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The Weather



The High yesterday 81° The Low this morning 68°

The forecasters say to look for renewed storm activity across Central Texas this afternoon. Storms may have hail or strong winds. Storms that develop may also move slowly, and heavy rain could cause local flooding.

Today: Cloudy with a high temperature near 76°. Winds will be S-SE at 10-15 mph. There is a 70% chance of showers and storms before 1pm then again after 4pm.

Tonight: Mostly cloudy and a low around 68°. There is a 60% chance of showers and storms in the evening, and the wind will be SE at 5-10 mph.

Wednesday: Partly sunny with a high near 85° S wind at 5-15 mph will shift to the east in the afternoon.

Wednesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 68° and a S-SE wind at 10-15 mph gusting to 20 mph.

Thursday: Partly sunny with a high near 88° and S wind at 10-15 mph with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly cloudy and about 70 for the low. S wind at 5-15 mph with gusts as high as 20 mph

LHS Principal

Visits Lampasas Radio

Joey McQueen, Principal of Lampasas High School, visited Lampasas Radio Studios this morning, to speak about the upcoming High School Graduation.

Mr. McQueen stated that after much considerations and input from the medical community, the school district and city and county health authorities, they felt the plan for a "drive-thru" graduation was the best option. Every Senior will walk across the stage. And the school district will have a photographer and a videographer recording the event.

There will be ceremonies held on May 19th, 20th, 21st, and 22nd. There is a list of groups/times of when graduates are going to arrive on the LISD website. Graduates may have 2 cars for the drive thru graduation, and will arrive 15 minutes before their designated time.

Please make sure your graduate arrives at the ceremonies dressed in their cap and gown. As cars are pulling into line, there will be a SRO as well as a screener asking questions and if necessary taking the graduates temperature.

When it is your turn to walk the stage, the two cars will move into the area in front of the stage, All occupants will stay in the cars. You may applaud or honk, or hoot-n-holler to show your support. All attendees other than the graduate must stay in the car. No hanging out of the window or being outside the car. When your graduate exits the stage, they will get into the car and leave the premises

**Seniors; you need to have all fines paid and have your Chromebook dropped off by May 15th. This will allow you to receive your diploma on the night you graduate.

Early Voting Time Increased in Upcoming Election

Governor Greg Abbott made a proclamation yesterday increasing the early voting for the July 14th election to begin on June 29th. According to an article in the Texas Tribune, Abbott ordered early voting for the July 14 runoffs to begin June 29 instead of on July 6. He noted that sticking with the truncated early voting window that's typical for runoff elections "would prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the COVID-19 disaster." Abbott previously used his emergency powers under his statewide disaster declaration to delay the primary runoffs, which were originally slated for May, and a special election for the Austin area's Texas Senate District 14. Dozens of runoffs are ongoing for party nominations to congressional and local offices. The most prominent is the contest between former Air Force helicopter pilot MJ Hegar and state Sen. Royce West of Dallas for the Democratic nomination to take on Republican U.S. Sen. John Cornyn. "In order to ensure that elections proceed efficiently and safely when Texans go to the polls to cast a vote in person during early voting or on election day," Abbott wrote in the proclamation, "it is necessary to increase the number of days in which polling locations will be open during the early voting period, such that election officials can implement appropriate social distancing and safe hygiene practices."

City Council Notes

Lampasas city Council held a regularly scheduled meeting last night. It was streamed live for residents. During the regular meeting the consent agenda was approved, along with the meeting minutes from last meeting. City Manager Finley de Graffenried was there to give his operational report. He stated that sales tax is up 11.3% from May 2019. The 2020 tax rebate was \$100,000 more than in 2019.

Discussion was held on what to do for the opening of the city pools. There was concern over the Covid virus being spread, since we are two weeks away from our scheduled peak time according to Dr Georgia Hay. Other thoughts included that the town may not want to take away anything else from our Lampasas children. After much discussion they decided to postpone the vote on this until the next meeting. The next meeting will be on Tuesday May 26th, since the 25th is a holiday. Council will then take a vote on what to do about the reopening of the pools. There seemed to be two schools of thought, as some wanted to leaving Hanna Springs pool permanently closed, but allow Hancock pool to go ahead and reopen after Memorial Day. The issue being there will not be enough staff to cover both pools.

Bank depository service for a three-year period was approved.

There was an award bid to QA Construction for roadway and drainage improvements for West Avenue E. This bid was approved not to exceed \$677,350 the contract states that the work should be



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Tuesday, May 12th :

Kindergarten Round Up Hanna Springs will be May 13th, and Taylor Creek will be holding their Kindergarten Round Up on May 14th. On the days specified, the schools will be open from 9am to 6pm. If you have any questions, please call the campus you will be registering at.



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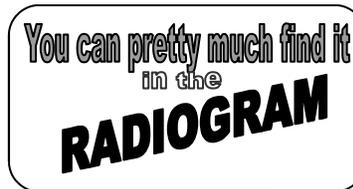
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The Blotter

Lampasas Police Dept. blotter for Monday shows overnight reports in the 800 block of N. Key, one reported suspicious activity at 12:12am, and another report was a suspicious vehicle at 3:31am. Later in the morning a suspicious person was reported in the 100 block of EE Ohnmeiss at 10:03am. A criminal mischief call came in from the 300 block of N. Race at 11am, and at the same time a theft was reported in the 500 block of Hetherly St. There was a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 1300 block of 580E at 11:24am. There was a minor accident in the 1000 block of W. Ave E at 8:39pm. there was one arrest as 43 year old Adam Sunberg of Lampasas was arrested in the 300 block of W. Ave A for assault/family violence, with previous convictions at 11:34pm.

Lampasas County Sheriff's Blotter for Monday shows Lometa with a n alarm call, a reported trespassing and a medical call. Kempner shows animal issues, a welfare check, and a civil matter. Out in the county there were animal problems, an abandoned vehicle, a report of suspicious activity, a civil matter, a medical call, and a reported disturbance.

Deputies went into Cove on animal issues, and a report of suspicious behavior.

The Jail Log shows the arrest of 17 year old Miguel Suarez of Redrock, Texas for theft of a firearm and possession of a controlled substance PG2 2-400grams.

The Burn Ban has been lifted indefinitely

done within a nine month time frame. And Jackie Lindeman, community chair for the Spring Ho committee was there , requesting HOT funds for Spring Ho advertising. They are thinking they might be able to host some of the events of Spring Ho, and they were approved for \$5000 in HOT funds advertising.

Federal Funding for Local Jurisdiction

From the Governor of Texas website :

“Governor Greg Abbott, Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick, House Speaker Dennis Bonnen, Senate Finance Committee Chair Jane Nelson, Vice Chair Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa, and House Appropriations Committee Chair Giovanni Capriglione and Vice Chair Oscar Longoria today sent a letter to city and county leaders announcing \$5.06 billion in funding available to local governments in Texas through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. Of this \$5.06 billion, the U.S. Department of Treasury has directly sent over \$3.2 billion to the 6 cities and 12 counties in Texas with a population greater than 500,000. The remaining \$1.85 billion will be available to other cities and counties throughout the state. Funding will go towards reimbursement of direct expenses incurred by cities and counties due to COVID-19.

The 242 counties, and the cities within those counties, that did not receive direct allocations from the Treasury are eligible to apply to the state for a \$55 per capita allocation from the \$1.85 billion. Upon execution of a grant agreement, governments will

be able to immediately draw down 20% to their allocation. After those jurisdictions provide documentation on the initial funding, they will then be able to access the remainder of their allocation on a reimbursement basis. The unallocated funds will be reserved for local expenses as future outbreaks and the long-term impacts of COVID-19 are better known. In the letter, the leaders encourage cities and counties to work together to address expenses that cross jurisdictional lines.

"All Texans expect government to work in a unified fashion to address this unprecedented situation, and we will continue to do so," reads the letter. "Thank you again for your work on behalf of your residents. These are tremendously difficult times for all Texans. Please know that the elected representatives in your state government are working continuously to protect the health and safety of this state, mitigate the economic ramifications of COVID-19, and build a path towards recovery."

The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) will administer the reimbursement process and will partner with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension to provide individual assistance to each city and county throughout the process. Information on how to apply for funding, as well as guidance about eligible uses, can be found at the following website: www.tdem.texas.gov/crf.

Local Lampasas Badger Standouts Make Academic All-State Baseball

Congratulations to Hunter Rebando (below right) and Ethan Rascoe (below left). These two former badger baseball players have recently been awarded the honor of academic all-state baseball. Hunter Rebando has been a standout catcher and outfielder the past several years and comes with a big bat that played a key role in the success of the Badger baseball team. Hunter will be continuing his athletic and academic career at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley in Edinburg Tx.

Ethan Rascoe has been a multi sport athlete in his time at Lampasas High School playing football, baseball, and basketball. Ethan played third base as well as threw a few innings on the bump this year. He also played a key role in the batting lineup as he was one of the top leaders in RBI's. Ethan will be continuing his academic career at Texas A&M University in College Station.

