

The Little Peoples Paper

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Saturday
June 20th 2020

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The Weather



High yesterday was 93° Low this morning was 65°

The Colorado River at Bend received .68 inches of rain.

Lampasas County Road 2207 received .25 inches of rain.

The forecasters say there may be enough energy to get a few storms going this evening that may reach the 281 corridor. We are moving into an active weather pattern that should bring several rounds of showers and storms next week.

Today: Partly Sunny with S winds near 10 mph gusting to 20 mph. The high temperature will be near 91°.

Tonight: Increasing clouds with S-SE winds near 5-10 mph. The low will be near 73°.

Sunday: Mostly cloudy then gradual clearing and a high temperature near 94°. Heat indices as high as 99°.

Winds will be S at 10-15 mph with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy with a low temperature near 73° and S wind near 15 mph gusting to 20 mph.

Monday: Skies will be partly sunny with the high temperature near 96°. Winds will be S at 10-15 mph gusting to 25 mph.

Monday Night: A low near 73° and partly cloudy skies. Wind will be S at 10-15 mph with gusts as high as 20mph.

Ain't Life Wonderful!

Ronnie Witcher

OK, it's time to add a new hanger to my closet's collection of past Father's Day name brand shirts and shorts, or possibly a new pair of house shoes or utensils for the BBQ grill. Maybe it's a new socket set – I did lose a couple pieces out of the last one.

Any or all of the above are what we typical fathers expect to have presented to us on Sunday. The gifts will be appreciated for sure, but not nearly as much as the simple presence of the giver.

We older dads sometimes wonder why kids of any age don't understand that what we really want is to spend some time together. Son, go fishing with me. Take me on a canoe trip or to the golf course for the afternoon. Just spend some quality time with me. Talk to me about your life and problems. You just might find that I can still be a sober guide. After all, a lot of the places you're going, I've already been.

Dear daughter, no gift will ever be better than having you curl up in my lap again, or cuddle up against me on the couch.

Remember how you used to cuddle and drag out the "D-a-d-dy" when you wanted something...or had some terrible adolescent confession to make – like how the car's fender got crinkled. Those are the times I really felt like a father, and I really liked it.

So-o-o, here's what I hope for all my fellow fathers and grandfathers, I'm hope the kids are with you. I hope they climb up in your lap and I hope that they want to throw the ball with you and play golf with you. I hope they go in the kitchen and bake you a pie and that they hug you and ask you for advice and...I hope that you get a chance to tell them that you love them.

We're rootin' for you!

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Meetings Monday

The Lampasas County Commissioners Court will have a regular meeting at 9am Monday in the Commissioners Courtroom. The agenda includes: The consent agenda, accounts payable and payroll, public comments, Final Plat Race Riverbend Subdivision, Authorization for additional services from Architect on Jail Project/Law Enforcement Center (tabled 6-8-20) Fire Marshal's Vehicle, 2020-2021 Renewal of Employee Benefits, request for qualifications for regulatory engineering services, and of course, the Jail Project 2017.

The Lampasas City Council will meet Monday at 5:30pm for a workshop session. Discussed will be; draft ordinance for commercial parking in residential areas, updates relating to Business Park Phase 1 Development and Financing, updates on the Fiscal Year 20/21 budget, updates regarding COVID-19, City Response and Statistics, report from audit Committee, Operational and Facility Upgrades to Naruna Substation, and Campbell Park improvements.

Lampasas City Council regular session agenda includes; citizen comments, consent agenda, discussion/action to approve the second reading of an Ordinance to consider the SUP to allow for an Open Storage, Display or Work Area for Merchandise or Machinery at 108 S. Key, Monthly Investment Report, departmental reports, routine matters, the City Manager's Operational Report, and Mayor's comments. In new business discussion/possible action regarding the following; the first reading of an ordinance for Commercial Parking in Residential Areas, acceptance of the annual audit, the use of Joint Use Facility Fund for media replacement at Central Texas Water supply Corp. Water Treatment Plant, approval from the City Council to allow Pyrotecnico Fireworks to conduct the Annual Firework Display on July 8th, and Campbell Park Improvements.

Covid-19 Update

Lampasas County Health Authority Dr. Georgia Hay confirmed to Lampasas Radio this morning that Lampasas County has 19 cases with 7 active and 12 recovered.

Statewide, Texas showed 3,454 positive tests on Friday June 19th. That is 19,625 more than a week ago. Also on June 19th, there were 3,148 Texans hospitalized with Corona virus.

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The Blotter.

The Lampasas Police Dept. Blotter for Friday shows a minor accident in the 1300 block of S. Key at 8:15am, then a reported fraud in the 200 block of Riverview Dr. at 10:54am. Another fraud was reported in the 1900 block of 281S at 1:06pm. There were 4 thefts reported; in the 400 block of S. Porter St. at 1:55pm, the 600 block of W. Ave A at 6:05pm, the 800 block of E. 4th St. at 7:08pm and the 900 block of S. Broad at 8:20pm. A noise complaint was reported in the 200 block of Skyview Dr. at 10:03pm and a possession of drug paraphernalia was called in from the 100 block of W. 1st St. at 10:02pm.

The Sheriff's Dept. Blotter for Friday shows Lometa with a reported trespassing, and medical calls. In Kempner officers were busy with medical calls, animal issues, a reported fraud, fish & game calls, civil matters, reported disturbances, a suicidal person and a shots fired call. Out in the county there were animal issues, a warrant was served, a reported theft, and a welfare check. Deputies went into Cove on a medical call.

The Jail Log shows the arrest 31 year old Brent Gallagher of Harker Heights on a bond surrender, possession of marijuana less than 2 oz., and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Re-Opening Schools

According to an article in **The Texas Tribune**, "State officials announced yesterday that students will return to public schools come fall, but provided few details. Almost three-fourths of parents surveyed in one district say they won't send their children back if it seems unsafe.

As parents clamor for information about what they can expect, state and school leaders are making decisions based on moving targets, often unsure what the infection or hospitalization rates will look like from day to day. They're rolling information out to parents and teachers' piecemeal, provoking frustration and anxiety as people try to make crucial decisions about work and school during a life-changing pandemic.

State leaders said Thursday that schools would be safe to reopen this fall, and that families with health concerns would have options to learn remotely. State education officials plan to



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put out more specific guidance next week, complicating school leaders' attempts to meet fast-approaching budget deadlines.

Most school districts were unprepared to quickly pivot to remote instruction in March, once the corona virus began to shutter schools. They lost contact completely with thousands of students across the state, including many who were low-income and vulnerable. Looking ahead to the next year, school leaders are weighing their ability to educate students with their ability to keep their communities safe.

Texas schools are funded based on the number of students attending each day, so children staying home could have severe financial implications for districts. State officials have not yet announced how they will fund schools in the fall for students who choose to learn from home.

Meanwhile, superintendents already know many parents won't send their children back in the fall, especially if cases are rising. Their surveys show parents are struggling to juggle homeschooling their children with work, but scared to take the health risks of sending them to school. In the absence of specifics from the state, some are already tentatively planning to let parents choose between returning in person or continuing online. And some are switching to year-round calendars, as encouraged by the state, allowing them to take frequent breaks if cases suddenly spike.

Texas will not require school districts to mandate staff and students wear masks, consistent with Abbott's approach to corona virus across the state. Though he said wearing masks is crucial for Texans, he has backed away from requiring it statewide, only recently saying he would allow local officials to force businesses to require masks.

That's a decision that worries many teachers. "When they're saying you don't mandate masks and you don't have to wear [personal protective equipment] with kids who are not always aware of that kind of stuff or don't care, it's a concern. And people are going to catch it," said Richard Beaulé, a Killeen ISD music teacher, in Central Texas, and Texas State Teachers Association officer.

The majority of students in Texas are Hispanic and low-income, groups more susceptible to the corona virus due to factors like lack of access to health care. Some research shows children are less likely than adults to get infected or show symptoms of COVID-19, but they can still spread it to older, more susceptible adults."

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