

Lifestyles



Orthopedic surgeon sees patients in Lampasas

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Orthopedic surgeon Dr. Robert Hansen now is seeing patients at Lampasas Specialty Clinic.

Hansen, who practices as part of Precision Medical Group in Killeen, began visiting the Lampasas clinic earlier this month. The doctor is at Lampasas Specialty Clinic, 207 West Avenue E, on Mondays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A native of the Dallas area, Hansen graduated from University of Texas Southwestern Medical School in Dallas and completed a surgical internship at University of California San Francisco.

In addition, he was an orthopedic surgery resident at Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center in Brooklyn, N.Y. He completed his residency at New York Presbyterian Lower Manhattan Hospital, where he served as chief resident.

Hansen completed a sports medicine fellowship last year at Boston University, where he said he learned many of the latest techniques for repairing anterior cruciate ligaments and rotator cuffs. Those techniques include the all-inside, minimally invasive ACL reconstruction.

Hansen said shoulder and knee arthroscopy is his specialty. He is working with Rollins Brook Community Hospital to bring in arthroscopy equipment that he said will allow state-of-the-art knee and shoulder surgeries to be performed in Lampasas.

In addition to his surgical work, Hansen is a reviewer for the American Journal of Sports Medicine.

The doctor said his love of athletics helped lead him to the specialty of orthopedic surgery. He wrestled, played football and was a starting pitcher on the baseball team at Jesuit College Preparatory School in Dallas. He also pitched at Columbia University.

His grandfather Dr. Ronald F. Garvey, who was a general surgeon at Parkland Memorial Hospital, served as the original team physician for the Dallas Cowboys. Hansen said his grandfather took care of legendary quarterbacks Don Meredith and Roger Staubach, and he counted Cowboys players Dick Nolan and Bob Lilly among his best friends.

Hansen said seeing photos of his grandfather working with the Cowboys "planted a seed" that motivated him to pursue orthopedics.

The doctor said he enjoys working with athletes and seeing how rapidly treatments can enable patients to recover.

Hansen said in Dallas and New York, many of his patients' injuries resulted from playing football, baseball or other sports. In Lampasas, however, he expects to treat many job-related injuries. Hansen said that will provide variety to his work while allowing him to treat the same kind of problems and use the techniques he offers in sports medicine.

"Here, just working is basically the same thing -- it's sports medicine, because people are digging up dirt, wrestling cattle and stuff," he said. "That's [just like] sports, because you've got to get them back to work just like you've got to get people back to sports."

The doctor added that he enjoys his patients.

"They're the best people to treat," he said, "because they want to get back, and they have a real pathology, and you can really help them."

Hansen accepts all major insurance, including Medicare and Medicaid. To schedule an appointment, call 254-519-1313.



PHOTO BY DEREK MOY

Rain and thunderstorms

Lampasas County has had its thirst partially quenched with the weekend's sporadic rain and thunderstorms. This photo was taken after the storm began clearing on Thursday.

The Big Feed this weekend

Pidcoke United Methodist Church will present its annual all-you-can-eat Big Feed event.

Attend the event May 2 at 5:30 p.m. for this year's fried fish and barbecue meal that includes several sides, dessert and a drink.

Donations for the meal will be accepted. The church is located at 11230 FM 116, halfway between Gatesville and Copperas Cove.

Lampasas Aglow to meet

Lampasas Aglow Bible Study will meet every Thursday at Common Grounds from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 7-9 p.m.

Please email lampasasaglow@gmail.com with any questions.

Common Grounds is located at 1502 Central Texas Expressway.

Spring of Grace Riders to meet monthly

The Christian motorcyclist association Spring of Grace Riders #1184 is scheduled to meet on the third Tuesday every month from 6-8 p.m. at the Kempner Brick Oven.

For more information visit www.cmausa.org.



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Orthopedic surgeon Dr. Robert Hansen checks on nurse Jamie Black's knee.

Game Day set for June 15

The Hostess House Game Day had many participants on April 20.

Upstairs, Daughters of the Republic of Texas member Donna Williams hosted one table of six players and one table of four playing dominoes.

Downstairs, DRT hostess Martha Casbeer had seven tables of party bridge players. After six rounds of four games, Diane Harrelson had the high score. The second-highest scoring player was Margaret Oberender, and Linda Williams score third.

Other DRT hostesses were Ruthie Martin, Diane Davis,

Judy Smith and Carol Wright.

The vintage 1930 sunflower, full-bed-size quilt the Oran Milo Roberts chapter is selling raffle tickets for was on display, and participants could buy tickets for \$1 each. Money from the raffle will go into the maintenance fund for the Hostess House, as do the Game Day proceeds.

The winner of the quilt will

be drawn at the May 4 meeting of the chapter.

Game Day is held the third Monday of every other month, so the next one will be June 15. One does not have to have a reservation to play but, in order to have enough tables prepared, reservations are preferred.

Reservations can be made by calling Mrs. Casbeer at 512-556-8388.

Bling out at the library May 2

"Bling 'n' Things," a fundraiser for the Lampasas Public Library, will be held May 2 in the library's Foundation Room at 201 S. Main St. The sale will feature gently used and handcrafted costume jewelry and accessories that have been donated for the occasion. Hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"The event is being sponsored by the Library Advisory Board to supplement patron services and programs and to promote interest in the library," said Ruth Martin, board president.

"We think 'Bling 'n' Things' will be a fun way to help our library," Mrs. Martin said.

The library's new community meeting room was named "The Foundation Room," in recognition of more than a decade of effort by the Library Foundation of Lampasas, Texas to raise money for the recently completed library expansion. The new room, where "Bling 'n' Things" will be held, has its own entrance on the west side of the building which fronts Main Street.

For more information call the library at 512-556-3251.

Storm's seeks nostalgic photos

Storm's Drive-In hopes to create a photo collage in conjunction with the restaurant's 65th anniversary in September, co-owner Mike Green said. People are invited to send old photos or interesting Storm's memories electronically or by mail.

Photos or written comments can be sent to Storm's Drive-In, P.O. Box 997, Lampasas, TX 76550, or to stormsdrivein@

sbglobal.net.

Also, Green said the installation last week of a "Dairy Cue" sign at Storm's Drive-In is part of the restaurant's attempt to add a nostalgic touch.

The sign, Green said, is a replica of one from the 1950s, when the Key Avenue drive-in was called "The Dairy Cue." Green added that "nothing is changing" at Storm's -- including the name.



COURTESY PHOTO

April's artist

Mary Tittle, longtime member of the Lampasas Art Club, is the featured "Artist of The Month." A sample of her work may be seen in a special display at the front of the gallery in the foyer of My Girls 415 E. Third St. She considers herself a crafter, specializing in counted cross-stitch, needlepoint and knitting, as well as a painter. Guests are invited to the gallery 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday where they will find paintings in a variety of mediums as well as a variety of vendor items. The Art Club meets on the second Monday of each month, and visitors are always welcome.

Bling 'n' Things

Previously worn & handcrafted jewelry and accessories to benefit Lampasas Public Library.

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