

The Weather



The high yesterday 68° This morning's low 35°

Today: Sunny with a high near 66° and a NE winds at 5-15mph shifting S-SE this afternoon.

Tonight: Cloudy with a 20% chance of showers early tomorrow morning with the passing of a cold front and a low near 51°. Wind will continue to be S at 5-10 mph.

Wednesday: Cloudy skies in the morning then gradual clearing with a temperature near 58° behind an expected cold front. Winds will be S at 10-20 mph shifting to the NW in the afternoon with gusts to 25 mph.

Overnight Wednesday: Clear skies and a low temperature near 36°. Winds will be W-NW near 10-15 mph with possible gusts of 20 mph.

Thursday: The cooler temperatures arrive for the remainder of the week, with sunny skies and a high near 58°. Blustery N-NW wind at 10-15 mph gusting to 20 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, winds will be N at 5-10 , and a low temperature near 32°.

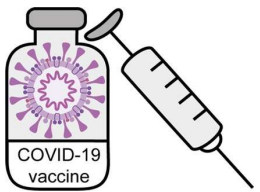
Coronavirus Update

Dr. Hay shared this morning that Lampasas County now has 1033 total cases, an increase of 40 cases reported since yesterday. Dr. Hay said the state cases came in and they only add once a week, so the numbers stockpile. The number of active cases in our county is 85, up 17 from yesterday, and 4 residents of Lampasas County are in the hospital. The State of Texas saw 15,976 new confirmed cases yesterday, and 12,961 Texans are hospitalized with Covid-19.



Covid-19 Vaccine News

A news release from the Texas DSHS yesterday tells us that more Than 325,000 First Doses of Covid-19 Vaccine was sent to Providers in Fourth Week of COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution, as well as 224,250 Second Doses Sent to Complete Vaccination for First Week Recipients



The Texas Department of State Health

Services has instructed the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to ship first doses of COVID-19 vaccine to more than 949 providers in 158 Texas counties over the next week. The CDC will deliver 167,300 doses of the vaccine manufactured by Moderna and 37,050 doses of the Pfizer vaccine directly to Texas providers. An additional 121,875 doses of the Pfizer vaccine will go to the federal Pharmacy Partnership for Long-Term Care Program. Vaccinations under the program started in Texas last week and, according to the CDC, will serve staff and residents at 770 long-term-care facilities in the next week.

The CDC will also deliver 224,250 second doses to the providers who received vaccine the week of Dec. 14 to complete the series for the people that were vaccinated in the first week of vaccine distribution.

Texas has been allocated about 1.5 million first doses through the first four weeks of vaccine distribution, and vaccine will have reached providers in a total of 214 counties by the end of the week. DSHS has posted a vaccine provider location map that will be updated frequently. A list of providers that will be receiving vaccine this week is available at www.dshs.texas.gov/news/updates/COVIDVaccineAllocation-Week4.pdf.

According to the website, Lampasas DSHS and Fresenius Kidney care will each receive 100 doses in week 4. An employee of Lampasas Radio was referred to the Copperas Cove HEB to receive a vaccine. However, a phone call to the HEB Plus Pharmacy in Copperas Cove revealed that at this time they have no vaccines. We were unable to determine if the next doses were for the phase/group 1B. The only Bell County facility listed on the distribution list for week 4 was the Baylor Temple Scott & White hospital, with an allocation of 1,950 doses.

State Sales Tax Revenue Totaled \$2.9 Billion in December

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar today said state sales tax revenue totaled \$2.86 billion in December, 5% less than in December 2019.



The majority of December sales tax revenue is based on sales made in November and remitted to the agency in December. "December sales tax collections continued recent trends, with receipts from most major economic sectors significantly down from a year ago," Hegar said. "Retail trade was the principal exception, with the strongest gains coming from online general merchandisers, building materials and home improvement stores, warehouse clubs and supercenters and sporting goods and hobby stores.

"Collections from discount retailers also were up, while collections from department stores, clothing stores and other specialty retailers generally were down. Receipts from the wholesale trade sector also were slightly up, due to strength in sales by building materials vendors. Historically low interest rates and pandemic-motivated behavior changes continue to spur a boom in single-family housing starts and home renovations. "Receipts from restaurants, entertainment venues and personal service and tourism-related businesses continue to be depressed. Receipts from oil- and gas-related sectors also were lower year over year as drilling activity remained subdued."

Total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in December 2020 was down 5 percent compared to the same period a year ago. Sales tax is the largest source of state funding for the state budget, accounting for 59 percent of all tax collections. The effects of the COVID-19 pandemic continued to be evident in some sources of revenue in December 2020. (cont'd on back)

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The Blotter



Lampasas Police Dept. blotter for Monday shows a report of a suspicious person in the 1100 block of E. 4th St. at 6:25am. There was a reported theft in the 1900 block of S281 at 8:55am, then a possession of drug paraphernalia was reported in the 700 block of S. Ridge St. at 8:56am. The afternoon shows a criminal trespass reported in the 200 block of S. Walnut St. at 5:29pm, lost property was reported in the 400 block of E. Plum St. at 6:43pm, and a possession of drug paraphernalia reported in the 1700 block of E. 4th St. at 9:17pm.

Lampasas Sheriff's Dept. blotter for Monday shows Lometa with an accident just after 6am, animal issues and a reported runaway. Kempner had a medical call. Out in the county there were animal issues and a medical call. Deputies went into Cove on medical calls.

The Burn Ban is in effect!

Texas collected the following revenue from other major taxes
*motor vehicle sales and rental taxes — \$439 million, up 2.7 percent from December 2019; *motor fuel taxes — \$278 million, down 10.6 percent from December 2019; *oil production tax — \$197 million, down 45.5 percent from December 2019; *natural gas production tax — \$86 million, down 25 percent from December 2019; *hotel occupancy tax — \$26 million, down 48.5 percent from December 2019; and *alcoholic beverage taxes — \$84 million, down 28.5 percent from December 2019

Sports

Lady Badger Basketball

The Lady Badgers are scheduled to tip-off for district play tonight at Badger Gym against Gatesville.

The Freshmen and JV will begin at 5pm with Varsity tipping off at 6pm. The Ladies are then scheduled to travel to Brownwood this Friday to continue district play.

Be sure to tune in Thursday morning on 101.9 KACQ fm for the weekly interview with Coach Myers.

Badger Basketball

Badger Basketball will be on the road today against Salado with the freshmen kicking it off at 5:30pm and the games continue with JV and then Varsity.

Badger Soccer

Lady Badger Soccer has a scheduled game against Gateway Prep tomorrow.

Badger Soccer is scheduled to travel to Wimberley for non-district games this afternoon.



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Happy Birthday



Shane Peters-51 (Again)

Amery Levine-10

Joyce Rogers-73

Mya Rodriguez-6

Anita Allen-??



Death/Funeral Notice

Kenneth Dell Randall, 95 years old, passed away at home surrounded by family on Friday, January 1. He was a longtime resident of Lampasas County, a rancher, a family man, and a member of Adamsville Baptist Church.

Funeral Services will be held at 10am Saturday, January 9, at Adamsville Baptist Church with interment to follow at Center Cemetery. There will be a celebration of life luncheon at Adamsville Community Center following the interment if you would like to bring a covered dish.

Kenneth was born on November 12, 1925, in the family home under an oak grove before the doctor could arrive. He was the 6th of eventually 9 siblings to Albert Gallatin Randall and Mary Atkinson Randall. He was, however, the last surviving sibling. Kenneth was preceded in death by both his parents and his wife of 27 years, Frances Gloria Randall; as well as his dear friend of 26 years, Evelyn Laveya Joseph. His eight siblings also preceded him in death; Floyd "Pete" Randall, Mattie Floy Eddy, Udell Wooldridge, Ethel Goins Carter, Earnest Randall, Martha Bryant, Stella Faye Ferrell and Patsy Baker. Their spouses, his nephews; Richard Dale Wooldridge, Willis Dee Goins, and Roland Ferrell.

Survivors include his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Phillip King (Jean Loya); Linda (Ron) Porter, Katy (Ryan) Grant, Boone, Ada, new baby boy Hartley, Lori Beth Porter, Samuel (Rachel) Porter, Albert Randall, Ariel Jenkins, Jacques Randall, Mckennah Randall, Zechariah Randall, Judy Randall-Frank (Mark), Stephanie Wiebe (Daniel), Jennifer (TJ) Riley Rolan, and his same-as-his, Sandra Griffin Poole. Nieces and nephews, Deb (Terry) Lindsey, Vernon (Lisa) Baker, Camillie (Les) Plagens, Leland (Deb) Wooldridge, Quinton Brice (Silvia) Eddy, Jim Eddy, and their families.

Kenneth was a good, hardworking man who treated everyone as he wanted to be treated. He dressed plain but has many jewels in his heavenly crown.

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