



Safety Day group leaders

These FFA members assisted as group leaders for Lampasas County Extension Agent Jason Byrd with a Safety Awareness Day held recently at Hanna Springs Intermediate School, sponsored by Texas Agri-Life Extension Service. Speakers educated students on a variety of topics including snake safety, gun safety, chemical safety, drug and alcohol awareness, animal safety and seatbelt safety. FFA members include, front row, Brandy Brooks, Jordan Langford, Madison Langford, Jeyde Kelly and Kelsie Ray; back row, Cory Carpenter, James Lansford, Kooper Liverman, Kirby Kennedy and Blaire Stoneham. Not pictured: Reese Vann and Sara Jackson.

LPD, TxDOT stepping up safety belt enforcement

With Memorial Day weekend and the summer driving season on the horizon, it's more important than ever for Texans to keep themselves and each other safe on the road.

That's why Lampasas Police Department is joining forces with the Texas Department of Transportation and law enforcement agencies across Texas to ticket drivers and passengers who aren't wearing their safety belts during this year's Click It or Ticket campaign.

"Many people don't realize they can actually be pulled over and fined for not obeying safety belt laws," said LPD Sgt. Chuck Montgomery. "We hope the potential consequence of being ticketed will remind people to buckle up and to make buckling up a habit."

For the past seven years, TxDOT has worked with local law enforcement agencies to convince more

Texans to take their safety into their own hands by buckling up. This year, TxDOT continues the effort, but with special emphasis on 16- to 20-year-olds who are less likely than the general population to wear safety belts regularly, said Montgomery.

Young people across the state are taking part in special school-based events to raise safety belt awareness.

"Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death among teenagers," said the police sergeant. "Fewer than 50 percent of children under 18 buckle up or they buckle up improperly."

In 2008, a study by the Texas Transportation Institute revealed that just over 91 percent of Texans were buckling up. This year, TxDOT hopes to increase safety belt compliance higher than 93 percent.

A properly fastened safety belt is the best way to avoid death or serious injury in a vehicle crash. Lap belts should fit snugly across the hips, not over the stomach. Shoulder belts should go over the shoulder and across the center of the chest.

Drivers and passengers can be ticketed, and fines range from \$25 to \$200 plus court costs. Children younger than 17 must wear a safety belt or ride in a child safety seat, whether they are in the front or back seat. Children under 5 and less than 36 inches tall must ride in a child safety seat.

Lampasas Police Department and TxDOT remind motorists to buckle up properly every time one gets into a vehicle.

For Click It or Ticket campaign details, visit www.texasclickitorticket.com.

27th District Court

In recent action in Judge Joe Carroll's 27th District courtroom, James Kelly Loiseau, 25, of Copperas Cove was sentenced to three years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Institutional Division for possession of a controlled substance.

Robert Eric Younggreen, 25, had his adjudication probation revoked, and he was placed on four years' probation and given a \$1,000 fine. He is charged with possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine.

Jonathan Hurt of Ballinger received five years' deferred adjudication probation and a \$1,000 fine for forgery.

Rafael Gonzales, 40, received nine months in state jail with credit for one day in the Lampasas County Jail on a charge of possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver.

A 90-day Lampasas County Jail sentence was given to Francisco Jesus Martinez, 21, of Lampasas for criminal non-support. He was credited with 90 days served in jail.

A charge of deadly conduct against Christopher Ronald Bagley, 20, of Robinson Plaza was reduced to a Class A misdemeanor. He was fined \$500 and must pay court costs.

Pretrial hearings are set May 22 for Antonio Padilla, 32, of Springlake for possession of a controlled substance over four grams and under 200 grams, and for Jason Randle Harris, 23, of Lampasas for criminal mischief over \$1,500 and under \$20,000.

May 29 pretrial hearings are slated for Johnny Lee Fletcher, 27, of Lometa for burglary of a building; Florentino Flores, 44, of Dallas for engaging in organized criminal activity; Edd E. Lefevre, 52, for driving while intoxicated third or more; and Robert Allen Rossiter, 50, of Copperas Cove for failure to register as a sex offender.

On a charge of burglary of a habitation, Joshua Ray Tibbits is expected to enter a plea May 29.

A June 5 pretrial is set for Juan Antonio Villegas-Soto, 20, of Lampasas for engaging in organized criminal activity-conspiracy.

Jury trials are on the July 27 docket for Richard Dean Kercheff, 51, for theft of wire cable; William Drew Landers, 18, for robbery; Christopher Brian Herbold, 25, of Seguin for three counts of burglary of a building; and Benjamin Guevera Ramirez, 26, of Lampasas for sexual assault of a child.

On a charge of criminal solicitation, Elizabeth Sanchez Barton, 77, of Lampasas is set for a Sept. 11 revocation hearing.

Daniel Anthony Aguirre, 38, of Lampasas is set to enter a plea on Oct. 9 for driving while intoxicated and felony repetition, and bail jumping.

A motion to revoke probation against Nicholas Darrell Harvin, 28, was dismissed. He is charged with possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine.

Thank You

On behalf of the ZuElla Clark family, we would like to express our gratitude for all the kindness extended to Mom during her care and illness and to this family since her passing.

Special thanks are extended to the Lampasas Nursing and Rehabilitation Center staff, Dr. Robin Cain and the nursing staff at Rollins Brook Hospital, the Community Church family, the First Street Church of Christ family, the Florence Church of Christ family and to each of you who have offered prayers, made phone calls, given many food offerings, memorials, cards and have given your support in so many ways during these last weeks.

To Mark Sneed and his very capable staff, your kindness and support was above and beyond any expectations.

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