

Sheriff's Report

by Lee County Sheriff Rodney Meyer



October 19, 2009

A caller reported a cow out on FM 696 West near Sherrill Lane. Deputy Easley was dispatched and ran the cow back into a pasture.

Deputy York served three civil papers in Lee County.

October 20, 2009

Deputy Carvin and Deputy Easley were dispatched to a burglary in progress on Clark Lane. Deputies reported the call as unfounded.

A resident on CR 133 called and reported that her son was at her house and she wanted him to leave because he was intoxicated. Deputy Aderhold was dispatched.

Deputy Durrenberger was dispatched to FM 696 @ CR 401 to remove cows from the roadway.

A caller requested a welfare concern on a female and her juvenile sister. The caller reported that the juvenile female was left alone with three males. Deputy Aderhold and Deputy Carvin checked by the residence and both subjects were there and everything was okay.

October 21, 2009

Deputy Crockett was dispatched to a panic alarm at a residence. Upon arrival the deputy spoke to the home owner who advised that everything was okay, she just pressed the wrong button on her alarm system.

Several motorists reported a bull out on FM 141 @ CR 119. Deputy Lapham and Deputy Ray were dispatched.

Chief Deputy Kothmann was dispatched to a residence on Hwy 77 for a civil standby. A caller advised that he was picking up his daughter to take her to a doctor's appointment and his wife would not let her go.

A caller reported that someone just tried to break into her horse trailer. Deputy Lapham and Deputy Ray were dispatched. A vehicle description was obtained and investigation continues.

Deputy Easley was dispatched to a disturbance at a residence in Paige after a caller reported that her juvenile son was out of control. He had assaulted her and her husband.

October 22, 2009

A motorist reported that a vehicle hit a deer on Hwy 21 near the Walch Store. Deputy Crockett was dispatched to stand by until a trooper arrived from Austin.

Judge Fischer requested assistance on the 2nd floor of the courthouse. He advised that he was having a civil trial and the two people involved were very mad at each other. Deputy Crockett responded.

Deputy Lapham and Deputy Ray were dispatched to CR 326 near the West Yegua Bridge to put up cattle.

While on routine patrol Deputy Lapham advised dispatch that

water was covering the road on CR 326 approx. 1 1/2 miles south of CR 327. Commissioner Kovar was notified.

Deputy Durrenberger was dispatched to a burglary of residence on Meadow Run. A report was taken and investigation continues on this case.

A motorist reported cows out on CR 216. Deputy Lapham was dispatched.

October 23, 2009

A caller from Lexington spoke to Deputy Carvin regarding her neighbor's dog. It has killed two of her animals. Deputy Carvin attempted to make contact with the dog's owner but no one was home.

Deputy Robertson and Deputy Crockett assisted with a funeral escort from Phillips & Luckey to Germania Cemetery on FM 1624.

Deputy Robertson and Deputy Crockett assisted with another funeral from the 1st United Methodist Church to the Giddings City Cemetery.

A motorist reported cows out on Hwy 290 East approx. 4.5 miles out on the north side of the roadway. Deputy York responded and put the cows up and notified the owner.

A resident on CR 424 near the Burleson County line reported a suspicious vehicle that was pulled off the roadway near her residence. Deputy Crockett checked out the vehicle and advised that it is secure and off the roadway.

October 24, 2009

The Sheriff's Office received a call from a concerned citizen regarding a horse that appeared to be in very poor condition on Hwy 77 North. Deputy York checked on the horse and spoke to the owner who advised the horse was under a doctor's care.

Deputy Aderhold spoke to a complainant regarding a subject who took her purse. A report was taken and charges are pending.

Deputy Carvin assisted with traffic control at the scene of an accident in Dime Box. The driver was transported to a hospital by B&M ambulance.

Jail Report

Jail Count as of 10/25/09: 50 Males:45 Females: 5

This Sunday is the end of Day Light Savings time; set your clock back one hour when going to bed Saturday night. Let's have a safe and Happy Halloween Saturday night. Parents should think safety first when taking their children out to trick or treat. Parents may consider adding reflective tape or striping to costumes and trick or treat bags for greater visibility.

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Dear Editor

Dear Editor,

In an effort to help keep post-menopausal women from experiencing excruciating pain for months, like I recently did, I wanted to share a short story. Last June, I began experiencing a burning sensation in my mouth, like I had eaten a jalapeño. I went to my doctor to see if he could diagnose and fix my problem, to no avail. As weeks became months, living with this pain in my mouth, I went to several doctors and specialists, both in Texas and in Georgia, and no one could tell me why my mouth was burning so painfully.

Finally, after getting an appointment with yet another specialist, I learned what my problem was! This doctor, noticing I was stressed out, patted me on the shoulder and said, "You're not crazy. You have Burning Mouth Syndrome!"

I learned that Burning Mouth Syndrome is very uncommon, affecting women more frequently than it does men, when you're an older adult, usually over 50. Once it is diagnosed, treatment usually helps stop the pain that, in my case, made me feel like my tongue and mouth, and sometimes down my throat, were on fire.

It took so long for someone to diagnose my problem, I just wanted to share this with other people so if they experience something like this, they will be better prepared to help their doctor find a solution sooner rather than later.

Virginia Causey, Lexington

Dear Editor,

I read in the Leader that the Tea party was coming to the square at Lexington. They want to look like "grassroots" support but they are selling the same "snake oil" the HL Hunt, John Birch Society, and Heritage Foundation were selling in the late 50's. Their big victory came with the election of Reagan that brought tax cuts, deregulation and the destruction of unions. Who can be against freedom and the flag? Who can be against wasteful government spending and deficits?

Why didn't they complain when Reagan/Bush increased the debt 4 times? Or when W doubled it in 8 years?

Since 1980 90% of the people are no better off. However, the income of the top one percent increased from 3 million to 1,100 million. In 1982 it took only 3 million to get on the Forbes list of the wealthy. In 2007 it took an increase of 18 times that in 1982. It has been "trickle up" economics but the result is that all the increase in wealth has gone to the top. Their taxes have decreased to only 15% because their income is from dividends and capital gains.

This group has drifted so far to the right that Nixon would be considered a socialist. In my opinion they are concerned only with 'me'. Their goal is to undo all that FDR did and to repeal the income tax. I believe in "We the people" and that I am my brother's keeper.

Clifton Seifert, Lexington.

Community Calendar

Wednesday, October 28

Crafts, sewing, etc. @ Holy Family Catholic Church-9 a.m.
Story Time @ Giddings Public Library - 10:30 - 11 a.m.
American Legion Coffee - 9 a.m.

Thursday, October 29

Lexington Log Cabins - 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Masonic Lodge Coffee & Breakfast - 8 a.m. - 10 a.m.
Giddings Rotary Club - noon
AA Big Book Study @ First Christian Church - 7 p.m.
Kountry Squares @ VFW Hall, Thorndale- 7:30 p.m.

Friday, October 30

Lexington Log Cabins - 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
American Legion Coffee - 9 a.m.
LHS Football vs. Jarrell - HOMECOMING - 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 31

Lexington Log Cabins - 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Lexington Livestock Commission Sale - Noon
Halloween - Trick or Treats on Hale St.

Sunday, November 1

Daylight Savings Time ends
UMC Enchilada Lunch @ Lex. United Meth. Church - 11 a.m.

Monday, November 2

American Legion Coffee - 9 a.m.
Quilting Angels
Alcoholics & Narcotics Anon. @ 1st Christian Church - 7 p.m.

Tuesday, November 3 VOTE TODAY - 7 am - 7 pm

Lexington Rotary Club @ Woodson Building - noon
Lexington VFD - 7 p.m.
Clear Day Cancer Support Group @ LUMC, Rm1. - 7 pm
Senior Citizens on the Square - 7 p.m.

Wednesday, November 4

Crafts, sewing, etc. @ Holy Family Catholic Church-9 a.m.
Story Time @ Giddings Public Library - 10:30 - 11 a.m.
American Legion Coffee - 9 a.m.

From the

Mayor's Desk

by

Robert Willrich, Sr.



On Wednesday, October 21, 2009, the Lexington City Council met in special session.

Present were Mayor Willrich, City Attorney, Mark Luedeker, Councilpersons Tony Tavary, Tim Brown, Lori Barnikow and William Langehennig. Councilperson Greg Langehennig was absent.

Following the call to order, the Council convened into executive session in accordance with the Texas Government Code Chapter 551.074 to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee; or to hear a complaint or charges against an officer or employee. (Police Chief)

The Council reconvened into public session in order to address the matter. Tim Brown made the motion to take no action. Lori Barnikow seconded the motion. Vote 4 for.

On a motion by Tim Brown, seconded by Tony Tavary, the meeting was adjourned.

Saturday is Halloween. Hale Street will be blocked off from 1st. St to 3rd St. for Trick or Treaters. We hope all the kids will have a fun and safe Halloween!

Remember, Tuesday, November 3 is Election Day. Be sure to get out and vote.

Oops!!

Last week we inadvertently failed to give credit where credit was due - the Car Show held in conjunction with the Chocolate Lovers Festival was in fact organized by Mary Atkins and Sam Scoggins, owners of Dream Cars in Tanglewood. Our sincerest apologies!

Amy Jatzlau, MD, PA



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Luminant Community Advisory Panel Hears Status of Power Plants and Mining

Luminant's Sandow Power Plant Unit 5 was of primary interest when the Luminant Community Advisory Panel (LCAP) met in September after a summer recess. Improvements to Unit 4 and the status of Three Oaks Mine were also reported and discussed. The panel will meet again on November 9.

Luminant's Steve Skidd, director of generation for Sandow Power Plant, explained that completion of the new Unit 5 involves both generating electricity and meeting environmental permit conditions.

Unit 5 synchronized to the electric power grid at 2:27 p.m. on July 3, 2009. It ran for about 32 hours and made 34 megawatts of electricity, meaning it achieved

commercial operation. Not unexpectedly for a large new industrial plant, it has had some ups and downs since then. Skidd said that each time small problems are addressed, the plant runs longer between shutdown events. It will be considered finally complete when it runs at least 30 days at 80% or more capacity without any forced outages or trips. A planned outage in early November will allow Bechtel, the builder, to check some systems after the plant has run for some time.

The plant must also meet a deadline to achieve "environmentally substantive completion. On September 14, Judge Sparks granted Luminant's request for an extension of 61 days

past the original August 31, 2009 deadline for running at set rates within the limits set by an air permit from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. Meanwhile, construction of additional equipment to reduce emissions at Unit 4 is on Schedule.

September 1 was the second anniversary of Luminant's operation of Three Oaks Mine. Mine Manager Jerry Poland reported that since that time, Luminant has mined approximately 371 acres and moved 51 million cubic yards of soil overburden. This resulted in delivery of about 7.4 million tons of lignite. One dragline is running well after a maintenance outage. The other is undergoing a major rehaul.

The Luminant CAP will meet

again on Monday, November 9 from 6:00-8:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 216 W. 3rd Street in Elgin. For details, contact the LCAP facilitator at 800-484-9212 ext. 4127. Visitors are welcome!

Lexington area residents are also welcome to contact Bob Lee at 979-542-3006.



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