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## The Weather



**The High yesterday 95° The Low this morning 55°**

Look for the winds to pick back up today. This afternoon look for low humidity and cooler temperatures. Winds should die down as the sun sets, and look for lows in the upper 50's to low 60's tonight.

**Today:** Sunny skies and a high temperature should be near 89°. Winds will be N at around 5-10 mph.

**Tonight:** The skies will be clear with a low near 63°. There will be light NW breezes becoming calm in the evening.

**Thursday:** Sunny with a high near 93°. The wind will be E-NE at 5-10 mph..

**Thursday Night: Clear** and a low around 63° in the overnight. Winds will be light from the east.

**Friday:** Sunny and up to 93° with a E wind at 5-10 mph.

**Friday Night:** Mostly clear and a low temperature near 66°. Winds will be E near 10 mph.

**Saturday:** A high near 95° E-SE winds near 10 mph.

## City Council

The Lampasas City Council met Monday for a workshop session and an open session.



The Regular Session started with a Public Hearing on the SUP for 108 S. Key Ave. The SUP was approved for tractors to be placed outside the building for sale.

The City Manager gave his report, mentioning that Brodie Estates has worked it out to install underground electricity. The staff continues to work on the Business Park project as directed by the LEDC board. Financing for the 1<sup>st</sup> phase of construction is under advisement.

The Hancock Springs Pool will now be open to residents and non-residents at 75% capacity.

Approval was given for late fees and non-payment door tags will resume on July 1<sup>st</sup>. During this discussion by City Council, Mayor Misti Talbert stated that she had in her possession a rather sizable stack of mail that had been mis-delivered by the US Post Office to another business. The owner of this other business gave these pieces of mail to Mayor Talbert. This mail was addressed to the City of Lampasas. She stated that there were checks in this mail to pay for utility bills that were never credited due to the mishandling of the mail. She further stated that it was frustrating that people's money was so blatantly mishandled by the US Post Office. Yvonne Moreno, City of Lampasas Utility Dept. stated that there had been complaints that at times utility customers had not received their bills, when they were mailed by the City.

Council member Mike White then spoke as to how vehicle titles and documents associated with his business are regularly mis-delivered and he received mail for another business at his business on a regular basis. (Lampasas Radio also has this issue.) The Mayor advised residents to call the US Post Office and voice their concerns.

Mayor Talbert also stated that she wanted to commend everyone that assisted with the protests last week. "and the entire commu-

nity for the compassion that was showed. I think we represented Lampasas really well, and I think everybody should be proud of what they did."

## Correction on Lometa VFD Story from yesterday...

**Lampasas Radiogram** had information yesterday regarding the request from the Lometa Volunteer Fire Dept. for county resources to assist in building a 2<sup>nd</sup> fire station in Lometa.

Some of the information was incorrect, so we are publishing a correction:

The Lometa Volunteer Fire Dept. contacted The Radiogram, and the following has been confirmed;

The property has been purchased in full by the Lometa VFD. However, the building/concrete work has *not* been donated, but will be purchased from donations, past and future. Steven Wilkerson, owner of K & S Towing located in Lometa, cleared the property for the Lometa VFD at no cost.

The Lometa VFD has their main fundraising event in November, however donations for Fire Station Project #2 can be brought to Lometa City Hall at any time. The county resources that were being requested is for the use of county equipment to assist in the building of the station..

## Record COVID-19 Hospitalizations in Texas

According to the Texas Tribune, "for the third day in a row, Texas has reported a record number of patients hospitalized with the new coronavirus, a metric Gov.



Greg Abbott has said he's watching as businesses continue reopening and limits on their operations are loosened.

Data released Wednesday by the Texas Department of State Health Services shows 2,153 people were hospitalized with COVID-19, up from 2,056 the day before, and 1,935 Monday. Before the last few days, the previous high was May 5, when 1,888 people were hospitalized.

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## The Blotter

**Lampasas Police Dept.** blotter for Tuesday shows a criminal mischief reported at 6:24am from the 600 block of N. Key Ave. An assault was reported in the 300 block of W. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. at 11:01am. The afternoon shows the arrest of 30 year old Joseph Vessels, 30, of Lampasas for giving a false report to a police officer. A possession of drug paraphernalia was reported in the 1500 block of S. Key Ave at 2:34pm. Snell Dr. was the location of a disturbance at 5:25pm. There were two theft reports, one in the 400 block of S. Pecan St. at 5:51pm, and one in the 200 block of Vine St. at 6:28pm.

**The Sheriff's Dept. Blotter** for Tuesday shows Lometa with an alarm call. Kempner shows reports of suspicious activity, a structure fire, animal issues, a stolen vehicle, a fight in progress, and a reported open door/gate. Out in the county there were medical calls, an alarm call, a reported assault, a warrant was served, reports of suspicious activity, a welfare check and civil matters. Deputies went into Cove on reports of stolen vehicles.

**The Jail Log** shows the arrest of 29 year old Ty McCoy for assault/family/household member/ previous convictions.

The Burn Ban has been lifted indefinitely

The figures come a little more than a month since Abbott's statewide stay-at-home order ended and he began a phased reopening of businesses. It also comes about two weeks after Memorial Day. The hospitalizations have increased some 42% since then.

A spokesman for Abbott's office, John Wittman, said Wednesday that "every Texan who needs access to a hospital bed will have access to a hospital bed." There are currently 13,600 hospital beds open and the state has the "ability to surge capacity in regions," if necessary, he said in an email. "Since Texas opened on May 1, testing has increased by 210 percent, the doubling time has gone from 20 days to 36 days, and the state continues to have one of the lowest death rates in the nation." The hospitalization figures — and the total number of new infections — have trended upward since about late May. Experts have said there's a lag before changes in people's behaviors, like more social interaction, are reflected in coronavirus case data. It takes about nine to 16 days to see increased infections and generally another five to seven days to see changes in the numbers of people hospitalized, said Rebecca Fischer, an infectious disease epidemiologist at the Texas A&M University School of Public Health. (Some individuals are only diagnosed once they make it to the hospital.)

"In terms of new infections, we are seeing a surge ... in part attributed to activities surrounding Memorial Day weekend, such as gatherings where protective behaviors may have been lax," she said.

Since then, Texans have protested police brutality across the state, sparked by the killing of George Floyd — who died in police custody after a Minneapolis police officer was filmed kneeling on his neck for nearly nine minutes.

"I'm concerned but not yet alarmed," Abbott told a North Texas television station. "I look at Amarillo that was a hot spot zone a couple of weeks ago, where they had a lot of concerns. We had surge response teams that addressed it, and now their hospitalizations are going down."

Texas has 1,500 open ICU beds and more than 5,900 available ventilators, the data shows. The number of available beds is

**Happy Birthday**

**Garrett Witcher-21**



seen as a key gauge for the state's ability to handle a potential surge in coronavirus cases, and Abbott has said the hospitalization rate — the proportion of infected Texans who are requiring hospitalization — is a benchmark he's closely monitoring. He cited it as an encouraging metric as the state's stay-at-home order expired at the end of April.

In Houston, Dallas and other areas that have seen increased hospitalizations, "we need to drill down and find out exactly why that is," Abbott said.

Hot spots like state prisons and meatpacking plants — which have been recently targeted for mass testing — are responsible for some of the increase in case numbers, the state health department said earlier this week. When The Texas Tribune asked a health department spokesperson Tuesday what has spurred the increased infections in counties that don't have state prisons or meatpacking plants, he said he would have to "work more" on that question. David Lakey, the state's former top public health official, said it's not surprising that the numbers are going up.

"There are a lot of people that are traveling around and a lot of people aren't doing those basic precautions of wearing a mask while they're near other individuals or washing their hands," he said.

"There's ample capacity in the state to handle those cases, but we need to be ready for it."

He expects the numbers to continue rising in part because of Memorial Day, an increased amount of Texans leaving their homes and the police brutality protests.

"It's a combination of several factors," he said. In Texas, among the vanguard of states that loosened coronavirus restrictions, most businesses are allowed to operate at 50% capacity, and restaurants can seat parties of 10 together. On Friday, restaurants can increase their occupancy to 75% capacity.

## Sports

The MLB draft starts today as they will be drafting the 1<sup>st</sup> round of players out of the total 5 rounds. With the top 5 coming in at Austin Martin (Vanderbilt) Who is a top of the order hitter that has a very impressive bat and comes with quite a bit of speed. At #2, you have Spencer Torkelson (Arizona State). He is a well rounded hitter who comes with a lot of power as well as a very good eye for balls and strikes. 3<sup>rd</sup> you have Texas native Asa Lacy (Texas A&M) Without a doubt Lacy is the best arm in his class as he is a big bodied left handed pitcher who comes with a mid 90's fastball as well as a changeup and a very good slider. At #4 you Emerson Hancock (Georgia) He is another pitcher but is from the right side. He, as some would say has a higher top potential than Lacy due to the fact he has a little more of a power fastball. He is in this spot because Lacy is the more rounded pitcher as of right now. Lastly you have Max Meyer (Minnesota) Max is a power right handed pitcher who can run it up into the upper 90's with a wipeout slider.

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