

# City Council rejects bids

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greens mower for three years for Hancock Park Golf Course. The cost will be \$2,164 for the remainder of the budget year and \$6,492 annually thereafter. The city has \$11,331 in contingency funds for the purchase, Golf Course Manager Van Berry said.

Also on Monday, the council unanimously approved an ordinance amending fees and fines at the Lampasas Public Library. The charge for black ink printing will change from \$0.15 to \$0.10 per

page. The fee for lost or damaged material, currently \$1 to \$5, will change to cost plus \$5.

Certified letters, color copies and meeting room rentals are no longer available.

During his operational report, Stoldt noted that water and wastewater lines installed at the new Lampasas High School campus by Lupe Rubio Construction have been completed 30 days ahead of schedule.

Stoldt also said the grand opening of the 10 new hangars at the

Lampasas Municipal Airport will be today at 11 a.m.

The council will hold a special meeting Monday at 5 p.m. to canvass votes of the May 9 municipal election, swear in City Council members, and appoint the Municipal Court judge and mayor pro tem.

Because of Memorial Day, the City Council rescheduled its next regular meeting to Tuesday, May 26. Mayor Pro Tem John Cole and Councilman Les Gerhardt said they will not be able to attend.

# County designates speed limit

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purchase of a used asphalt distributor. Commissioners discussed a 1997 GMC distributor available in Tyler for \$27,000, but Ivey and Precinct 1 Commissioner Robert

Vincent said the unit would not be adequate because it has only a 1,000-gallon tank.

Ivey and Vincent said the county may need to pay a company for

paving services, since the county's distributor recently broke.

"We need to subcontract this to be done until we find something, or else we just won't pave," Ivey said.

# Teacher retiring after 40 years

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the advancements, Mrs. Jones said she soon realized the capabilities of new technology and how it can make a person's life easier. "And I really appreciate it."

While many teachers retire after 20 or 30 years in the classroom, Mrs. Jones said the time didn't feel right, until now. "I felt like I always had to have something to do -- something to get up for in the morning and to keep me occupied," she said.

"And I still liked teaching and was still glad to be there every day. I am thankful for the opportunities I had, and I wouldn't trade any of it. I can't think of anything else I'd rather have done for 40 years."

But the time to leave is now, she said. "I just knew it was right."

With a new campus opening in the east end of the county and teachers being shifted among three elementary-level schools, Mrs. Jones said she wasn't ready for those kinds of changes.

"I taught 40 years, and that's a long time. I'm not good with change, and there would be some changes I know I wouldn't be ready to face -- maybe changing schools and grades. I wasn't prepared to do that. I am pretty set in my ways," she said.

"Vicki Emerson (retired teacher) told me that when it was time to retire I would know it. And it was time."

But like Mrs. Emerson who returns to school to substitute, Mrs. Jones said that is something she would like to do. "Just not as many days a week as Vicki does," she laughed.

The retiree said she looks forward to being able to decide whether she wants to teach when she is called to substitute. "I can do it if I want, and I don't have to if I don't want to. When they call me I'm going to ask if they have cafeteria duty, and if they do, I'll tell them I can't come that day."

Some of her time already has been planned with trips scheduled, including a vacation to Savannah, Ga., and to Adel, Ore., to see her son's family. "I am looking forward to spending a little more time with them. I don't get to see them as often as I'd like, and I look forward to being more involved in their lives

(grandchildren Taylor, 5, and Tipton, 3).

In addition to her son, Mrs. Jones has a daughter and son-in-law, Jill and Bobby Carroll, and two grandchildren: Lane, 10, and Gema, 2.

Though retirement looks quite palatable right now, Mrs. Jones reflected on what she will miss after the end of this school year.

"I will miss seeing all the kids. Second grade is a good age. Kids still are excited about learning, and I have been excited about teaching them. I like to be sure my kids are happy in the morning and prepared for a good day. I enjoy spending the whole day with the same group of kids. You establish good, close relationships that way."

Mrs. Jones said one of the most enjoyable parts of her day is sitting in her rocking chair or recliner and reading to her students. "We have 90 minutes of reading every day, and I enjoy that as much as my kids do. Reading is so important because everything is based on it."

The retiring teacher also said she will miss the interaction with classroom teachers and the staff at Kline Whitis. "I have been with them for so long, and we are like one, big family. We help each other out when someone needs something, or when something is wrong, and we cheer each other on when something good happens. We just support each other."

"I have made such dear friends, and it will be so hard to leave them. But all my friends are retired, and they want me to join them. I think I will have plenty to keep me busy."

Mrs. Jones said her yard needs attention, and she enjoys taking care of flowers and a vegetable garden. She also looks forward to spending time with her father and taking other trips to Branson, Mo., and Alpine and the Big Bend area.

Her dream vacation: "Going to Ireland. I've always wanted to go there. It is just so beautiful!"

Until that comes to fruition, she believes there will be plenty to occupy her time.

Then again, there is always substitute teaching -- as long as she doesn't have to do lunchroom duty.

# Disaster assistance available for agriculture businesses

Small, non-farm businesses in 162 Texas counties (plus neighboring counties in New Mexico and Oklahoma) may now apply for low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration.

The disaster loans offset economic losses because of reduced revenues caused by drought, above-normal temperatures, and associated wildfires beginning Jan. 1, 2009, said Alfred E. Judd, director of SBA's Disaster Field Operations Center-West.

A number of Texas counties are eligible including Bell, Blanco, Burnet, Coryell, Hamilton, Lampasas, Llano, Limestone, McCulloch, McLennan, Mills, San Saba and Travis.

Small businesses and most private, non-profit organizations of any size may qualify for Economic Injury Disaster Loans of up to \$2 million to meet financial obligations and operating expenses which could have been met had the disaster not occurred.

"Eligibility for these working capital loans is based on the financial impact of the disaster only and not on any actual property damage," said Judd. Loans have an interest rate of 4 percent, a maximum term of 30 years, and are available to small businesses and most private, non-profits without the financial ability to offset the adverse impact without hardship.

By law, SBA makes EIDLs available when the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture designates an agricultural disaster. Secretary Tom Vilsack declared the disaster at the request of Gov. Rick Perry.

Businesses primarily engaged in farming or ranching are not eligible for SBA disaster assistance. Agricultural enterprises should contact the Farm Services Agency about U.S. Department of Agriculture assistance made available by the secretary's declaration.

Information and application forms are available from SBA's Customer Service Center by

calling (800) 659-2955, e-mailing disastercustomerservice@sba.gov, or by visiting SBA's Web site at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance.

Deadline to apply for the loans is December 28.

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**Entertainment Schedule Fester's Stage**

**Thursday, May 14th**  
Wristbands \$15.00  
6:00-11:00p.m. ....Carnival Opens

**Friday, May 15th**  
Wristbands \$20.00  
6:00-12:00a.m. ....Carnival Opens/Live Entertainment  
7:00-7:45 p.m. ....Cow'ographers  
8:00-12:00 a.m. ....Feeding 2000

**Saturday, May 16th**  
Wristbands \$20.00  
10:00-12:00a.m. ....Carnival Opens  
11:00-11:45 a.m. ....Cow'ographers  
2:00-2:45 p.m. ....Johnson School of Dance  
3:00-3:45.....Cow'ographers  
5:00-5:45 p.m. ....Cow'ographers  
5:00 p.m. ....Chili Cookoff Winners  
8:00-12:00 a.m. ....Plum Country

**Sunday, May 17th**  
Wristbands \$15.00  
10:00-5:00 p.m. ....Carnival Opens  
1:00-1:45 p.m. ....Cow'ographers  
2:00-2:45 p.m. ....Gospel Band  
3:00-3:45 p.m. ....Cow'ographers  
4:00-5:00 p.m. ....Praise & Worship

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