The High yesterday 90° The Low this morning 61°
The rainfall at the Lampasas Airport was .61 inches.

Cooler and drier are moving into Central Texas today on the heels of the storm system overnight. The highest wind gust in our area was 33 mph at the Lampasas Airport around 3:55am. Today should be mile and mostly sunny with gusty winds this afternoon at 15-20 mph. The winds should calm this evening and the overnight should be mostly clear and cool. Lows tonight should be in the 50's, and a beautiful day is on tap for tomorrow.

Today: Clearing with a high near 78°. Winds will be N ar 15-20 mph gusting as high as 25 mph.

Tonight: Clear with a low near 53°, and a N wind at 5-10 mph becoming light and variable overnight.

Thursday: Sunny with a high near 85°. The wind will be light out of the W becoming S in the afternoon.

Thursday Night: A low near 58° with mostly clear skies. Wind will be light out of the S-SE.

Friday: Sunny with a high temperature near 90° and S-SW wind at 5-15 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy with a low near 65° and winds from the S at 10 mph.

Visitors to Lampasas Radio

Jeff Smith, Lampasas City Fire Chief, and Mandy Walsh, of the Lampasas Economic Development Corp. visited the studios at Lampasas Radio this morning to visit about the effect that COVID-19 is having on our population and programs in place to help residents and small businesses.

Both of these employees of the City of Lampasas have had a much larger workload since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. Chief Smith spoke about how well Lampasas did at flattening the curve. Lampasas businesses can open at 25% of their occupancy, as long as there is 6 feet between each table and social distancing is maintained. If Lampasas does well, next week County Judge Randy Hoyer can fill out paperwork to send to Governor Abbott requesting that our businesses be able to have a 50% capacity. Chief Smith also stated that we will be getting into a new normal, avoiding close contact like we were used to .

Mandy Walsh encouraged all small businesses to apply for the EDC grant and the City Utility Grant, possibly as a bridge until the PPP or EIDL funding comes through. The City felt some small businesses may not be able to return without some help from the city. Ms. Walsh said that 60—70 businesses closed in Lampasas due to the Coronavirus.



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 14 cases were brought to court. 12 of them involved men and 2 cases involved a woman. There was 1 cases of possession of a controlled substance. There was 1 DWI 3rd or more case.

Felony cases for theft totaled 2, and there was one for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. There was one bail jumping/FTA case, and one for tampering with evidence. There was one case of evading arrest, one for injury to a child/elderly and 3 cases of indecency with a child/sexual contact. There were 2 cases for murder. One of the murder defendants, Matthew Lawson, saw his bail reduced to \$150,000.

Of the fourteen cases, four were decided with David Delgado who saw his charge reduced to possession of less than a gram, and after pleading guilty to possession was sentenced to 5 years probation plus costs 7 fines. Rachel Raymond plead guilty to tampering with evidence and was sentenced to 2 years TDCJ w/ credit for days served. Justin Rodriguez plead guilty to evading arrest w/vehicle, and was sentenced to 8 years TDCJ with credit for days served. Kimberly Moreland of Mexia saw her probation continued with SAFFP after pleading guilty to injury of a child/elderly person.

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 26,171 cases of COVID-19 in the state , and 690 people have died. According to the Dept. of State Health Services, 300,384 tests have been given to Texans.

Lampasas County has confirmed its 3rd case, which is a man in his 50's.

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The Blotter

Lampasas Police Dept. blotter for Tuesday shows a burglary of habitation in the 800 block of E. 4th St. at 4:44am, then a criminal trespass in the same location at 4:55am, then in the afternoon, at 12:06pm, another criminal trespass was reported at that location. AT 12:17pm, Fabricio Bienbenu, 20, was arrested at that location for criminal trespass. A suspicious person was reported in the 800 block of E. 3rd St. at 12:44pm. Manual Salazar, 29, was arrested in the 100 block of EE Ohnmeiss Dr. at 2:13pm for public intoxication. At 3:49pm, a theft was reported on Sue Ann Dr. Damon-David Lamont Richers-Kieffer, 23, of Abilene was detained in the 2600 block of S281 for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and evading arrest w/vehicle. A disturbance was reported in the 400 block of S. Live Oak at 5:21pm, and a suspicious person was reported in the 1100 block of W. 1st St. at 10:27pm.

The Sheriff's Dept. Blotter for Tuesday shows Lometa with a shots fired call, and a reported runaway. Kempner saw animal issues, an alarm call, reported disturbances, a burglary and a medical call. Out in the county, there was a report of suspicious activity, and a medical call. Deputies went into Cove on an animal call.

The Burn Ban has been lifted Indefinitely

Workers that Refuse to Return to Work May Lose Unemployment Benefits

According to the Texas Tribune A Texas Workforce Commission spokesman said late Tuesday the agency is developing parameters for what might allow Texans to continue qualifying for unemployment insurance if they refuse to return to work at a business reopened by Gov. Greg Abbott's loosened executive order because they fear contracting or spreading the coronavirus.

That statement came a day after The Texas Tribune reported that TWC officials said workers must be "willing and able to work all the days and hours" required of the job they are seeking and those who choose not to return to work at businesses reopened during the pandemic will become ineligible for unemployment aid. In the Tribune story Monday, agency spokesman Cisco Gamez said workers with concerns about their employer's adherence to health guidelines should contact the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

But on Tuesday night, Gamez said that "on a case by case basis," the agency "may need to review" situations where workers aren't comfortable returning to reopened businesses while the coronavirus still spreads through the community. He also said the agency is "working to develop clarity" on what "might constitute good cause" for not returning to a job. Without good cause, people aren't eligible for benefits, he said. Gamez said he will provide more information as he gets it.

Updated Closures, Cancellations and Changes.....



The Boys & Girls Club is 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.

Lampasas High School will have a packet-pick up day on Friday May 1st from 11am-6pm. The school is asking that you turn in library books and all late fees are waived

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

Funeral Notice

Alton Henry Marwitz, 82, of Lampasas went to be with his heavenly father on Sunday, April 26. Graveside service will be held in Shive, Texas, St. Paul Cemetery, on Friday, May 1st at 10am.

Alton was born in Hamilton County on May 23, 1937 to Mathilda Alice and Henry Louis Marwitz. Alton married the love of his life, Carole Sharon Landua on June 7, 1958.

Alton & Carole first met when he worked as a house mover. Carole was interested in watching a house being moved. Alton was working underneath the house, preparing it for moving and as he rolled out from underneath it, Carole was standing there and for Alton, it was love at first sight. Carole wasn't too interested, but in time she came around. The rest is history. Alton & Carole complemented each other beautifully. They were so close, they completed each other's sentence.

Alton worked in the banking business for over 40 years. Since he retired, he has enjoyed spending time on his cattle ranch, oftentimes sitting outside the barn watching the sunset with Carole.

Alton graduated from Texas A&M University in 1961. He was a lifetime Lutheran and was a member of Faith Lutheran Church in Lampasas. He worked and served on various committees throughout his life. He donated much of his time in the community and was well known and respected.

Alton was known by his grandchildren as G-Pops. There were countless weekends when you could find Alton & Carole at the ranch with their grandchildren, teaching them to appreciate nature and offering them tidbits of life advice.

Alton is survived by his wife; Carole, of 61 years; his son; Greg, of Fort Worth. His son and daughter-in-law; Doug and Melanie, of Cedar Park. Grandchildren; Shelby, Meagan, Slayter and Ty, his future great-granddaughter; Haelynn, and loving nieces, nephews and cousins. Memorials can be made to Faith Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 884, Lampasas, TX 76550, and St. Paul Cemetery in Shive, c/o

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