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News at 7:10am & 12, 6pm & 10pm

The Weather



High yesterday was 104° The low this morning was 78°

Lampasas County is under an excessive heat warning until tonight at 8pm

Today: Sunny and hot with a high near 104°. Wind will be S-SE near 5-10 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear with a low around 76°. Wind will be S near 10-15 mph gusting to 20 mph.

Thursday: Sunny skies with a high near 103°. S-SW wind will be near 10 mph.

Thursday Night: The temperature will drop to near 78° with mostly clear skies and a S-SE wind near 10-15 mph with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Friday: Look for sunny skies with a high near 104° and S-SW wind near 10 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly clear skies and a low near 79° with S wind near 10-20 mph gusting as high as 30 mph.

In Lampasas Radio Studios

This morning Lampasas City Manager Finley de Graffenried was in Lampasas Radio studios to visit with Ronnie Witcher.

The discussed the few tense days during the water leak last week. Mr. de Graffenried wanted to share with the community that he was impressed with their efforts and how everyone cut back water usage when it was necessary and that it was a credit to the whole community.

As for what caused the leak, the city manager shared that it was only speculation, but they suspect the ground shifted. The pipe that had the leak was concrete inside and outside and in the middle was fortified with steel and thick strands of wire. Compounding the issue was the depth of the pipe at 17-18 feet deep.

The partnership for the water for the City of Lampasas has 3 entities involved. The Central Texas Water Supply Corporation draws the water from Stillhouse Hollow and delivers it to the 195 pump station south of Killeen. It is then delivered to Lampasas through Kempner Water Supply (KWSC) transmission lines. Mr. de Graffenried wanted to give credit to KWSC employees Brandon Nault and Bruce Sorenson that were present for the duration of the repairs. The City Manager also wanted residents to be aware that there are only a few contractors in the state that can repair a pipe of this nature and KWSC was able to have them on standby as soon as the leak was discovered and also that heavy equipment operators had to be brought in to excavate the site.

KWSC is working on a project to interconnect to the Bell County WCID infrastructure at Stillhouse Hollow the week of August 14th. The City of Lampasas will revert to stage 5 water restrictions at that time for several days.

Red Flag Warning

The National Weather Service has issued a Red Flag Warning for Lampasas County beginning at 1pm today and continuing through 1am tomorrow morning.

Lampasas County is expected to experience extreme fire danger this afternoon with temperatures expected to reach 103-110 degrees, south winds up to 20 mph and a relative humidity of 18-22%. Rapid ignition and spread of wildfires is possible due to persistent hot and dry conditions. No outdoor burning of any kind is permitted during a red flag warning.

Yesterday was the 33rd day of 2023 with temperatures in the triple digits. 2022 Saw 37 days total in the triple digits. (As a note Stillhouse Hollow Lake is at 606.02 feet elevation this morning).



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The Blotter



Lampasas Police Dept. blotter for Tuesday shows a reported fraud in the 1000 block of Cloud St. at 9:03am. At 10:27am Nathan Butera, 36, of Lampasas was arrested in the 700 block of W. Ave C on 4 Lampasas PD warrants (burglary of a habitation x2, evading arrest and harassment of a public servant). The afternoon shows a reported harassment in the 700 block of S. Main St. at 1:19pm. Addison Beed, 17, of Lampasas was arrested on Snell Dr. for assault causing bodily injury of a family member at 3:37pm. There was a minor accident in the 700 block of S. Key at 5:42pm. A 40 year old Lampasas woman was arrested in the 900 block of E. Ave G at 9:55pm on a Lampasas Municipal Court warrant for driving with an invalid license. There was a reported prowler in the 100 block of W. 1st St. at 11:43pm.

Lampasas Sheriff's Dept. blotter for Tuesday shows Lometa with a report of a burglary in progress, a medical call and civil matters. In Kempner there was a utility problem, animal/livestock issues and medical calls. Out in the county there were livestock/animal issues and a reported disturbance. Deputies went into Cove for animal/livestock issues and reports of suspicious activity.

The Jail Log shows the arrest of 55 year old Troy Tomlin of Lometa on an out-of-county charge.

A Red Flag Warning is in effect! No outdoor burning!

Boil Water Notice Lifted for KWSC

The Boil-Water notice for Kempner Water customers has been rescinded. KWSC has provided TCEQ with laboratory test results that indicate that the water no longer requires boiling prior to use as of August 2nd.

Water Issues in Texas

Jonathan Seefeldt Ph.D., Senior Communications Manager/Climate Resilient Water Systems, of the Environmental Defense Fund in Austin shares some interesting information, and tells us that this week, "The long-running Texas drought has taken a turn for the worse with many rivers and iconic springs approaching or at zero flow. While extreme heat is rightfully grabbing headlines, the loss of surface water is tied to a broader problem that unfortunately is not receiving adequate attention: drastic aquifer decline.

Sprawling development and uncapped pumping during a prolonged drought mean critical aquifers across the state are approaching record low levels. This long-building crisis is finally becoming visible to many Texans this week as even the most protected and iconic water spots — such as Barton Springs in downtown Austin — have declined into an exceptional drought stage.

Judging by social media chatter, these visible declines have Texans worried this week. It's an opportune moment to cover the bigger story on groundwater decline and mismanagement in Texas. Groundwater Conservation Districts now face tough choices about capping groundwater production and allocating resources to alternative supply development. Despite

Happy Birthday



Jim Akana 81 years
Heather Harton



allocating \$1 billion to water infrastructure this spring, the Texas Legislature largely ignored the state of our most critical piece of water infrastructure — aquifers.

Some numbers help illustrate the growing scale of the crisis:

*Texas is losing groundwater at nearly twice the maximum sustained rate — and according to plans already pending with local management agencies, that rate is likely to increase in coming years unless officials change course.

*Groundwater is being pumped out of the Ogallala Aquifer — the primary source of water for Texans in the High Plains and Panhandle regions — 6.5 times faster than its sustainable rate.

*For the first time in its 36-year history, the Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District is on track to enter a Stage IV Exceptional Drought status

*Water levels in the Trinity Aquifer continue to plunge. The flow gauge at Jacob's Well spring has reported zero flow since late June while the Blanco River at Wimberley is reporting record low flows.

*In many cases, groundwater conservation districts have adopted plans and goals that will accelerate these depletion trends — in some districts, officials have set long-term management goals that will lead to unsustainable pumping."

For more information go to edf.org

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