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Tuesday
July 21st 2020

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The Weather

The High yesterday 96° The Low this morning 73°
The heat index yesterday reached 98°

The forecasters say to expect humid weather through early next week with scattered showers and storms, thanks to a tropical wave moving inland. The higher humidity means the afternoon heat indices will be near 100°.

Today: Mostly cloudy skies with a high temperature near 93°. Winds will be E at 5-10 mph. There is a 40% chance of showers this afternoon.

Tonight: A 30% chance of showers and storms in the overnight. Otherwise, mostly cloudy with a low near 75°. Wind will be E-SE at 5- 10 mph.

Wednesday: A 30% chance of precipitation in the afternoon. Skies will be cloudy with gradual clearing and a high near 94°.The wind will be SE at 5-10 mph.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy with a low near 74°. Winds will be SE at 5-10 mph becoming calm.

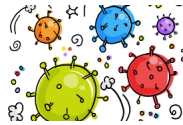
Thursday: Mostly sunny with a high near 95° and a E-SE wind at 5-10 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy with a low near 75°. Winds will be from the E-SE at 5-10 mph.

Covid-19 Update

There were 7,404 new cases of COVID 19 reported on July 20. There are 10,569 Texans in the hospital for the coronavirus as of July 20. They occupy 19.3% of hospital beds

Locally, Dr. Georgia Hay reported to Lampasas Radio that Lampasas County has a total of 116 patients, 47 are active and 4 are still in the hospital. No Lampasas County patients are on ventilators at this time.



Lampasas ISD Update



Dr. Chane Rascoe, Superintendent of Lampasas ISD visited the Lampasas Radio Studios this morning

to talk about the upcoming school year.

The on-air interview was fast-paced and covered a lot of information.

The health/mitigation plan must be released one week before school begins, and the plan is to update this throughout the year. The plan is available for viewing on the LISD website under Health & Safety plans.

Students 5th grade and up will be required to wear masks. There are, of course, exceptions. Parents should contact Mrs. Donna Clark for more information. Disposable masks will also be available for students. The district is working on a plan to give kids breaks from masks.

Parent Access will open tomorrow. When you enter your child, it allows the students to be placed on a schedule. Dr. Rascoe stresses *teachers will NEED good contact information on every parent! Update update update!*

There will be no traditional meet the teacher events. Dr. Rascoe stated that the parents of Pre-K & kindergarten students need to check the website for how to deliver your student the 1st day of school.

Students who attend school can move to remote learning at any time. However, remote learners can only return to school at the end of a grading period.

Also tomorrow is new student registration at the High School. Social distancing will be followed and masks required. The required documents are listed on the LISD website.

For available extra-curricular activities all students can participate, even those that are remote learning.

In the asynchronous program the child will have to be engaged in a format to communicate with the teachers almost every day. However, TEA is continually updating and one of the issues they are revisiting is that the attendance requirements for asynchronous learning may be updated. The lesson plans for the teachers will be the school's website, and packet distribution may be from the website as well.

Dr. Rascoe shared that Dr. Bott and the curriculum team are making plans to bring students up to speed after the abbreviated school year last year. He did say that the STAAR testing requirements may be waived. This is up to the TEA.

Dr. Rascoe said "We have got to get the kids back to school" and encourages parents to visit the LISD website to view the mitigation plans. Another consideration is if you lack internet access or the ability to teach your kids at home, send them to school. The TEA website also updates their guidelines regularly, and parents can check there. (There was a link sent in an email to parents). For students who are remote learning, the district does not have the capability to send out "hotspots" to student's homes. There are WiFi hotspots at each campus in the parking areas. Students 5th grade and up will receive chromebooks. (cont'd on back)

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The Blotter.

Lampasas Police Dept. blotter for Monday shows an early morning reported harassment in the 1300 block of CTE at 1:16am. A suspicious person was reported in the 900 block of E. 4th St. at 3:37am. A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1300 block of CTE at 9:29am, then a reported fraud in the 300 block of Sunrise Hills at 10:06am. The afternoon shows a minor accident in the 200 block of Naruna Rd. at 1:19pm. The evening shows a disturbance in the 100 block of W. 2nd St. at 11:35pm

The Sheriff's Dept. Blotter for Monday shows Lometa with a reported disturbance, a reported harassment and an accident. Kempner shows an alarm call, a reported fraud, an assault, a reported criminal mischief and an accident.

Out in the county there was a mental health call, a reported harassment, medical calls, livestock/animal issues, a report of suspicious activity and an accident.

Deputies went into Cove on a burglary in progress, a reported theft, a welfare check, medical calls, livestock issue and reports of suspicious activity.

The Jail Log shows the arrest of 30 year old Nathaniel Wilson of Kempner on charges of Deadly Conduct and aggravated assault with a motor vehicle/ household member.

A countywide burn ban is in effect. No Burning!!

For teachers, including substitute teachers, everyone on campus will be screened. Dr. Rascoe stated that teachers will receive 10 days to 2 weeks "Covid leave" on top of other paid sick days. Younger children will be "grouped" and not rotate classes. The district is working on other plans for the High School cafeteria situation, as well as cafeteria plans for all grades. There has been no final approval for the drive thru lunches for remote learners.

For special education students, the students will only go to the special education department, and personalized plans for each student should be in place.

It was understood that if a teacher wears a mask in the classroom, and tests positive, due to the mask being in place, the kids will not have to quarantine. It will not be considered direct exposure.

At this time, it looks like Varsity football season tickets will not be sold this year. The decision will be made week-to-week as to how many spectators can be in the stands. Lampasas Radio is working with LISD to live stream the games. We will keep you updated. However, pertaining to football, no official announcement has been made yet.

Dr. Rascoe also mentioned that LISD needs custodians and substitutes.

This is a constantly changing situation. TEA is continually updating as well as local health authorities. The leadership at each campus will give directives.

And, as always, pray for our town and our school district.



District Court Notes

Lampasas County Courthouse was the site of a 27th District Court Docket Call on July 17th. Presiding over the Court was 27th District Court Judge John Gauntt.



Altogether 54 cases were brought to the court, 36 of them involved men and 18 involved women.

There were 8 defendants who failed to appear and warrants were issued. For cases involving possession of a controlled substance PG1 less than a gram, Aairon Mathews of Temple, and Mikael Sanchez of Harker Heights failed to appear. For possession of a controlled substance PG1 less than a gram in a drug free zone, Crystal Hightower of Lampasas failed to appear. On the charge of possession of a controlled substance 1-4 grams, James Smith and Shawn Wood both from Lampasas failed to appear. Allison Haley failed to appear on the charge of possession of a controlled substance PG1 4-200 grams. For possession of a controlled substance PG2 4-400 grams, Landon Bankston of Early was FTA. For the charge of DWI 3rd or more, Judd Harpool failed to appear.

There were 24 cases involving possession of a controlled substance PG1, 15 for under 1 gram, 5 cases for possession 1-4 grams, 3 cases for possession of 4-200 grams, with one of those for manufacture/delivery. There was one case for possession in a drug free zone. There were 2 cases for possession/controlled substance/PG2, one for 1-4 grams and one for 4-400 grams. There were 4 DWI cases.

Felony cases for theft or burglary numbered 3 There were 3 cases of debit/credit card abuse. There was 1 case with the charge not published.

There were 2 cases for evading arrest/detention with a motor vehicle, and one case for criminal mischief.

Crimes causing personal harm included 1 for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, on for injury to a child/elderly/disabled, and 2 cases for murder.

There was one case for sexual assault, and 3 for indecency with a child by sexual contact. There was also a case for intimate visual recording.

Of the 54 cases presented to the court, 5 cases were settled with Jimmy Madrigal of Colorado City pleading guilty to DWI 3rd or more and sentenced to 15 years in TDCJ. For two charges of possession of a controlled substance PG1, less than a gram, Jackie Knowles of Lampasas was sentenced to 10 years probation with SAFPF. On the same charge, Orlando Foix of Lampasas was sentenced to 5 years TDCJ with the sentence probated.

Hailey Evans plead guilty to possession of a controlled substance PG1 1-4 grams, and was sentenced to 3 years probation plus costs with the requirement that she obtain a GED within 2 years.

The remainder of the cases were reset or had trials set for a future date.

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