

# Salute to Lampasas County Farm Bureau inside



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### Pre-race tune-up

Lampasas Pack 100 Cub Scouts participated in their annual Cubmobile Races recently. Here, Cubmaster Greg Henderson, right, and Jared Koppes prepare first-year Cub Scout Braxton Sloan for his initial downhill race. See related photos, page 2.

## Officials: Stay calm about flu

By DAVID LOWE  
Staff Writer

Despite Texas' 43 confirmed cases of swine flu -- now referred to by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security as "Influenza A (H1N1)" -- medical and emergency management professionals insist citizens do not need to panic.

Dr. James Cain, a physician at Family Medicine Clinic, said people can take sensible actions to protect themselves but should remain calm.

Covering the nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing, frequently washing hands with soap and water, using alcohol-based sanitizers and staying home when ill can limit the transmission of Influenza A (H1N1), which is being passed from human to human, Family Medicine Clinic said in a statement.

"The main thing to remember is that so far we have not seen evidence that this virus is as dangerous as some in the past have been, and there is no need to be afraid," the clinic said in its statement.

Family Medicine Clinic is emphasizing early detection by using Rapid Influenza A testing, Cain said. A positive test of a swab indicates only that the swab contains a type A influenza virus, the doctor said.

Positive swabs are sent to the Texas Department of State Health Services for culture testing, Cain said.

The main antiviral medications, including Tamiflu and Relenza, have proven fairly effective in treating infections in Mexico and New York, Cain said. Antiviral medications decrease the severity of an infection and help prevent the spread of influenza.

A vaccination program for Influenza A (H1N1) has not been created yet, the physician added.

In recent years, the United States has averaged about 36,000 deaths annually from influenza-related complications -- nearly 100 per day -- according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Since the Influenza A (H1N1) outbreak, however, only one person in the United States has died.

At press time, the Lampasas Independent School District had not canceled any classes, although interim Superintendent Rex Daniels said school officials have discussed what procedures to implement if they deem campus closures necessary. "Hopefully, it won't get to the point that we have to close school, but if we have to we will," Daniels said.

LISD health coordinator Jamie Jones has been in contact with health Please see OFFICIALS, page 7



PHOTO BY LISA CARNLEY

### Good finds

Hundreds of people turned out for the first Citywide Garage Sale of the year recently on the courthouse square where they found a variety of items for sale.

## County holds brief meeting

In a meeting of less than 30 minutes last week, Lampasas County commissioners addressed an agenda that consisted mostly of bids and bid requests.

Before considering bid requests, commissioners accepted an off-system bridge inspection report from Cathy Griffin, bridge inspection coordinator for the Texas Department of Transportation's Brownwood District. Ms. Griffin found no significant changes from her previous

bridge assessment.

Also, the court voted to table consideration of bids for rolling stock, buildings and contents, general liability, public officials' insurance and law enforcement liability.

Commissioners then voted to issue requests for bids for non-spec flex base and delivery-only gasoline and diesel. Bids for both items will be opened on May 21 and awarded on May 26.

## Elections slated on Saturday

Early voting ends today, and elections are scheduled Saturday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. for Lampasas and Lometa council seats, Lampasas Independent School District board seats and a Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 local-option election.

Voting in the city of Lampasas, the Lampasas ISD and the local-option election (voting precincts 2, 3 and 4) will be conducted at First United Methodist Church.

Lampasas ISD voters in the following precincts may cast ballots at the church.

- Lampasas County voting precincts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 9.
- Burnet County voting precincts 11, 14, 15 and 16.
- Bell County voting precincts 401 and 402.
- Coryell County voting precincts 105, 108 and 116.

Lampasas ISD voters in the following precincts may cast ballots at the Kempner Fire Training Center in Kempner.

- Precincts 1, 8 and 10.

Ballots for candidates in Lometa city races may be cast at Lometa City Hall.

Following is a list of candidates in each race.

**Lampasas City Council:** Mayor Judith Hetherly is unchallenged for

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7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

### Where To Vote:

#### First United Methodist Church in Lampasas

Voters in:

- City of Lampasas
- Lampasas Independent School District
- Lampasas County Voting Precincts: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 9
- Burnet County Voting Precincts: 11, 14, 15 and 16
- Bell County Voting Precincts: 401 and 402
- Coryell County Voting Precincts: 105, 108 and 116
- Justice of the Peace Precinct 1
- Voting Precincts: 2, 3 and 4 (for local-option election)

#### Kempner Fire Training Center, 315 Pecan St., Kempner

Voters in:

- City of Lampasas
- Lampasas Independent School District
- Lampasas County Voting Precincts: 1, 8 and 10

#### Lometa City Hall

Voters in:

- City of Lometa

## Hazardous waste event scheduled

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day is a free event Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the city's Public Works facility, 201 Brown St.

The event is open to residents of Bell, Coryell, Hamilton, Lampasas, Milam, Mills and San Saba counties. Participants must show proof of residency (driver's license, utility bill, etc.).

Items to be accepted include paints, automobile batteries, motor oil, antifreeze, household cleaners, household chemicals, pesticides, flammables, corrosives and other hazardous household products.

Tires from passenger cars and trucks will be accepted with a limit of eight per household. No tire rims will be taken. A \$1 surcharge will be placed on each tire over the limit.

The collection is for household products only. Large quantities from businesses, farms or commercial operations will not be accepted.

Prohibited items include infectious and medical wastes, biological and radioactive materials, compressed gas cylinders, ammunition, fire extinguishers, smoke detectors and explosives.

The city will provide roll-off containers for citizens to dump bulk trash items.

For more information, contact the Central Texas Council of Governments at (254) 770-2364.

## WEATHER

Date	High	Low	Rain
April 30	83	68	
May 1	85	69	
May 2	82	69	.02
May 3	79	60	.03

2009 rainfall to date: 9.36 inches. Same date last year: 2.96 inches.

Data collected from the archives of weather.com.

## Clean-up day

Vision Downtown Lampasas! will host a clean-up in the downtown district on Saturday at 8 a.m. Interested citizens should meet at the courthouse bandstand to form groups.

Bring work gloves, electric hedge clippers, extension cords, pruning shears, hoes, rakes and brooms. Refreshments will be served.

## Day of Prayer

A countywide prayer breakfast will be Thursday at 7 a.m. at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 402 S. Key Ave. Speaker will be Jerrell Herron.

The event is being held in conjunction with the National Day of Prayer. Breakfast will be provided with a love offering accepted for the Lampasas County Ministerial Alliance.

## Water quality

Lampasas River has been identified as impaired due to elevated levels of e. coli bacteria, and the development of a watershed protection plan is under way by the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board. Citizens interested in water quality issues are invited to attend a meeting on May 12 at 6:30 p.m. at First Texas Bank

## Dyslexia

The Lampasas Independent School District will hold a program for parents to share information on dyslexia and related reading disorders.

The event is slated tonight at 6:30 p.m. at the Hanna Springs Intermediate School library (not at the high school library).

The public is invited to attend the free program.



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