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Monday
June 22nd 2020

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The Weather



The High yesterday 94° The Low this morning 76°

A stalled front moving into West Texas is expected to serve as a catalyst for storm development through the evening and overnight hours. A few clusters may move into Central Texas. The forecasters say to look for showers and storms Tuesday night and into Wednesday where a stalled frontal boundary will be the focus for storm development. Slightly drier weather is expected next week with the first days of July being hot and muggy.

Today: Look for cloudy skies with gradual clearing to mostly sunny and a high near 93°, and a heat index near 100°. There will be a 20% chance of storms. Winds will be S near 10-15 mph gusting to 25 mph.

Tonight: Skies will have increasing cloudiness with a 40% chance of showers and storms early in the morning. Low temperature should be near 71°. Winds S-SE at 10-15 mph with possible gusts of 25 mph.

Tuesday: Mostly cloudy skies and a 50% chance of showers and storms with a high near 89°. Winds will be S near 10 mph.

Tuesday Night: The 50% chance of showers and storms will continue. Look for mostly cloudy skies overnight, with a low temperature near 69°. Winds will be E-NE becoming calm.

Wednesday: Partly Sunny with a high near 87° and a 40% chance of showers and storms. Calm wind will become a light breeze out of the east

Meetings Monday

The Lampasas County Commissioners Court held a regular meeting at 9am today in the Commissioners Courtroom. The agenda included: The consent agenda, accounts payable and payroll, public comments, Final Plat Race Riverbend Subdivision, Authorization for additional services from Architect on Jail Project/Law Enforcement Center (tabled 6-8-20) Fire Marshal's Vehicle, 2020-2021 Renewal of Employee Benefits, request for qualifications for regulatory engineering services, and of course, the Jail Project 2017.

The Lampasas City Council will meet today at 5:30pm for a workshop session. Discussed will be; draft ordinance for commercial parking in residential areas, updates relating to Business Park Phase 1 Development and Financing, updates on the Fiscal Year 20/21 budget, updates regarding COVID-19, City Response and Statistics, report from audit Committee, Operational and Facility Upgrades to Naruna Substation, and Campbell Park improvements.

Lampasas City Council regular session agenda includes; citizen comments, consent agenda, discussion/action to approve the second reading of an Ordinance to consider the SUP to allow for an Open Storage, Display or Work Area for Merchandise or Machinery at 108 S. Key, Monthly Investment Report, departmental reports, routine matters, the City Manager's Operational Report, and Mayor's comments. In new business discussion/possible action regarding the following; the first reading of an ordinance for Commercial Parking in Residential Areas, acceptance of the annual audit, the use of Joint Use Facility Fund for media replacement at Central Texas Water

supply Corp. Water Treatment Plant, approval from the City Council to allow Pyrotecnico Fireworks to conduct the Annual Firework Display on July 8th, and Campbell Park Improvements.

Water Quality Report

The City of Lampasas posted the Annual Water Quality Report for the calendar year 2019.

The City of Lampasas provides purchased surface water from Kempner and Central Texas Water Services. The surface water comes from Stillhouse Hollow Lake in Bell County.

The Report contains the amounts of different contaminants. These include Microbial contaminants, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, and livestock operations. Inorganic contaminants (salts and metals), which may come from storm water runoff, mining, farming and oil & gas production. Pesticides & herbicides, which may come from urban storm runoff and residential users. Organic chemical contaminants which may come from industrial processes, petroleum production and urban storm water runoff. Radioactive Contaminants which can be naturally occurring or the result of oil and gas production.

The city of Lampasas had no violations for the calendar year 2019. However, the city did lose 61,405,810 gallons of water during the year. Lampasas Radio reached out to Rickie Roy at the City of Lampasas about the number of gallons lost.

Mr. Roy was able to break it down for us: 43 million gallons was lost to residential/commercial meter issues. 1.2 million was lost to unauthorized users. 1.2 million was lost to leaks, and 15 million gallons was used to flush the system due to stagnant water or dead end water lines and unknown water breaks/leaks. *The flushing is required by TCEQ.*

When considering all this, you have to take into account this city pulls 1,000,000 (one million) gallons of water through the incoming meters *every day*. The city's installation of smart meters continues. They are doing 500 at a time with 2500 left to do. The meters are able to detect leaks and issues with the water lines, so are helpful to the City of Lampasas and the residents.

Mr. Roy also explained that they have plans to make a "looping system" beginning in October. This will eliminate the need for so much flushing of the lines.

The water report is available at lampasas.org.



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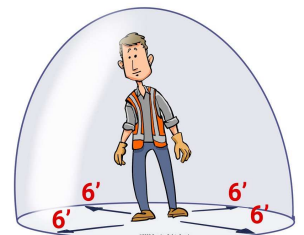


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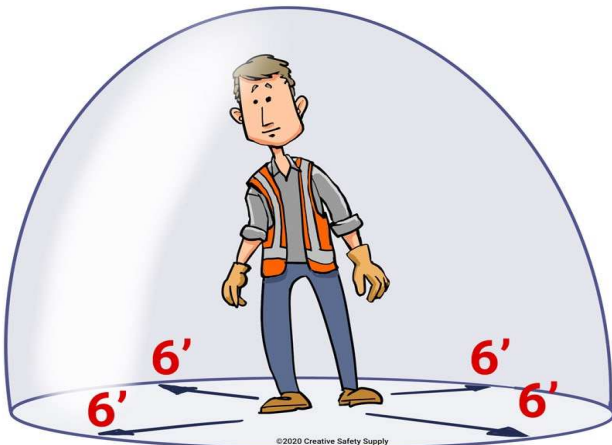


The Blotter.

Lampasas Police Dept. blotter for Saturday shows a suspicious vehicle in WM Brook park early in the morning at 12:19am, the a suspicious person was reported in the 500 block of E. 4th St. at 1:23am. Venkata Chilumuru, 33, of Austin was arrested at 3:38am in the 200 block of N. Walnut for DWI/open container and accident involving damage over \$200. The afternoon shows a harassment on Cameron Dr. at 1:42pm. The evening shows a possession of drug paraphernalia reported in the 100 block of E. 5th St. at 8:47pm, a disturbance was reported in the 1700 block of CTE at 9:23pm, and a suspicious vehicle was reported in the 300 block of E. North Ave at 10:14pm. Brandon Hinds, 22, of Lampasas was arrested at 10:31pm in the 200 block of Riverview Dr. for assault/family violence/choking. **Lampasas Police Dept. blotter for Sunday** shows suspicious vehicles; one in the 900 block of S. Spring St. at 12:43am, and one in the 200 block of N. Key at 2:13am. A minor accident occurred in the 800 block of S. Key at 2:58am. A harassment was reported in the 300 block of E. 4th St. at 6:58am. The evening shows a theft reported in the 1000 block of Campbell St. at 5:57pm, then the arrest of Jose Gonzalez, 24, of Lampasas for possession of a controlled substance PG1 less than a gram, and abandonment/ endangerment of a child at 8:26pm. A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1300 block of W. Ave C at 8:59pm. **The Sheriff's Dept. Blotter** for the weekend shows Lometa with a reported assault, and medical calls. Kempner shows a shots fired call, criminal mischief calls, medical calls, animal issues, reported disturbances, reports of suspicious activity and an accident. Out in the County there was an accident, criminal mischief calls, fish & game issues, livestock issues, reports of suspicious activity, reported disturbances, and livestock issues. Deputies went into Cove on a reported theft, a medical call, an intoxication call, and a livestock issue.

COVID-19 Update

Lampasas County Health Authority confirmed this morning 10 new cases, with 8 active, (1 hospitalized) and 12 recovered. Statewide, Texas showed 3,866 positive tests on Saturday June 20th. That is 23,747 more than a week ago. Also on June 21st, there were 3,409 Texans hospitalized with Corona virus. Governor Abbott is having a 2pm press conference today to discuss COVID-19 hospitalizations. On Sunday Texas had it's 10th consecutive day of record high hospitalizations.



Happy Birthday

Sean Nixon-13



Be Safe Drive Smart

From the Texas Department of Transportation

As COVID-19-related restrictions around the state are lifted, more travelers are expected to take to Texas roadways for summer trips. TxDOT encourages all travelers to make sure part of their trip planning includes learning and following COVID-19 safety measures as required by destinations, attractions and businesses across the state.



TxDOT offers the following tips to help motorists travel safely, stay alert and avoid drowsy driving while behind the wheel this summer. **Be safe as you travel the state's highways during the busy summer driving season.**

- Always obey posted speed limits and drive a safe speed for traffic, road and weather conditions.
 - Be extra cautious driving through road construction or maintenance work zones.
 - When approaching a stopped emergency vehicle, TxDOT vehicle, tow truck or utility vehicle with flashing blue or amber lights on the side of the road, move over a lane or reduce your speed to 20 mph below the posted speed limit.
 - Keep a safe distance behind the vehicle in front of you.
 - Drive with your lights on so you are more visible to oncoming traffic.
 - Watch for motorcyclists, bicyclists and pedestrians, as more people come out to enjoy the summer weather.
 - Pay attention, focus 100% on driving and always buckle up.
- Take precautions to prevent drowsy driving, especially when traveling long distances.**

- Never drink alcohol or take sedating medications before driving.
- Get plenty of rest before your trip.
- Schedule breaks every two hours or 100 miles. Rest for 15 to 20 minutes during each stop.
- Avoid driving between midnight and 6 a.m.
- Take advantage of the state's [Safety Rest Areas](#) and [Travel Information Centers](#). While stopped at a rest area, drivers should follow suggested CDC guidelines to protect against coronavirus, such as maintaining social distancing, wearing a mask and washing hands with soap for 20 seconds.

For long trips, travel with a companion who can help you stay alert and share the driving

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