

Primary election set Tuesday

Polls are open until 5 p.m. today for the last day of early voting in the Republican and Democratic primary elections. The early voting site is the county elections administrator office, 407 S. Pecan St., Suite 102 on Lampasas' downtown square.

Election day is Tuesday. Polls will be open that day from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at five places across the county. The vote centers are New Covenant Church, 1604 Central Texas Expressway in Lampasas; First Baptist Church at 11915 East U.S. Highway 190 in Kempner; Clear Creek Baptist Church, 3350 FM 2657 in Kempner; the justice of the peace office at 104 N. Fourth St. in Lometa; and the Adamsville Community Center, 174 County Road 3740.

On Tuesday, voters may cast a ballot at the location of their choice, regardless of where they live in the county.

Photo identification is required to vote. Also, voters also will be asked whether they wish to participate in the Democratic Party primary or the Republican Party primary. A voter is not eligible to participate in both during a voting year.

As of 9:05 a.m. Thursday, 1,498 Republicans had voted in person in Lampasas County, and 171 had submitted a ballot by mail. At the

same time, 119 Democrats in the county had voted in person, and 30 had submitted ballots by mail.

Those numbers equated to 13 percent voter turnout as of 9:05 a.m. Thursday. Elections Administrator Mark Bishop said 246 Republicans applied for ballots by mail before the primary election began. The county received 73 ballot by mail applications from Democrats.

Those who vote by mail have until Tuesday at 7 p.m. to get their ballots to the elections administrator's office.

"We'll get several more ballots by mail in before the close of Election Day," Bishop said.

Following is a list of candidates who will appear on Republican and Democratic ballots. Republicans are listed first, because that party has contested races for District 54 state representative and several county offices. For each race, candidates are listed in the order they appear on the ballot.

REPUBLICAN-DISTRICT 54 STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Brad Buckley
Scott Cosper
Larry Smith

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Where to VOTE

March 6

7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Lampasas County voters may cast their ballot Tuesday at any of the following polling places. **Photo ID is required.**

Clear Creek Baptist Church, 3350 FM 2657 in Kempner.

First Baptist Church in Kempner, 11915 East U.S. Hwy. 190.

New Covenant Church, 1604 Central Texas Expressway in Lampasas.

Adamsville Community Center, 174 County Road 3740 in Adamsville.

Justice of the Peace Precinct 2&3 Office, 104 N. Fourth St. in Lometa.



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High-seas adventure on the stage

During the public performance of the Lampasas High School play "Treasure Island" on Monday, Garrett McGuire, pictured in center as Captain Long John Silver, reacts to seeing a pretend ghost of Edward Flint -- composed of Carmen Ferrer and Paul Peralta. Captain Silver's shocked crew, from left, consists of Anna Dunning, Makayla Osburn, Kelsea Moyer, Cole Wheeler and Rudy Esparza. Melanie Burbey clings to her captain's leg. The high school will perform at district competition Wednesday in Liberty Hill. Lampasas performs second, and residents can purchase a ticket for \$5.

Developer proposes 67-house subdivision on west side of town

BY DAVID LOWE
DISPATCH RECORD

Developer Deorald Finney plans to build a 67-house subdivision on property south of Nix Road, between North Willis Street and an unopened portion of North Rice Street.

Finney met with the Lampasas City Council in a workshop session Monday to discuss his proposed residential development.

The Lampasas businessman actually proposed the Stone Valley subdivision more than 10 years ago and presented the idea to the Planning & Zoning Commission. Because of the recession and housing market collapse in 2008, however, Finney never filed a final plat.

Now he is ready to proceed with 67 single-family residences on his 22.69-acre property. The land where the new residential neighborhood is proposed is west of the Westridge subdivision Finney developed, east of Willis, north of Avenue C and south-southeast of storage units that are off Nix Road.

Finney told the council he plans to build houses 1,400 square feet or larger. Houses probably will sell

for \$150,000-\$175,000, said Finney -- who estimated the subdivision will be a \$10 million project.

Lampasas has a very limited inventory of available housing, Finney said. He added that lately, new houses often have been selling before construction even finishes.

"People just don't have a place to live," Finney said. "They want to move here, but there's no new houses available. And if they are, they're sold, so that's why I want to get started -- before the next crash."

Finney said he may develop the proposed subdivision all at once, although he said it might take multiple phases before all houses and streets are built. The developer said he intends to install all the water and sewer infrastructure at once, though. Finney said within a week of finishing that work, he probably will start construction on 10 houses.

"My biggest mistake when I put in Westridge was not building 12 houses at one time," he said. "I built them three [at a time], and before I could get them built, I'd have them sold. I could have sold all 12 houses probably within

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Lampasas City Council discusses options for recycling

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At its meeting Monday, the Lampasas City Council and city staff discussed the potential for a recycling program in Lampasas.

The council did not take voting action, but Assistant City Manager Gary Cox reported on research that has been done since Councilman Greg Smith

inquired about possibly offering recycling.

RECYCLING OPTIONS

Cox outlined three options: a curbside recycling program, a single collection point -- such as at the public works facility on Brown Street -- and the use of existing recycling options in the area.

A curbside recycling program would allow people

to leave recyclable materials by the street for Lampasas' trash hauler, Waste Connections, to pick up. The city has asked Waste Connections how much it would cost to offer curbside recycling but has not gotten a response yet, Cox said.

Mayor Misti Talbert, Council Member TJ Monroe and Councilman Mike White said the city has sought information

before about recycling and learned it would be very expensive to offer curbside collection service. For example, Cox reported that Copperas Cove -- which runs its own solid waste service -- spends about \$170,000 per year on its curbside recycling program.

Along with inquiring

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WEATHER

Date	High	Low	Rain
Feb. 25	68	45	0
Feb. 26	72	38	0
Feb. 27	75	52	0.06
Feb. 28	72	62	0.03

2018 rainfall total: 2.40 in.
Same date last year: 3.49 in.
Normal through Feb. 28: 4.11 in.

Data from the National Weather Service through the Lampasas Municipal Airport.

BRIEFLY

LAMPASAS SCHOOL BOARD

Although polls are open today in the county elections office as early voting concludes, other county offices are closed in observance of Texas Independence Day.

KEMPNER VFD

The annual BBQ & Auction for Kempner Volunteer Fire Department will be Saturday. The box sale starts at noon, and the barbecue lunch is at 1 p.m. The auction begins at 3 p.m. Meal options include a barbecue

sandwich and chips for \$5, or a barbecue plate for \$10.

Proceeds from the fundraiser will be used to replace a worn-out brush truck.

For details, contact KVFD Chief Dan Hause at 512-525-2430.

LAMPASAS SCHOOL BOARD

The Lampasas Independent School District Board of Trustees will meet Monday at 6 p.m. in the district Administration Building, 207 W. Eighth St.

BURN BAN LIFTED

County Judge Wayne Boultinghouse has lifted the burn ban until March 12 at 7 p.m. As a result, outdoor fires are allowed outside incorporated city limits.

BIG 12 CHAMPION

Lampasas High School graduate Steffin McCarter earned first place in the long jump with a personal-record jump at last week's Big 12 Indoor Track and Field Championship. For details, see page 6.

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