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The Weather

Yesterday's high 75° This morning's low 64°



Today: Showers and storms possible until early afternoon, and the winds will be N at 15-20 mph gusting to 25 mph. The temperature will fall to near 52° by 5pm.

Tonight: Look for partly cloudy skies with a low near 33°. Wind will be N near 15 mph gusting to 25 mph.

Sunday: Partly sunny and up to 49°. Winds will be N at 5-10 mph.

Sunday Night: Overnight it gets down to 34° with mostly cloudy skies, and wind becoming calm.

Monday: Look for a slight chance of showers early in the morning, then sunny with a high temperature near 58°. The wind will be from S at 5 mph.

Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 34°. Wind will become calm.

Rural Hospitals to Receive Grants

Governor Greg Abbott today announced the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) is providing \$128 million in federal American Rescue Plan Act funding to rural hospitals and nursing facilities to support health care providers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"This funding will provide vital support to rural hospitals, nursing facilities, and other health care providers across the state who continue working tirelessly to combat COVID-19," said Governor Abbott. "We are grateful for the continued efforts of our health care professionals who compassionately serve their fellow Texans."

HHSC is distributing approximately \$90 million to Texas nursing facilities with an active license as of November 8, 2021 under the Nursing Facility COVID-19 in Healthcare Relief Grant (NF-CHRG) program. Each eligible facility will receive

\$75,000. The grant can be used for critical staffing needs, such as for bonuses and employing contracted staff.

The agency is also distributing approximately \$38 million or \$250,000 to each eligible rural hospital under the Rural Hospital COVID-19 in Healthcare Relief Grant (RH-CHRG) program. The funds are discretionary and can be used by rural hospitals to support staffing, infrastructure, or revenue losses related to the pandemic.

HHSC will administer grant agreements to the legally authorized representatives of the approximately 1,200 eligible nursing facilities and approximately 150 eligible rural hospitals in January 2022, and they will have 15 business days to sign the agreement. Six months after the award, grantees must submit documentation to HHSC regarding how they used the funds.

Funds for the grant programs were authorized as part of Senate Bill 8, 87th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, 2021. The money comes from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund (42 U.S.C. Section 802) established under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. No. A117-2).

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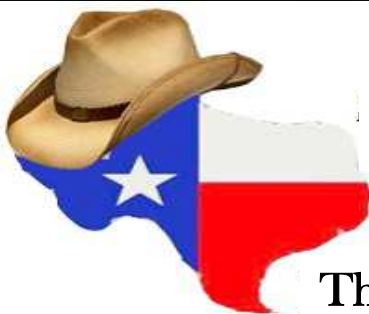


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The Blotter



Lampasas Police Dept. blotter for Friday shows an early morning report of a prowler in the 100 block of Sunflower Dr. at 12:30am. There was a criminal trespass reported in the 1300 block of E. Ave I at 10:23am, and a harassment was reported in the 500 block of N. Spring St. at 10:54am. The afternoon shows a shots fired call in the 1100 block of W. 3rd St. at 12:14pm, and there was a reported fraud in the 600 block of E. Ave J at 2:01pm. There was a minor accident at 4:26pm in the 700 block of E. 3rd St., and a reported fraud at 4:27pm in the 300 block of E. 4th St. suspicious activity was reported in the 600 block of N. Key at 5:12pm, and then another minor accident in the 1700 block of CTE at 5:15pm. There was a reported theft in the 1500 block of S. Key Ave. at 5:50pm and a suspicious vehicle was reported in the 2300 block of 580W at 11:27pm.

The Lampasas County Sheriff's Dept. Blotter for Friday shows Lometa with a civil matter, an alarm call and a requested welfare check. In Kempner, officers dealt with a reported assault, medical issues, reports of suspicious activity, a requested welfare check, animal issues and a warrant was served. Out in the county there were livestock/animal issues, civil matters, a reported trespassing, a reported harassment, a reported kidnapping, a reported disturbance and a medical call. Deputies went into Cove on a reported disturbance, civil matters, a juvenile problem, and reports of suspicious activity.

The Jail Log shows the arrest of 27 year old Frankie Boyer of Copperas Cove for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. Also arrested was 23 year old Isaac Helzer of Kempner for burglary of a building, burglary of a habitation, and engaging in organized criminal activity. 41 year old Saul Rodriguez of Killeen was arrested on probation violations.

Red Flag Warning through Sunday. No Burning!

Coronavirus Update

Statewide, on December 17th, there were 5,011 new and 980 probable cases, along with 3,064 in the hospital. There were 98 deaths from Covid reported as well. Locally, in the last 14 days, Lampasas has seen 30 confirmed cases according to the DSHS website, with 0 being confirmed Thursday. The state estimate is 49 active cases in Lampasas County.

Virtual Kidnappings

Do not fall victim to a Virtual Kidnapping Extortion Scam—we recently assisted with a similar type of scam in Lampasas. EL PASO, TX—The Federal Bureau of Investigation El Paso



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Division wants to warn the public about “virtual kidnapping” extortion calls in West Texas communities. Law enforcement agencies have been warning the public of virtual kidnapping schemes for some time. Virtual kidnappings happen when a victim is told, over the phone, that his or her family member has been kidnapped. Then, through deception and threats, criminals coerce victims to pay a ransom. The criminals also threaten harm to the party(s) if they call law enforcement or alert authorities. No one is physically kidnapped in these schemes, but they are often traumatic for everyone involved. On average, the family sends thousands of dollars to the scammers before contacting law enforcement.

Here are some tips:

Calls are usually made from an outside area code

May involve multiple phone calls

Calls do not come from the kidnapped victim's phone

Callers go to great lengths to keep you on the phone

Callers prevent you from calling or locating the

“kidnapped” victim

Ransom money is only accepted via wire transfer service

If you receive a phone call from someone who demands payment of a ransom for a kidnapped victim, the following should be considered:

Stay Calm.

Try to slow the situation down.

Avoid sharing information about you or your family during the call.

Attempt to text or contact the victim via social media.

Attempt to physically locate the victim.

If you have any question about whether the call is an extortion scheme or a legitimate kidnapping, contact your nearest FBI office or call 911 immediately.

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