

The Little Peoples Paper

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Saturday
May 2nd 2020

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The Weather

High yesterday was 86° Low this morning was 62°



The forecasters say today will be unusually warm with brisk southerly winds. We should all definitely see highs in the 80's and 90's with one or two triple digits west of here. A cold front is expected to be on the doorstep to north Texas tomorrow morning. There is still some unpredictability about where exactly it will be, however temperatures immediately along the frontal boundary could escalate due to compressional heating. There is also a very very small potential for thunderstorms. The front should push through on Tuesday evening bringing normal temperatures.

Today: Mostly sunny with winds from the S near 10-20mph gusting to 25 mph. The high temperature will be near 90°.

Tonight: Increasing clouds with S winds near 15 mph with gusts as high as 20 mph. The low will be near 66°.

Sunday: Partly sunny skies in the morning with gradual clearing and a high temperature near 93°. Winds will be S at 15 mph with gusts near 20 mph.

Sunday Night: A low temperature near 68° and partly cloudy skies. Winds will be s near 10 mph.

Monday: Skies will be mostly sunny with the high temperature near 97°. Wind will be S at 5-10 mph.

Monday Night: A low near 63° and mostly clear skies and S winds at 5-10 mph.

Tuesday: Sunny with a high temperature near 93°. Winds will be light out of the south becoming E-NE in the afternoon.

Ain't Life Wonderful

Bonnie Wischer

Comin' Out! Ain't it wonderful how phrases can have different meanings in different situations?

We've been "holed up" for so long – Stay Home, social distancing, don't touch, wash your hands, wear the mask, 6 ft apart!

Well, the rules changed on Friday. The Governor loosened it up a bit and now there's 25% capacity operation allowed in all stores and restaurants.

On top of this, we had a death in the family last week when daughter-in-law Melissa's mom died suddenly. This was reason enough to travel out of town for the graveside service. Comin' Out!

Getting out of the car we noticed a few masks mixed in with the mostly naked faces, and couples walked along, mostly spaced out. Arriving at the burial site though, as the service began, you noticed that people gathered in closer so they could hear. And soon the greetings began and friendly nods turned to handshakes and then hugs.

It was easy to see how some things are just important enough that we are willing to take the chance. That's what humanity is all about, compassion. Helping other humans in need, it's what we're all about. It's the reason health care workers show up for work and the reason first responders are willing to be the first to walk into unknown situations.

It was also noticeable how much the visitors enjoyed the handshakes and hugs. When I hear the refrain in the old ZZ-Top song, I'm sure they're saying, "I'm looking for some touch." We all are.

On the way home we stopped in Temple to eat a late lunch – inside – properly spaced out - at an Olive Garden. Oh, did we enjoy that! It was a comin' out for us, for the nice waitress, and there was even a big smile on the face of a bus boy cleaning a nearby table –happy to be back at work.

Back in the car we used plenty of hand sanitizer every time we had ventured out...but it sure felt good to have a little more freedom to be out and about.

Here's hopin' you stay healthy and get a little touch soon. **PWS**

Covid-19 Testing

The City of Copperas Cove will be hosting COVID-19 testing this Monday, May 4th at Fire Station #2 in Copperas Cove.

You must be experiencing some of the following symptoms to meet the criteria for testing: fever/chills, cough, fatigue, body aches/muscle/joint pain, shortness of breath, sore throat, headaches, nausea/vomiting/diarrhea, nasal congestion, loss of taste or smell.

Registration will begin NO EARLIER than Sunday May 3rd at 8am. People who meet the criteria MUST REGISTER and receive an appointment time.

Please visit TXCOVIDTEST.ORG or call 512.883.2400 to make an appointment.

The testing will be taking place from 8am to 5pm. Copperas Cove Fire Station #2 is located at 2401 FM 1113. Access to the testing site will be from the Grimes Crossing entrance. This testing will be conducted by the Texas National Guard.



Lampasas ISD School Board Meeting



The Lampasas ISD School Board will meet on Monday May 4th at 6pm in the Lampasas ISD Administration Building.

The agenda includes the consent agenda, a list of bills, administrative reports regarding curriculum/instruction and business/support services, and possible consultation with an attorney regarding petition for detachment and annexation.

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The Blotter

The Lampasas Police Dept. Blotter for Friday shows suspicious vehicles, one in the 400 block of S. Key at 2:57am, and one in the 1200 block of E. North at 9:54am. The afternoon shows a suspicious person in the 1400 block of 281S at 1:54pm. The 2 o'clock hour saw a disturbance in the 900 block of E. Ave H at 2:35pm, and a criminal trespass reported in the 700 block of Dent St. at 2:52pm. A reported theft took place in the 300 block of N. Race at 5:33pm. The evening shows a reported criminal mischief in the 2100 block of Teton Ave at 9:06pm, then a suspicious vehicle in the 1200 block of E. 4th St. at 9:34pm. A possession of drug paraphernalia was reported in the 700 block of Brown St. at 9:56pm. Suspicious activity was reported in the 300 block of N. Ridge St. at 10:04pm, then a suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1400 block of S. Howe St. at 10:27pm. A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1100 block of Cloud St. at 10:30pm and a suspicious person was reported in the 1600 block of 281S at 10:52pm.

The Sheriff's Dept. Blotter for Friday shows Kempner with medical calls, reports of suspicious activity, civil matters, a report of illegal dumping an animal problem and reported threats. Out in the county there was a reported burglary, civil matters, an alarm call, and animal issues.

The Burn Ban has been lifted indefinitely

AdventHealth to Begin the Process of Reopening

Beginning Monday, May 4, AdventHealth Central Texas and AdventHealth Rollins Brook will reopen the following services: Imaging Care – including Nuclear Medicine, MRI, CT and Mammography, Heart and Vascular Care, Limited Surgical Care. "We anticipate fully opening all services in the coming weeks." said Kevin Roberts, CEO of AdventHealth Central Texas and AdventHealth Rollins Brook.

To prepare for resuming full services, both AdventHealth Central Texas and AdventHealth Rollins Brook evaluated their readiness to provide care in a safe environment, which included how they would maintain an adequate supply of personal protective equipment (PPE), such as masks and gloves, for patients, visitors and staff.

In addition to the anyone who enters the hospital, whether they are a patient, visitor or staff member, will receive temperature screening and a mask.



"A majority of COVID patients have a fever," said Roberts. "By proactively screening everyone's temperature at every door, we will reduce the chances of spreading the disease."

If someone does have a fever upon arrival, they will be directed to the hospitals' testing sites where they will receive care.

AdventHealth is also maintaining many of its social distancing policies by adjusting their current procedures. For example, patients coming to the hospital for treatment will check in remotely from their cars and remain outside until it is time for their appointments. Additionally, waiting rooms will be limited to a maximum of 5 people, and visitor restrictions will remain in place. For more information about receiving care, visit AdventHealthCentralTexas.com or AdventHealthRollins-Brook.com.

USDA Resources for Rural Communities

The USDA and its Federal partners have programs that can be used to provide immediate and long-term assistance to rural communities affected by the COVID-19 outbreak. These programs can support and assist recovery efforts for rural residents, businesses and communities through technical training, management assistance, financial assistance, and state and local assistance. The following link will take you to a resource matrix for your assistance. If you have any questions you can reach out to the County Extension Office at 512.556.8271. The link is: https://www.rd.usda.gov/sites/default/files/USDA_COVID-19_Fed_Rural_Resource_Guide.pdf



Local Covid-19 Video Contest

Lampasas Radio's Casey Chapman and family (below) received an honorable mention in FMC Science's Tik-Tok video contest this week for COVID-19 awareness.

Congratulations Casey!

Dr. Cain and FMC science decided to have a video contest for locals to promote COVID-19 awareness and safety. Many local families and residents entered. FMC Science is having another contest this week. You can find them on tik-tok at @fmcscience or go to their Facebook page.



Kempner Methodist Church Offering Drive-Thru Communion

Kempner Methodist Church is offering residents a drive-thru Communion this Sunday, May 3rd from 10:45-11:45am. Pastor Ken Sellers will pray with/for you as he gives you the sacrament to take to the safety of your home.

