

The Weather

The High yesterday 81° The Low this morning 52°

The cold front coming in tomorrow morning may bring a shower or two, but the forecasters seem to think it will bypass us to the north and east. **After the front passes, look for clearing skies and blustery north winds with the high temperatures in the 70's.**

Today: Increasing clouds with a high near 82°. The wind will be S at 15-20 mph with gusts up to 25 mph possible.

Tonight: Mostly cloudy with a low near 68° and gusty S winds at 15-20 mph gusting to 30 mph. There is a 20% chance of showers and storms after 4am Friday.

Friday: Cloudy skies with a 20% chance of showers and storms in the morning. The afternoon will see decreasing clouds and a high temperature near 77°. Winds will be W-NW at 5-10 mph becoming northerly in the morning at 15-20 mph gusting to 30 mph.

Friday Night: Skies will be mostly cloudy with a low near 50°. Winds will be N-NE at 10-15 mph with gusts of 20 mph possible.

Saturday: Partly sunny skies and a high temperature near 74°. Winds will be E at 10-15 mph.

Saturday Night: 50° with partly cloudy skies, and E-SE wind at 5- 10 mph

3 New Covid-19 Cases in Lampasas County

Lampasas Radio has confirmed there are 3 new confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Lampasas County. Cases 1 & 2 were in the beginning of April, and are now considered recovered. Case 3 was confirmed, according to the state website on April 28th. The 4th case was a household contact of the 3rd case, and showed up on the state website on May 2nd. The 5th Case showed up May 5th. The other 2 cases, (6 & 7) were confirmed by the Lampasas County health authority this morning to Lampasas Radio. Cases 5, 6 & 7 are all female, with 2 in their 20's and one in their 50's. They are all at home, and thankfully, not hospitalized.

Some have asked about returning to only 25% capacity on newly reopened businesses. Here is an excerpt from Judge Hoyer's media release of April 30th addressing that question:

"Counties that file the attestation and qualify for 50% occupancy will revert to the 25% occupancy limits if any of the following occurs:

1. Five consecutive testing/tracking intervals with positivity rates greater than 12% in that interval.
2. The county has more than 3 positive cases per 1,000 residents
3. Less than 15% of the surge capacity in hospitals for the catchment area is available.

Tune in tomorrow at 8am on KACQ 101.9 fm and KCYL 1450 am to hear the official report from Lampasas County Health authority, Dr. Georgia Hay.



Lampasas ISD Kindergarten Round Up Next Week



Lampasas ISD is having their annual Pre-K/Kindergarten Round Up beginning next Tuesday, May 12th at Kline Whitis. Hanna Springs will be Wednesday, May 13th, and Taylor Creek will be holding their Kindergarten Round Up on Thursday May 14th. On the days specified, the schools will be open from 9am to 6pm for legal guardians to register their children. If your child will be 5 or before September 1st 2020, they will be eligible for Kindergarten. If the child turns 4 on or before September 1st 2020, they can apply for Pre-K. Pre-K students must qualify for enrollment based on state guidelines.

Parents/Guardians should bring a copy of the students shot record, birth certificate, social security card, proof of residence, (utility bill), and a photo ID of the person enrolling the child.

If you have any questions, please call the campus you will be registering at.

NOTE: Students/Children will NOT be allowed into school buildings on these days.

Unemployment Changes?

According to an article in the Texas Tribune,

"The executive director of the Texas Workforce Commission told lawmakers during a telephone briefing Wednesday that the agency is planning to require Texans to begin searching for work in

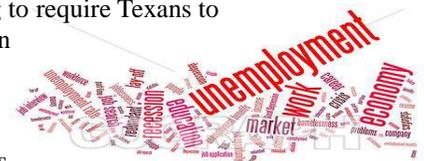
order to keep their unemployment benefits once Gov. Greg Abbott begins allowing restaurants

and retail stores to open at 50% capacity, two Democratic legislators on the call told The Texas Tribune.

Abbott has said that the 50% capacity rule could come in his second phase of reopenings, which if all goes well with current phase could come as soon as May 18.

Cisco Gamez, spokesperson for the commission, declined to confirm the exact trigger for reinstating the work-search requirements but said that "it's definitely going to happen at some point." He said Executive Director Ed Serna "mentioned the potential for ... reinstating work-search requirements" during a briefing with lawmakers, but nothing is set in stone. If those requirements were reinstated, Gamez said, they'd need approval from the agency's commissioners. Texans would receive at least two weeks' notice, he said.

"At this time, we do not have a start date for reinstating the work-search requirements," Gamez said. But State Reps. Erin Zwiener, D-Driftwood, and Nicole Collier, D-Fort Worth, said the commission presented the work-search reinstatement as a decision that had already been made. This was reaffirmed at least three times on the call, Zwiener said. Zwiener said she and other lawmakers were "surprised and alarmed" by the plan and that it's a sign that the agency is moving too fast.



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Tuesday, May 12th :
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The Blotter

Lampasas Police Dept. blotter for Wednesday shows an early morning harassment reported in the 200 block of Landon Dr. at 12:33am, then another harassment in the 200 block of S. Rice at 10:40am. The afternoon shows a possession of drug paraphernalia call from the 900 block of E. 4th St. at 1:55pm. The evening shows a domestic disturbance on SueAnn Dr. at 8:37pm. There were two shots fired calls, one on Hollywood Dr. at 9:04pm and one on Hillcrest Dr. at 9:10pm. A minor accident took place in the 800 block of N. Key at 9:51pm.

The Sheriff's Dept. Blotter for Wednesday shows Lometa with a civil matter. Kempner was busy with reports of suspicious behavior, animal issues, a reported theft, a medical call and a noise complaint. Out in the county there was an alarm call. Deputies went in to Cove on a livestock issue.

The Lampasas Fire Dept. responded to a structure fire at 12:17 yesterday on the west side of town. The fire was contained to the front porch, which sustained structural damage. The incident is under investigation.

The fire department also responded to a home on CR 4026 where an electrical short caused a small fire. There was no structural damage, but some wiring had to be repaired.

No people or pets were injured in either incident

The Burn Ban has been lifted indefinitely

"Allowing businesses to reopen at 50% capacity doesn't mean that they are all reopening," Zwiener said. "I don't expect fully 50% of workers to be able to get jobs back at that point." Under federal guidance, the Texas Workforce Commission is allowing self-employed workers and independent contractors to receive unemployment benefits because of the coronavirus pandemic. But when lawmakers raised the question about what the work-search requirement would look like for these workers, Zwiener said, it seemed like the commission hadn't thought that consideration through.

"They're having to pivot very quickly," Zwiener said. "Several agencies, including the TWC, are making really big decisions about the future of Texans and their livelihood and health." How the commission is logistically going to be able to process work-search requirements is also a concern, Zwiener said. Workers are still struggling to successfully file for unemployment, receiving busy signals on phone lines or waiting on receiving benefit payments. Zwiener received an email from a constituent as recently as Wednesday seeking help in getting through to the commission.

Normally, people seeking unemployment benefits have to register on workintexas.com and log a minimum number of work-search activities. This includes sending in job applications or participating at workshops at a Texas Workforce Solutions office. But acting on guidance from the U.S. Department of Labor that gives states flexibility on requirements to be eligible for unemployment benefits, the Texas Workforce Commission waived the work-search requirement March 17 after Abbott declared the coronavirus pandemic a statewide disaster.

"Why even prematurely reinstate the work-search requirement when it could increase the burden on the TWC?" Collier said. "What purpose would the work-search requirement serve if those jobs weren't even in the same industry?"

People will continue receiving unemployment benefits after refusing to return to work if they are at high risk, live with someone who's high risk or don't have access to child care, among other guidelines.

The discussion in the call with lawmakers arose in the context of whether there is a "moral hazard" associated with unemployed workers receiving an additional \$600 a week from the Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation program. The commission has told employers to report to the agency cases in which they're concerned employees are refusing work because they earn more from unemployment benefits than their typical wages. Those cases will then be investigated.

But reinstating the work-search requirement to all workers is "premature and unnecessary," Collier said.

"We need to be mindful of the data and resources that are available before we make changes or add additional requirements of those who need these resources the most," Collier said.

Cattle Market Report

Lampasas Cattle Auction's weekly sale took place Wednesday and 474 head were on hand, down from the 476 head of the last sale a week ago, and up from the 150 head a year ago at this time.



Feeder steers and heifers were \$3-\$5 higher. Slaughter cows and bulls were steady.

Feeder Steers

200-300lbs No Test
300-400lbs \$1.23-\$1.49/lb
400-500lbs \$1.18-\$1.44/lb
500-600lbs \$1.10-\$1.33/lb
600-700lbs \$1.07-\$1.22/lb
700-800lbs \$0.98-\$1.16/lb

Feeder Heifers

200-300lbs No Test
300-400lbs \$0.99-\$1.26/lb
400-500lbs \$1.13-\$1.33/lb
500-600lbs \$1.09-\$1.22/lb
600-700lbs \$1.04-\$1.17/lb
700-800lbs \$0.83-\$0.90/lb

Slaughter Cows Slaughter Bulls

Under 800lbs No Test 1000-1300lbs \$.70-\$.85/lb
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