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The Weather



High yesterday was 103° The low this morning was 76°

The heat index reached 105° yesterday at 2:55pm.

Lampasas County is under an excessive Heat Warning until 8pm tonight

Today: Sunny and hot with a high near 103°. Wind will be S-SW near 10-15 mph with possible gusts of 20 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear with a low around 74°. Wind will be S near 10-15 mph.

Thursday: Sunny with a high near 100°. S-SW wind will be 10-15 mph gusting to 20 mph.

Thursday Night: The temperature will drop to near 72° with mostly clear skies and a S-SE wind near 10-15 mph with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny with a high near 99° and S wind near 10-15 mph gusting to 20mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy skies and a low near 74° with S-SE wind near 15-20 mph gusting to 25 mph.

In Lampasas Radio Studios

Finley de Graffenried, Lampasas City Manager visited Lampasas Radio studios this morning to visit with Ronnie Witcher.

They visited about the Lampasas Central Appraisal District Budget (LCAD), which brought about concerns from Council members during Monday's City Council meeting. The budget for LCAD increased 12% this year according to the City Manager, of which 8% was due to software that was needed by LCAD and previously approved. A big concern was the increase in assessed values for this year. The City Council took no action on the LCAD budget Monday.

They also visited about the use of the Joint Use Facility account to purchase a generator for the 195 pump station south of Killeen. By using the Joint Use Facility account, the cost will not have to come out of the normal operating budget for the city. The 195 pump station feeds the Ivy Mountain water tank, which feeds Kempner

Water, which feeds the City of Lampasas. The water pressure in these communities is affected by the Ivy Mountain tank, and therefore the 195 pump station a critical piece of infrastructure for water for the City of Lampasas.

The city has been discussing the upgrades to the Hostess House with their architects and engineers and are revising the scope of the rehabilitation. They hope to bring a proposal to Council on July 10th and go out for bids after that.

Mr. de Graffenried assured the listeners that the city is ready for Spring Ho next week and for everyone to be careful in the heat!

District Court Notes

Lampasas County Courthouse was the site of a 27th District Court Docket Call on June 23rd. Presiding over the Court was 27th District Court Judge John Gauntt. Altogether 41 cases were brought to the court with 32 cases involving men and 9 cases involving women. There were 3 defendants that failed to appear: Thomas Rupert of Copperas Cove and David Clifton of Abilene failed to appear on the charge of possession of a controlled substance PG1 less than a gram. Aubrey Rodgers of Lometa failed to appear on the charge of possession of a controlled substance PG1 4-200 grams.

There were 18 cases involving possession of a controlled substance/PG1. There were 12 cases for possession less than a gram, with 4 of those being in a drug free zone. There were 3 cases for possession of 1-4 grams, and 3 cases for possession PG1 4-200 grams. There were 3 DWI cases.

There were 7 cases for burglary. There was one case each for bail jumping /FTA, tampering with evidence, evading arrest, unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon, fraud, prohibited substance in a correctional facility and hindering a secured creditor.

In crimes involving personal harm, there was 1 case for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and 1 case for intoxication assault

There was 1 case of aggravated sexual assault of a child and 3 cases for indecency with a child/sexual contact.

Of the 43 cases 7 were resolved with Miguel Zepeda pleading guilty to 4 counts of burglary and being sentenced to 2 years TDCJ for each charge, with credit for days served, and no court costs. Weldon Evridge of Kempner saw one of his charges of indecency with a child/sexual contact dismissed, and on the other charge he plead no contest and was sentenced to 3 years TDCJ with credit for days served (1291 days). Crystal Hightower, on the charge of possession of a controlled substance PG1 less than a gram in a drug free zone saw her probation extended with the treatment as a condition.

All other cases were reset or were set for jury trials.

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The Blotter



Lampasas Police Dept. blotter shows for Tuesday shows a suspicious act reported in the 100 block of W. 1st St. at 1:50am and a minor accident in the 100 block of E. 9th St. at 11:56am. The afternoon shows a minor accident in the 2300 block of 281S at 3pm and a disturbance in the 20 block of Riverview Dr. at 6:04pm. At 6:53pm Keith West, 61, of Lampasas was arrested in the 500 block of S. Hackberry St. on a Lampasas PD warrant (theft of property \$100-\$750, a Lampasas County warrant (failure to appear/possession of a controlled substance PG1 less than a gram), evading arrest and possession of drug paraphernalia. There was a reported harassment in the 1300 block of CTE at 11:45pm and Harold Hall, 75, of Lampasas was arrested for public intoxication in the 100 block of EE Ohnmeiss Dr.

Lampasas Sheriff's Dept. blotter shows Lometa with a shots fired call and a reported theft. In Kempner there were animal issues, a car was impounded, medical calls, there was a reported trespassing and a reported assault. Out in the county there was a reported trespassing, civil matters and a warrant was served. Deputies went into Cove on a requested welfare check and livestock issues.

The Jail Log shows the arrest of 29 year old Betty Sue Jolly of San Saba on a bench warrant. Also arrested was Richard Schlegel, 37, of San Saba on 3 out-of-county charges and 43 year old Joshua Tryon of Lampasas for evading arrest, criminal mischief \$2500-\$30,000 and forgery.

Kempner City Council

The City of Kempner held a scheduled City Council meeting yesterday at 6pm.

Following the call to order it was presented that the mayor would not be in attendance. The fire chief's report was presented along with the request to put a sign by the city hall for advertisement and helping inform the public on matters referring to the department and city. No motion was taken, and the council put the topic on the agenda for the next meeting. Action on the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee was also postponed.



Solomon Storm, a junior at Lampasas High School and an Eagle Scout presented the request for the construction and installation of a flag drop box on city owned property to serve as a place to put

unserviceable and worn United States and Texas Flags to ensure retirement. The presenter offered the idea to put the drop box at the Sylvia Tucker Memorial Park. A council member stated, "there would be easy access to it, it's out of the way, and it fits with the memorial and theme." The board voted unanimously to approve the location and idea of the project, and followed with the discussion to find what they can do to assist financially. The Fire Department offered to help oversee and assist in the project along with helping donate money for the cause.

The Lampasas County Central Appraisal District's proposed FY 2023-2024 budget was brought to discussion. There was a citizen comment that their appraisal went up 370%. Prior to adjourning the meeting at 6:40pm there was a unanimous vote against the budget.

LCRA Grants

The Lower Colorado River Authority

(LCRA) is offering grants of up to \$50,000 to support first responders and improve local community centers, museums, parks and more.



LCRA awards Community Development Partnership Program (CDPP) grants for community projects twice a year to nonprofit organizations. The grants are not available to individuals, for-profit entities, professional associations, social service projects or limited-use facilities.

Applications for the next round of grants will be available online at lcra.org/cdpp in July and must be submitted by midnight July 31. Most grants are for \$25,000 or less, but several grants of up to \$50,000 are awarded every grant cycle.

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Funeral Notice

Beatrice M. Garza, 102, passed away on Monday in Lampasas. Services will be held at Sneed-Carnley Funeral Chapel on Saturday at 1pm with a visitation an hour prior. Interment will follow at Oak Hill Cemetery

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