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Public Notice

(UBICACION DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES DE VOTACION ADELANTADA) (LOMETA ISD EDIFICIO ADMINISTRACION 102 S. 8TH STREET LOMETA, TX 76853)

Days and hours of operation: 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. beginning April 27, 2015 and ending on May 5, 2015. (Dias yhoras habiles:;) (Entre las 8:00 de la mañana y las 4:00 de la tarde empezando el 27 de Abril, 2015 y terminado el 5 de Mayo, 2015.)

Public Notice

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION GENERAL)

To the Registered Voters of Lometa, Texas:
 (A los votantes registrados del Lometa, Texas:)
 Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on May 9, 2015, for voting in a General Election, to elect 2 Trustees for full 3 year terms. (Notifíquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abran desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 9 de Mayo de 2015 para votar en la Eleccion General para: dos miembros para tres años y uno miembros para tres años y)

LOCATION OF ELECTION DAY POLLING PLACE: (UBICACION DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES EL DIA DE ELECCION)

LAMPASAS CO. JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 2 & 3 200 N. 4TH STREET LOMETA, TX 76853 for LAMPASAS CO. PCT. 2, 3, 5, 6, & 7 AND MILLS CO. PCT 1 & 4 (LAMPASAS CONDADO JUSTICIA DE EL PAZ FEMENINO DISTRITO MASCULINO DOS Y TRES 200 N. 4TH STREET LOMETA, TEXAS 76853 for LAMPASAS CONDADO 2, 3, 5, 6, & 7 AND MOLINOS DEL CONDADO 1 & 4)

For early voting, a voter may vote at the location listed below:
LOCATION FOR EARLY VOTING POLLING PLACE: LOMETA ISD ADMINISTRACION BUILDING 102 S. 8TH STREET LOMETA, TX 76853
 (Para Votacion Adelantada, los votantes podran votar en cualquiera de las ubicaciones nombradas abajo.)

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: (Las solicitudes para boletas de votacion adelantada por correo deberan enviarse a:) **Randall McGuire, 407 S. Pecan Street Lampasas, TX 76550.**

Application for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on **April 30, 2015** (Las solicitudes para boletas de votacion adelantada por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el 30 de Abril, 2015.)

Issued this the 7th day of April, 2015. (Emitada este dia 7th de Abril, 2015.)

/s/ Monica Ivey

LEGAL NOTICE

Estate of PAUL AYERS, Deceased

In the Probate Court LAMPASAS COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that Original Letters Testamentary in the Estate of PAUL AYERS were issued March 23, 2015, in Cause No. 6685 pending in the Probate Court of Lampasas County, Texas, to KELLY CRIDDLE. The residence of the Independent Executrix, KELLY CRIDDLE, is CARSON COUNTY, TX. The office address is c/o Genevieve Klein Gold, Attorney at Law, 206 W. Main St., Fredericksburg, Texas 78624. All persons having claims against this estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and in the manner provided by law.

Dated this 7th day of April, 2015.

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Bierschwale proud of city amenities

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 Services – which does contract rubber and metal work. The incumbent council member said she wants the entrances to Lampasas, as well as Key Avenue through the middle of the city, to be attractive to people who pass through town. She also said she wants neighborhoods to have a cohesive look and wants to continue improving the appearance of Lampasas. Mrs. Bierschwale said Lampasas has an abundance of attractive facilities, such as parks and the municipal golf course, that city employees keep in good condition. She also listed public safety among her priorities as a City Council member. "I fully support our police department and our fire department," she said, adding that she knows many of the employees in those departments. "So, they are pretty great people, and they do their jobs, and I'm proud of them," Mrs. Bierschwale said. She said another priority is the ongoing work to install water, sewer and electric lines at the business park property south of

town on U.S. Highway 183. The incumbent said the city acquired the business park property several years ago but has lacked the infrastructure needed at the site. Soon, she said, the business park will be developed enough to be inviting to businesses. Mrs. Bierschwale also said she is excited about the possibility of building a new City Council Chambers, which she said the city needs. In addition, the incumbent said she would like to see more businesses – specifically industries – move to Lampasas. "Anything that the city can do to help a business grow, then that is what I am for," Mrs. Bierschwale said. Also, she said although Lampasas is close to big cities, it has retained its hometown atmosphere. Mrs. Bierschwale said she wants Lampasas to grow, "but I want the growth to be something that we could be proud of." She said she would love for Lampasas to have franchise restaurants that offer sit-down dining, for example. The City Council incumbent said she would support growth

via annexation – such as south of the current city limits to include the Wildwood neighborhood and the business park. "I think that would be a good thing for us to do that and connect the business park in to the city," Mrs. Bierschwale said. "And I don't think it would bother the people in Wildwood much to be annexed. They are like they're in the city anyhow." "We need to do some more annexing, but it will be awhile, I think, before it's done," she added. "It's maybe not while I'm there [on the council]." Along with discussing possible development, Mrs. Bierschwale explained her views about Lampasas' quality of life. She said Vision Lampasas efforts and activities such as the Lampasas Hillacious Bike Tour attract visitors to the city. That is beneficial to Lampasas, she said. Mrs. Bierschwale also said she promotes and is proud of city amenities, such as the golf course, even if she does not use them herself. The councilwoman said she believes the course is in good shape and attracts many people to Lampasas. Mrs. Bierschwale also said she

and her husband enjoy visiting city parks. Addressing her long-term vision for Lampasas, Mrs. Bierschwale said she would like for the city to look attractive and for properties along Key Avenue to impress those who pass through town. She said she would like to see more greenery – and possibly trees – in front of the businesses on the highway. Mrs. Bierschwale said her vision is of a place like the small city in the movie "It's a Wonderful Life" – "for just somebody driving through to comment on what a nice little town this is." Mrs. Bierschwale said before she joined the City Council she knew it would take a substantial time commitment, and she said she is ready to fulfill the commitment if elected to another two-year term. She also said when conducting business on the City Council she strives to consider the good of Lampasas in general. "When I make a decision, it's not solely based on what I want," she said. "It's what do I think the other people [of Lampasas] want – what would be more favorable to them – because I'm just one."

Cann focuses on Lampasas youth

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 understand where we're at and what we need." He said one of his goals is to get a skateboard park built with direction from a "kid council" he has proposed: two elementary students, two middle school students, two high school students and possibly a high school graduate. Cann said his goal for the "kid council" is to have youth to take the initiative in planning and raising private funds for a skate park. He also said he would like skate park presentations to city officials to be made by youth rather than by adults. "We've got a lot of great young leaders in our city," Cann said, "and my primary focus is the kids, and the future of our kids is essential."

Along with the skate park, Cann hopes to develop a mountain bike trail at the FM 580 West sports park. He said he would like to add some bicycle motocross features or an equestrian trail in conjunction with the mountain bike trail he has begun planning. Cann also said he would like to create dog parks at the FM 580 West complex and the Hanna Springs park. In addition, the candidate wants to highlight the historic, spring-fed Hancock Park swimming pool and develop a trail loop along Sulphur Creek to East Fourth Street and back to W.M. Brook

Park. He believes attention to the spring-fed pool and a connecting trail system could attract visitors and their dollars to Lampasas. The concept, Cann said, could be similar to Lady Bird Lake and Barton Springs Pool in Austin -- just on a smaller scale. Cann said he believes cyclists and hikers in the area would be willing to donate labor toward developing a trail. The City Council candidate also said he would like the city to collaborate with the Boys & Girls Club to build an indoor activity center with a pool. Cann said that would give youth, young adults and senior citizens a place for year-round exercise and other activities. He also would like there to be lights and shade coverings over outdoor basketball courts at city parks. After discussing his vision for parks and recreation amenities, Cann addressed his goals for the Lampasas economy. He said he would like there to be enough jobs in Lampasas that residents do not have to travel to other cities for employment. Cann said he likes Lampasas as the small town it is and is not pushing for major population growth. The candidate said he believes new jobs would be filled by existing Lampasas residents and would not cause the city's population to

increase significantly. "I like the idea of incentivizing existing businesses that are here and also incentivizing the businesses that might want to come," he added. Cann also said he is excited about development under way at the business park property south of town on U.S. Highway 183. "If we can get the business park going and get some businesses that the city and the citizens can all agree on, I think we're going in the right direction," Cann said. Asked about growth, Cann said he does not want to change Lampasas, which he described as a "tight-knit community" where people know and support each other. Cann said it is important to develop city infrastructure for the future, but he said he does not want Lampasas itself to grow too much. Cann said expanding the city boundaries, such as by annexing homes and other properties south to the business park, could help Lampasas by increasing property tax revenue. He said, however, he would have to "sit down and see the plan, see their future, what their thoughts are regarding annexation." Addressing his overall vision for Lampasas' future, Cann reiterated his emphasis on youth and his intention to provide amenities for the city's young residents.

offer aesthetic appeal, Harrison said. In addition, the park has city water service, and Harrison said if sewer lines were extended to the site it would benefit the Fawn Acres subdivision, which has septic tanks. Harrison, who has a 15-year-old daughter and an 8-year-old son, noted talk by some people about what they would like to be available for children in Lampasas. "I understand having kids and the importance for them," Harrison said, "but I also don't believe that the government in any form or fashion should be the ones providing for my kids. That's my job as a parent." He added, however, that it is a positive step if the city can participate in projects somehow without taking on the full burden of funding or executing items proposed by various groups. Harrison also said while he agrees Lampasas needs business growth, he does not believe it is the city's job to recruit companies. The council candidate said he opposes tax abatements and other financial incentives to prospective businesses. He also said he was against city officials' economic-development trips to California and a subsequent incentive agreement for a company that moved from California to Lampasas. "To me, it's not the government's place to fund private business," Harrison said. The candidate said he learned from a grant program the City Council offered briefly in 2011. Under the program, which Harrison initially supported but later voted to repeal, small businesses that opened in Lampasas after a specified date were eligible for a grant of \$5,000 from the city. Harrison said council members had good intentions but learned quickly there were problems with offering taxpayer money to businesses. Harrison said business growth depends largely on whether the owners of private enterprise are interested in Lampasas. He said

Harrison supports limited government

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 lived here until his family moved to West Texas when he was in eighth grade. He returned in 1998, about two years after graduating from high school, and he became a certified firefighter in 1999. Harrison is a shift captain for Marble Falls Fire Rescue, and he owns a dirt contracting company he started in 2002. Last year – in the midst of his fire department promotion process, as well as a busy time for his business and family – Harrison resigned from the City Council with about a year left on his term. Since then, however, he has sold about 80 percent of his business operations, which he believes frees enough time to address council matters if

he is re-elected. Harrison said he has continued observing council actions over the past year and decided to run for office again because he senses a need for "a little more common-sense approach to a few things." He also said the council should have members of diverse backgrounds, and he believes a construction background can be helpful. The candidate said it is important to focus on the city's primary responsibilities and on maintaining what Lampasas already has – particularly since the municipal budget is limited. He said in his three years in office, the City Council spent a lot of time on "getting pipe in the ground," working on streets and using city departments more efficiently. Harrison said examples of good projects pursued when he was in office are the new fire station and the library renovation. The fire station, he said, was funded by the city and the county, and Harrison said both entities benefited. As officials discussed library renovation, Harrison was involved in many meetings with the Library Foundation of Lampasas, Texas. He noted the foundation paid for most of the library work and received supplementary funding from the city. The candidate said that would be his preference in many cases: a group should raise money, and the city could participate in or add to a project without funding the entire thing. During his previous time on the City Council, for example, Harrison mentioned the possibility of working with a hotel to develop a civic center rather than having the city pay the entire cost of building and operating a facility. He said if the city pursues a civic center, the sports complex on FM 580 West would be a logical location. The city already owns the property and has parking spaces available, and oak trees at the site

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the City Council can do some things to make the city attractive for development, however. Lampasas' municipal tax rate, for example, is low compared to the rate in other cities, he said. He also said zoning flexibility – which Harrison described as "tweaks" that would not undo the overall intent of zoning – could make new construction more feasible. He said that is important because Lampasas does not have enough of certain types of housing to meet the demand. He also said good infrastructure is important. Harrison predicted if the council creates the right conditions in the city, "things will happen on their own" in terms of economic development. Harrison said if he is elected to Place 1, his priorities would include spending more money on streets and "looping" -- or connecting -- water lines to prevent dead-end spots in the distribution system. He said looping lines keeps water moving, which helps maintain proper disinfectant levels and lessens the need to flush a valuable commodity into the ground. Asked about potential annexation, Harrison said a concern is the cost to provide utilities to properties brought into the city limits. He noted the expense of installing sewer lines recently in the Hoffpaup Addition, and he said the city at some point will have to provide the same wastewater service to the Sunrise Hills and Fawn Acres neighborhoods. Harrison said when looking to the future, his vision is for Lampasas to replace aged infrastructure and pave more streets when possible. He also said he wants to provide the best utility rates possible. Harrison said it is important for the City Council to focus on core issues and not overextend the municipal government. "We need to take care of the foundation of Lampasas in order for it to grow and improve from there," he said.

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