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The Weather

The high yesterday 69° This morning's low 50°

Today: Cloudy with a 70% chance of showers and storms, with a high near 58°. Winds will be blustery from the north at 10-15 mph gusting to 25 mph. Light rain is expected to last into the night.

Tonight: Cloudy with a 40% chance of showers early tomorrow morning. Wind will continue to be N at 10-15 mph gusting to 25 mph.

Wednesday: Cloudy skies and a 50% chance of rain and a high temperature near 54°. Winds will be N-NE at 5-10 mph.

Overnight Wednesday: Cloudy skies and a low temperature near 49°. Winds will be N near 5-10 mph shifting S-SW in the night.

Thursday: Mostly cloudy with a high near 70°. Wind will be SW at 5-10 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly cloudy and a 40% chance of showers. The low will be near 55°, and winds will be S-SW at 5-10mph.

Coronavirus Update

Lampasas Radio was unable to reach Dr. Hay for an update this morning.

The State of Texas saw 10,110 new confirmed cases yesterday, and 695 probable cases. 13,858 Texans are hospitalized with Covid-19

The Texas Department of State Health Services said in a tweet Friday that the pandemic has never been worse in Texas, and it has never been easier to catch COVID-19. The department is "greatly concerned" about hospital capacity and stressed that "ICUs across Texas cannot take much more."

According to the Texas Tribune, The Abilene and Bryan-College Station areas have frequently reported having no ICU hospital beds available since as early as mid-November. Health officials from those areas were not immediately available for comment. "We are not able to keep up with this increase in cases that are testing positive," Brazos County Alternate Health Authority Dr. Seth Sullivan said in late December, according to KBTX. "It is certainly taken a turn for the worse over these past several weeks, and I'm very concerned about the next two to four weeks."

Austin health officials opened the Austin Convention Center Tuesday to keep ICU admissions — which have hit record highs in the area — from being overwhelmed.

"The state is in surge. The state is in crisis," Dr. Mark Escott, interim health authority for Austin and Travis County, said in a press conference in early January. "It seems very clear to us that we are going to run out of hospital beds, and that we are going to have to stretch resources in order to meet the needs of our community."

Locally, in our Trauma Service Area "L", Covid-19 patients take up 20.7% of the region's hospital capacity according to DSHS. There are 228 patients in our area with only 9 ICU beds available.



Covid-19 Vaccine News... And It's Not Good.....

According to the Belton County Health Dept, Bell County Health officials did not receive the expected second delivery of 3,900 doses of Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine Sunday afternoon. As the shipment now appears likely to have arrived yesterday, the county is once again working to reschedule those with Tuesday vaccine appointments.



"We have been closely monitoring shipping and tracking details since Sunday," Dr. Amanda Chadwell, Director of the Bell County Public Health District said, "and unfortunately, it appears our delivery did not leave the manufacturer at the scheduled time."

Given that the Pfizer vaccine requires super cold storage and longer thawing times, a Tuesday delivery means that appointments that day will not be feasible.

"This is obviously not how we hope to start our second week of vaccinations," Bell County Judge David Blackburn said. "Since last Wednesday, we have already administered 3,981 shots. At this point, we are only limited by our supply of vaccines."

Blackburn says that county health officials are already considering different strategies to ensure that operations would not be disrupted by future inconsistencies with vaccine deliveries. One operational change that is under consideration is to not operate the vaccine centers on Mondays. This, along with other logistical adjustments, could better ensure less disruption of scheduling going forward.

"While we certainly regret this confusion and the inconvenience that it is going to cause people," Judge Blackburn said. "We are pushing forward, and we remain focused and committed to vaccinating the people of Bell County and beyond." (cont'd on back)

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Lampasas Police Dept. blotter for Saturday shows a suspicious vehicle in the 2300 block of 580W at 1:13am, and suspicious activity in the 900 block of N. Key at 3:34am. A possession of drug paraphernalia was reported in the 1100 block of Nix Rd. at 9:11am. The afternoon shows a reported theft in the 100 block of N. Main St. at 12:34pm, and a noise complaint on Hollywood Dr. at 5:37pm. Another theft was reported in the 1500 block of S. Key at 7:06pm and a possession of drug paraphernalia was reported in the 900 block of N. Key at 8:20pm. There was one arrest as Jose Arellano-Suaste, 22, of Harker Heights was arrested in the 900 block of Old Georgetown Rd. for possession/controlled substance/PG1/less than a gram at 10:23pm.

Lampasas Police Dept. blotter for Sunday shows suspicious activity in the 1000 block of Cloud St. at 5:53am, and a reported assault in the 700 block of S. Key at 11:56am. The afternoon shows a minor accident at 9th St. and 281S at 12:46pm, a reported assault in the 2300 block of 281S at 1:14pm, then a second minor accident at 5th and Key at 1:34pm. A noise complaint was called in from the 400 block of S. Porter St. at 2:29pm, another noise complaint was reported in the 1400 block of W. 4th St. at 3:50pm, then a third noise complaint was called in from Hollywood Dr. at 7:58pm. A disturbance call in the 100 block of EE Ohnmeiss came in at 8pm and at 9:25pm there was a shots fired call in the 800 block of E. 4th St.

Lampasas Police Dept. blotter for Monday shows the early morning arrest of Lillian Burris, 22, of Lampasas in the 200 block of E. 2nd St. for aggravated assault w/deadly weapon at 12:40am. The afternoon shows a reported disturbance in the 1200 block of CTE at 12:49pm and harassment was reported in the 800 block of W. 1st St. at 1:13pm. There was a reported fraud 300 block of E. 4th St. at 4:21pm. There was a minor accident on Kathie Lane at 4:27pm.

Lampasas Sheriff's Dept. blotter for the weekend shows Lometa with reports of suspicious activity, an accident, an attended death, a report of lost/found property, a welfare check and a reported disturbance. In Kempner there were medical calls, civil matters, reports of suspicious activity, a welfare check, reported threats, an alarm call, and animal issues. Out in the county there were reported disturbances, fish & game calls, livestock issues, a repossession, a welfare check, medical calls, and civil matters. Deputies went into Cove on a reported fraud, a medical call, animal issues, civil matters, and a fire.

The Jail Log shows the arrest of 33 year old Annajo Olsen on a probation violation, and 22 year old Alexandra Porter of Copperas Cove on an out-of-county charge.

The Burn Ban has been lifted until January 25th at 5pm!

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Vaccinations...

The DSHS website shows that as of yesterday at 4pm, Lampasas County has had 351 people vaccinated with one dose, and 43 residents have been vaccinated with the second dose.

Also, according to the DSHS website, as of 1:58pm yesterday, Texas has been sent 1,725,575 total doses of the vaccine. This indicates 8,725 doses were sent to Texas since Friday. Of the vaccines received, only 1,307,663 doses have been administered. That is a total of 75% of the available vaccine. 1,138,582 Texas residents have received one dose, and 169,081 have been fully vaccinated.

Lometa ISD School Board Election



In the Lometa ISD, The 2 incumbents, Matt Molter and Cristopher Brister have signed up to run again for the Board of Trustees.

Sports

Lady Badger Basketball

The Lady Badgers are scheduled to play at home against Live Oak Classical at 4:30pm. The Lady Badger sub-varsity is traveling to Goldthwaite for games beginning 4pm.

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

Badger Basketball

Badger Basketball has a bye tonight, On Friday, the Badgers host Gatesville at Badger Gym for JV and Varsity games.



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