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The Weather

The High yesterday 90° The Low this morning 68°

Look for highs today in the low-to-mid 90's and the possibility of a slightly higher heat index. With the incoming low level moisture the low overnight temperatures will be a little warmer. The upper high level pressure will keep Central Texas hot and mostly rain-free for the rest of the week, but the increase in humidity could cause the heat index to rise, posing a risk for heat-related illness.

Today: Look for mostly sunny skies and a high near 92°.

Winds will be S near 5-10 mph becoming E-SE in the afternoon.

Tonight: Partly cloudy skies and a low near 68°. Winds E-SE at 5-10 mph shifting to the S in the overnight.

Tuesday: Sunny and hot with a high near 93°. Winds will be S-SE near 5-10 mph.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low temperature near 67°. Winds will be S-SE at 5-10 mph.

Wednesday: Sunny with a high near 94° and S winds at 5-10 mph.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear skies with a low near 68°. Winds will be S- SE at 5-10 mph.

New Cases of COVID-19 in County

Lampasas County Health Authority

Dr. Georgia Hay shared with Lampasas Radio this morning that there are 2 new cases of COVID-19 in Lampasas County. One is a person in their teens that is not hospitalized, the other is a patient his 50's and is hospitalized. According to Dr. Hay we do not have a case of COVID-19 in a nursing home as rumored. However, there was an exposure and measures have been taken to monitor any people that would have potentially exposed. Since PPE and other measures in place, the risks are minimal.

COVID-19 in Texas

According to The Texas Tribune, "Gov. Greg Abbott didn't predict that the number of COVID-19 cases would fall as the state allowed businesses and cultural centers to reopen. In fact, he said allowing more people back into public places could increase the spread of infection.

And so it has, with several of what the governor has called the "key metrics" of this pandemic's effect on Texas rising over the past two weeks — ever since the Memorial Day weekend. The increases are turning heads, increasing scrutiny on Abbott and other public officials who have been attempting to keep Texans safe without destroying the state's economy or trampling on people's civil liberties

One big question was, and is, whether Texas has the medical resources to keep up — whether there are enough doctors, nurses, hospital beds and other medical assets for the people who need them at any particular time. Maybe it seems like a long time ago, but that "flattening the curve" slogan we all learned in March was



all about making sure the disease doesn't spread faster than our health system's ability to respond.

July 4, the next big holiday weekend, is three weeks away.

Memorial Day offered the people watching the numbers a chance to see what would happen if social distancing restrictions were relaxed even more than they had been in the first phase a few weeks earlier. Some of that might be what's showing up in the numbers now.

There's more ahead. Restaurants can let 75% of their customers in now. There's a professional golf tournament underway in Fort Worth, albeit without the fairway gawkers, who've been relegated to their living rooms and their TV sets. Shopping centers are open And those key metrics that the governor has us all watching will surely tell us, between now and Independence Day, how much risk we took when we reopened those restaurants and bars, barbershops and bowling alleys, shopping centers and water parks."

According to the DSHS website, 87,854 Texans tested positive for the coronavirus as of June 14 — 1,843 more than the day before and 12,876 more than a week ago.

That Time of Year

Hot Cars and Kids..

According to NoHeatstroke.Org, the majority of hot car deaths, amounting to 54% of them, happen because someone forgets a child in a car. About 46% of the time a child was forgotten, the caregiver had planned to drop the child off at a care facility such as a daycare or preschool. Almost 75% of all children who are forgotten and die are under 2 years old. Heatstroke occurs when a person's temperature exceeds 104 degrees F. At that point, the ability for a human to regulate their temperature and bodily functions fails. At first, symptoms of heatstroke include dizziness, disorientation, confusion, sluggishness, loss of consciousness, and rapid heart-beat. Once the body temperature climbs to 107 degrees or greater, internal organs begin to shut down and human cells are damaged. It is at this point death can quickly occur. This is especially true in children; *small bodies can't regulate body temperatures as efficiently as an adult's; as such, a child's body can warm 2-3 times faster than that of an adult.*



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The Blotter

Lampasas Police Dept. blotter for Saturday shows a DWI reported in the 1100 block of Nix Rd. at 10:45am. The afternoon shows the arrest of Dean Mitchell, 29, of Lampasas at the intersection of 190E and CR 4818 for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, evading arrest w/vehicle and theft \$2500-\$30000 at 4:33pm. A criminal trespass was reported in the 1200 block of CTE at 5:51pm. A harassment was reported in the 300 block of E. 4th St. at 8:29pm.

Lampasas Police Dept. blotter for Sunday shows an early morning report of a suspicious person in the 1400 block of S. Key at 12:23am. Later in the morning another suspicious person was reported in the 500 block of Hoover St. at E. Ave H at 10:24am. A shots fired report was called in from Kathie Lane at 11:02am, followed by a reported theft in the 100 block of N. Main St. at 11:06am. The afternoon shows a criminal mischief on Acorn St. at 12:28pm, a criminal trespass in the 900 block of E. 3rd St. at 12:32pm and a report of found property also in the 900 block of E. 3rd St. at 2:44pm. A criminal trespass was reported in the 1900 block of S. Key at 3:19pm, and then a lost property was reported in the 810 block of E. 3rd St. at 3:44pm. An assault was reported in the 400 block of N. Key at 6:55pm. Joseph Vessels, 30, of Lampasas was arrested in the 700 block of E. Ave G at 8:20pm on two LPD warrants (assault causing bodily injury/criminal mischief). A possession of drug paraphernalia was reported in the 400 block of S. Key at 10:26pm, and suspicious persons were reported, one in the 300 block of N. Broad at 11:37pm, and one in the 100 block of E. North at 11:47pm.

The Sheriff's Dept. Blotter for the weekend shows Lometa with medical calls, and an accident. Kempner had medical calls, civil matters, fish & game calls, a warrant was served, a shots fired call, reports of suspicious activity, animal issues, an alarm call, and reported disturbances. Out in the county there were civil matters, animal issues medical calls, a reported harassment, reported disturbances, reports of suspicious activity, a shots fired call and livestock/animal issues.

The Jail Log shows the arrest of 47 year old Tony Ramon of Austin for DWI 2nd. Also arrested was Saul Rodriguez, 42, of Killeen for 2 probation violations, and 36 year old Sean Nelson of Copperas Cove for Failure to appear/bail jumping, evading arrest w/vehicle, manufacture/deliver of a controlled substance PG1 4-200 grams and an out-of-county charge.

Court Note: Javier Gutierrez plead guilty to the murder of Vance Helzer on Friday in Lampasas County District Court. The Judge has asked for reports that will affect sentencing, therefore Gutierrez's sentencing will be sometime in the future.

The National Weather Service has embarked on a "Look before you lock" campaign to make sure you don't leave behind any children or pets when you lock your car.

Automobiles can become deadly ovens in the summer. When the outside temperature is only 70, the temperature inside a vehicle can climb to 113 degrees in an hour. On a 95 degree day, temperatures inside a vehicle can warm to 138 degrees in an hour.

Authorities warn drivers to never leave a child in an unattended car, even with the windows down. Drivers should make it a habit to open the rear door of the car every time they park to ensure no one is left inside. Children have also been known to sneak into cars on their own, becoming trapped and dying as a result. To prevent that, authorities recommend that people keep their vehicle locked at all times, even when it is inside a garage. Authorities also recommend that keys never be left within reach of children. If a child is ever missing, people should immediately check the inside, floorboards, and trunk of all vehicles in the area.

On April 28th of this year, a 4 year old Texas boy walked out of his house and into a car in the driveway. The high temperature for that day is shown to have been 83 degrees. He was found unresponsive and transported to the hospital where he was pronounced dead. It does not have to be scorching hot for a child to become a victim in a hot car. Last year 53 children died in hot cars, 7 were in Texas, with 1 in Houston. On average, a child dies in the United States every 8 days from being left behind in a hot car.

Voter Registration



Today is the last day for residents to register to vote for the Democratic Primary runoff election. If you did not vote in the republican primary, you can vote in this runoff. Election day will be July 14th.

Voters voting in the Democratic primary will decide the outcome in two statewide races.

Most notably, State Sen. Royce West, is facing decorated Air Force veteran MJ Hegar in the Democratic primary for the U.S. Senate seat. Whoever wins will go on to face U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, in the fall. The other statewide Democratic primary runoff is for a seat on the Texas Railroad Commission, a regulatory agency that oversees the oil and natural gas industry.

Early voting will take place from June 29th-July 2nd, and July 6th-July 10th. Tuesday June 30th and Tuesday July 7th hours will be from 7am-7pm. All other days are from 8am-5pm. The early voting location is 407 S. Pecan #102 Lampasas.

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