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The Weather



The High yesterday 73° The Low this morning 63°

Today: Cloudy skies and a high near 67° this afternoon. The wind will be out of the S-SE about 10 mph shifting N-NW this afternoon. There is an 80% chance of showers.

Tonight: Look for cloudy skies, and a 90% chance of precipitation and a low dropping to about 44° by morning. Wind will be N-NW at 10-15 mph with possible gusts of 20 mph.

Wednesday: Cloudy skies and a high temperature near 54° with an 80% chance of showers and storms. Wind will be NW at 10-15 mph gusting to 20 mph.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear skies with a low near 39° and W-NW wind at 5-10 mph shifting SW overnight.

Thursday: Sunny skies with a high near 64° and N-NW wind near 10-15 mph gusting to 20 mph.

Thursday Night: Clear skies with a low of 35°. Wind will be N-NW at 15-20 mph with possible gusts of 30 mph.

TxDOT to Hold Meeting Today on US281N Expansion

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is proposing to widen US 281 from US 183 in Lampasas to US 84 in Evant.

TxDOT will conduct an online virtual public meeting on the proposed project with in-person options. The presentation will be posted online beginning today by 12pm. To log onto the virtual public meeting, go to the following web address at the date and time indicated above: www.TxDOT.gov and Search "US 281 – Lampasas to Evant." Following the virtual public meeting, the presentation will remain available for viewing until Monday March 3rd at 11:59pm.

Additionally, TxDOT is providing an in-person option for individuals who would like to participate in person instead of

online. In-person attendees will be able to hear a presentation that includes the same information as the online public meeting, review hard copies of project materials, ask questions of TxDOT staff and/or consultants, and leave written comments.

The Lampasas meeting will be today from 5:30-7:30pm at the New Covenant Church at 1604 CTE in Lampasas. There will be another in-person meeting in Evant on Monday February 13th from 5:30-7:30pm at Evant ISD 339 Memory Lane in Evant.

The project proposes to widen US 281, between US 183 and US 84 with two additional travel lanes in either a northbound or southbound direction for a total of four lanes; improve safety by separating traffic with a grassy median; and add crossovers along US 281 within the project to facilitate access to both sides of the highway. The total length of the project is approximately 28 miles.

Written comments from the public regarding the proposed project are requested and may be submitted by mail to: TxDOT Brownwood District Office, 2495 HWY 183 N., Brownwood, Texas 76802. Written comments may also be submitted by email to Jodie.Kelly@txdot.gov. All comments must be received on or before Friday, March 3rd to be included in the official meeting record. Responses to comments received, once they have been prepared, will be available online on the project page at TxDOT.gov and Search US 281 Lampasas to Evant.

Teen Click-It-Or-Ticket

From TxDOT: Too many parents are living their worst fear: losing a child. These parents have lost teenagers in vehicle crashes in which they weren't wearing their seat belt.



Vehicle crashes continue to be the leading cause of death for U.S. teenagers, and TxDOT's Teen Click It or Ticket campaign is urging teens to buckle up — every seat, every ride.

Seat belts offer the best protection in a crash, but sadly seat belt use remains low among teen drivers and passengers. In 2021, 45% (144 of 318) of teens killed in vehicle crashes were not wearing seat belts.

"We want to remind teens to always buckle their seat belts. Everyone must buckle up: every rider, every ride," said TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams. "It takes only a few seconds to put on your seat belt, and those few seconds can save a life."

During Feb. 1- 15, the Teen Click It or Ticket campaign will be rolled out statewide, seeking to reach Texas teens with its imperative seat belt safety message. The outreach will include TV, radio, digital advertising and social media. Additionally, an interactive element will be introduced as the campaign makes visits to several high school campuses across the state with its Teen Click It or Ticket mobile digital vehicle.

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The Blotter



Lampasas Police Dept. blotter for Monday shows a reported fraud on Hillcrest Dr. at 11:35am. The afternoon shows an assault reported in the 900 block of S. Broad St. at 12:17pm, a fraud reported in the 100 block of EE Ohnmeiss Dr. at 2:21pm and a reported theft in the 600 block of E. 3rd St. at 4pm. Suspicious activity was reported in the 300 block of S. Walnut St. at 5:52pm, a criminal mischief was reported in the 600 block of S. Chestnut St. at 6pm, and a minor accident in the 200 block of N. Key Ave. at 6:09pm. There was a reported disturbance in the 600 block of S. Spring St. at 9:40pm, then suspicious activity was reported at the same location at 10:46pm. There was a suspicious person reported in the 2300 block of 580W at 11:20pm.

Lampasas Sheriff's Dept. blotter for the weekend shows Kempner with medical calls, civil matters, a requested welfare check, animal issues, a reported fraud, a report of lost/found property, and a reported criminal mischief. Out in the county there were live-stock issues, an alarm call, a reported theft and a medical call. Deputies went into Cove on animal issues, a requested welfare check, and a reported trespassing.

The Burn Ban has been lifted.

(cont'd) Teens will also learn about the Texas law which requires drivers and all passengers to wear seat belts. Unbuckled drivers and passengers — even those in the back seat — can face fines and fees of up to \$200.

Grant Funding Available to Eligible Volunteer Fire Departments for Recruitment

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Texas A&M Forest Service is offering new Volunteer Recruitment Resources grants designed to help Texas volunteer fire departments strengthen their workforce and enhance community fire protection.



Available through the Rural VFD Assistance Program, eligible volunteer fire departments can apply for reimbursement of 100 percent of the actual cost for recruitment resources up to \$3,000. Resources such as banners, mailouts, billboards and other promotional items qualify for reimbursement but must convey a call to action for the recruitment of volunteers.

Up to \$300,000 of federal Volunteer Fire Assistance Funds are available for this pilot project, and grants are provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

Funding is available to volunteer fire departments that meet the following federal eligibility requirements:

The department must serve a rural area or rural community with a population of 10,000 people or less.

The department must be certified by the Texas Division of Emergency Management as having adopted the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

The department must not be debarred, suspended or declared ineligible by any federal department or agency.

The department must be comprised of at least 80 percent volunteer personnel.

A duty to protect is included in the mission of the Texas A&M Forest Service, and fire departments across the state are an essential partner in realizing that mission.

“Volunteer fire departments provide essential frontline emergency services that directly protect Texans and the state’s natural resources every day,” said Wes Moorehead, Texas A&M Forest Service Fire Chief. “We are excited to continue investing in fire departments, building their capacity to offer lifesaving services and better serve their communities.”

Texas A&M Forest Service has a long history of supporting fire departments across the state and is committed to helping enhance their emergency response capabilities.

To apply for Volunteer Recruitment Resources grant funding, visit <http://TexasFD.com/RuralVFDAssistanceProgram>.

Information of adopting NIMS can be found on our website, <https://tfsweb.tamu.edu/NIMSAdoption/>.
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Badger Sports



Lady Badger Basketball

The Lady Badgers travel to Jarrell tonight for the last regular season game. The Varsity tips off at 6:15pm.

Badger Basketball

Badger Basketball will be traveling to Jarrell tonight for District Play. Varsity will tip off at 7:30pm.

Lady Badger Soccer

The Ladies fell to Gatesville last night 2-0 and will be traveling to Stephenville today for games there.

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