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Candidate filing period underway

BY DAVID LOWE
DISPATCH RECORD

For school board and city council candidates, the opportunity to file for a place on the May ballot has begun.

The candidate filing period opened Wednesday and will continue through Feb. 17. The following are instructions for those who plan to seek office.

Lampasas school board

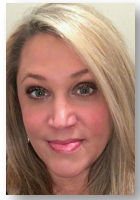
The Lampasas Independent School District Board of Trustees has two positions up for election: Place 6 and Place 7. Sam Walker is the

Place 6 incumbent, and Ryan Shahan is the Place 7 incumbent.

To file for a place on the ballot, candidates may pick up applications at the LISD Administration Building, 207 W. Eighth St., weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Applications -- marked "Attn: Benjie Tischler" -- also can be mailed to the Administration Building at the address above.

Lampasas City Council
The Lampasas City Council will have four positions on the May ballot. Those offices, and the incumbents for each



Misti Talbert

At press time Thursday, one candidate had filed for a spot on the ballot. Mayor Pro Tem Misti Talbert, who holds the Place 4 seat on the council, is running for mayor. Toups said he is not seeking re-election. Candidates may file

seat, are:
• Mayor, Christian Toups
• Place 1, Chris Harrison
• Place 2, Robert McCauley
• Place 6, TJ Monroe

in person at the City Administration Building, 312 E. Third St., weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Or, candidates may mail applications for a place on the ballot to: City Secretary, 312 E. Third St., Lampasas, TX 76550.

Kempner City Council

The following Kempner City Council positions will be up for election: mayor, incumbent Carolyn Crane; Place 2, incumbent Robert McKinnon; Place 3, incumbent Bob Crane and Place 4, incumbent Clifton Morse.

Candidates may pick up

applications for a place on the ballot at City Hall, 12288 East U.S. Highway 190. City Hall is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. On Feb. 17, however, the office will be open until 5 p.m.

Lometa school board

The Lometa Independent School District Board of Trustees will have two at-large positions, occupied by Shawna Hill and Stacy Pauly, up for election in May.

Candidates may pick up applications at the Lometa ISD administration building, 102 S. Eighth St. on weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Completed applications may be dropped off at the administration building. Also, completed applications may be emailed to mivey@lometaisd.org, or mailed to Lometa ISD, Attn: Board Application, P.O. Box 250, Lometa, TX 76853.

Lometa City Council

Lometa City Council seats up for election are those held by David Fair, Susan Hines and John Vasquez.

Applications must be received in the city secretary's office at 100 E. San Saba St. by 5 p.m. on Feb. 17.



SHANTE SEWARD | COURTESY PHOTO

Peyton Jones, 14, is currently at McLane's Children's Hospital in Temple fighting hypodiploid acute lymphoblastic leukemia. He was diagnosed with the cancer in August. He's taking it in stride, doing school work and keeping a positive attitude, his mother Shante Seward said.

Peyton's strength

BY DEREK MOY
DISPATCH RECORD

Fourteen-year-old Peyton Jones is a prankster. He uses a saline syringe as an improvised squirt gun to spray nurses and shoots Q-tips like darts along the halls of McLane Children's Hospital.

Peyton was diagnosed with hypodiploid acute lymphoblastic leukemia last August. The hypodiploid leukemia is rarer than other types of leukemia.

The good news is two-fold. The leukemia was caught early during the first day

of football tryouts in July, and Peyton is taking it in stride, his mother Shante Seward said.

"He didn't have any of the main symptoms that most leukemia patients have," she said. "The only thing we noticed was night sweats."

"It wasn't until I dropped him off at the first football practice at the end of July. He had called [telling] me he wasn't feeling well, so I picked him up," Mrs. Seward said. "The only thing I can describe to you

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City to seek trash contract proposals

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With the city's trash service contract set to end April 30, Lampasas officials plan to seek new proposals for garbage collection.

Through a 2006 contract and a 2012 addendum, Waste Management serves as the exclusive provider of trash service within the city limits.

The Lampasas City Council is seeking proposals from multiple companies -- which City Manager Finley deGraffenried said is a highly competitive process -- to determine whether to continue with Waste Management or switch providers.

In a workshop session last week, Mayor Christian Toups, and Councilmen Mike White, Chuck Williamson and Robert McCauley said Waste Management's residential service is very good. Toups and White, however, said there have been problems with commercial pickup.

One competing company, Waste Connections, had a representative at the recent workshop session. Brian Uptmor, municipal marketing manager for Waste Connections, answered questions about

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service options.

The City Council discussed several factors to consider in a solid waste agreement, including the frequency of collection, the possibility of the service provider issuing garbage cans for all residences and the potential to offer recycling.

Through the existing contract, Waste Management picks up residential and commercial trash by hand twice a week, with no garbage containers provided to customers. Commercial customers have the option of receiving dumpster service multiple times per week.

Council members said they want to continue with twice-a-week trash pickup. Visitation is discussed at length the option of a trash provider supplying 96-gallon garbage cans to residents. Ultimately, however, council members suggested seeking proposals for trash service as it is now -- without company-provided garbage containers.

Toups and White said the appearance of the city would improve if all residences had

large cans that do not dump over and roll in the streets on windy days. Toups also said switching to hefty cans would provide a safety boost since streets would not be cluttered with overturned small cans.

In addition, the mayor said he thinks it would be less expensive over the long term for a company to provide garbage cans than to continue with the existing service arrangement.

Under the current contract, Waste Management has workers on its trucks to pick up household trash cans by hand. Toups said with heavy 96-gallon cans, a solid waste company could switch to automated front-loading trucks, resulting in lower personnel expenses over time.

McCauley, however, cautioned against having a trash company provide cans. He said Austin did that when he lived there, and the program became expensive. McCauley said he and most other people fit all their

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Services set for His Kids founder Richard Williams

Richard Williams, known to many as "Big R," died Jan. 18, 2017 at the age of 82.

A retired Texas Department of Public Safety trooper, Mr. Williams was founder of His Kids,



Richard Williams

a Lampasas-based youth organization.

Visitation is set for 6-7 p.m. tonight at Grace Fellowship.

Funeral service will be Saturday at 3 p.m., also at Grace Fellowship. Burial will follow at Nix Cemetery.

A full obituary will appear in a later edition of the Dispatch Record.

WEATHER

Date	High	Low	Rain
Jan. 16	71	48	0.01
Jan. 17	58	44	0.10
Jan. 18	data not available		

2017* rainfall total: 1.12 in.
Same date last year: 0.51 in.
Normal through Jan. 17: 0.95 in.

Data from the National Weather Service through the Lampasas Municipal Airport.
* The Jan. 6-13 editions listed the wrong year. The rainfall totals shown were for 2017.

BRIEFLY

BURN BAN LIFTED

The burn ban is lifted until Sunday at 6 p.m. As a result, controlled burns are allowed in areas outside incorporated city limits.

COMMISSIONERS COURT

The Lampasas County Commissioners Court will meet Monday at 9 a.m. in the first-floor courtroom at the county courthouse.

LAMPASAS CITY COUNCIL

The Lampasas City Council will

meet in regular session Monday at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers, 405 S. Main St. behind City Hall and next to the police station.

KEMPNER CITY COUNCIL

The Kempner City Council will meet Tuesday at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 12288 East U.S. Highway 190.

POLAR BEAR PLUNGE

The Parks and Recreation Department will host a Polar Bear Plunge swim event on Saturday

from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Hancock Springs Free-Flow Swim Area. The cost is \$10 without a T-shirt or \$25 with a long-sleeved T-shirt.

All proceeds will be used to benefit the Christmas on the Creek light display.

All registrations will include a raffle ticket for door prizes. There will be refreshments, a costume contest and other swim games.

Contact Kim Watkins or Hailee Walker at 512-525-1269 or 828-238-2015.

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