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Monday
February 24th 2020

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News at 7:20am & 12, 6pm & 10pm

The Weather



The High yesterday 60° The Low this morning 52°

Look for skies to clear by the early afternoon. With winds dying down, a weak cold front will move across the area, allowing overnight lows in the 40's or upper 30's. On Tuesday, the light breezes will keep the high temperature near 60°, and a cold front will move through the area by late afternoon.

Monday: Sunny with a high near 70°. W-NW wind at 10-15 mph gusting to 25 mph.

Tonight: Clear skies with variable winds becoming N at 5-10 mph early Tuesday morning. The low will be near 41°.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny and the high temperature will be near 62°. Winds will be N at 10-15 mph with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Tuesday Night: Winds will be N-NW at 10-20 mph, with 30 mph gusts possible. The low temperature should be near 33°.

Wednesday: Sunny skies with a high near 50°. Winds will be N-NW at 10-20 mph gusting to 30 mph.

Wednesday Night: Clear skies with a low near 28°. Winds will be N-NW at 5-10 becoming light and variable.

Meetings Monday

Lampasas County Commissioners Court met this morning at 9am at the Lampasas County Courthouse. The consent agenda was accepted as presented. There were no public comments made. A request for bid for gas and diesel was approved.

The auditor's office will be placing an announcement/advertisement in the paper that the county is requesting bids for Diesel and Gasoline. The advertisement will begin on March 10th. The bids will be open starting at 10am on March 25th at the auditors office. The bid will be awarded on April 13th.

Judge Hoyer led a discussion regarding the 100% disabled veteran's property tax exemption.. Judge Hoyer stated that "Lampasas County does not oppose this exemption in fact we embrace it and we recognize the veterans that have earned it and deserve it and we want to maintain it and keep it. This exemption is without a doubt by far one of the largest unfunded state mandates that we have ever seen and it is costing the county a significant amount of money because we have so many qualified veterans living in our county."

The exemption started in 2009, when a constitutional amendment was voted on in Texas allowing the 100% exemption for qualifying disable veterans. In 2015 the State Legislature recognized the financial impact that this exemption was having on Texas counties. In 2015 a new legislation was passed granting reimbursement for counties and municipalities that were negatively affected. A caveat in the reimbursement exemption, however, requires that in order to be eligible the county had to have a military installation located in the city or county. Lampasas county is 1.7 miles away from being eligible for the reimbursement." It is our understanding that the 1.7 miles is the distance from the county line to the closest military installation. The commissioners have been working with our state representative and state senator to ask them to introduce into legislation a resolution that the distance criteria be removed,

allowing Lampasas County to qualify.

Judge Hoyer believes that if you qualify for this reimbursement, distance should not be an issue, as this is a statewide amendment.

Melissa Gonzales, Chief Appraiser for Lampasas County shared that since 2009 Lampasas County has lost \$3,901,928.40. (The amount for 2019 was \$813,546.61) In 2015 the county started applying for the reimbursement. We are denied every year due to the distance requirement. The reimbursements are a percentage of the tax exemption, since 2015, \$1,305,855.00 has been requested.

The concern of the commissioner's court is that with the new jail, additional staffing, and the cost of everything increasing in the county, we need the reimbursement. Also, that the state put a 3.5% cap on raising the property tax rates, limiting what we can generate in revenue.

So the county has an unfunded mandate, and our hands are tied on are tax rates. Judge Hoyer asks and encourages everyone to contact their representatives and senators and ask that this issue be addressed for our county taxpayers.

The Lampasas City Council will have a workshop session this afternoon at 5:30pm. The agenda for the workshop session includes an update regarding Pecan Street Development and possible amendments to the zoning regulations.

The regular session, to begin at 6pm, includes a public hearing to receive citizen comments about an ordinance regulating outdoor burning within the city limits of Lampasas. Establishing allowable materials, rules, regulations, setting burn permit fees, penalties for violations, an effective date and providing an open meeting clause. Monthly reports and routine matters will also be discussed. After the public hearing on the burning ordinance, there will be a possible first reading of said ordinance. Discussion to apply for Federal Grant Programs for hiring of Police Officers through the COPS hiring program. discussion and considering for approval a Lampasas Economic Development Project related to Life Safety Grants for Commercial Businesses in existing buildings, and consideration/approval to utilize Hotel Occupancy Tax funds of not more than \$5000 for downtown 'LTX' signs.

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The Blotter

Lampasas Police Dept. blotter for Saturday shows an early morning assault in the 1300 block of CTE at 12:27am, then at 12:28am, suspicious activity was reported in the 100 block of E. 1st St. at 12:42am, Robin Harrington, 51, of Lampasas was arrested in the 600 block of E. Ave G for evading arrest. A suspicious person was called in from the 1700 block of CTE at 10:33am. The afternoon shows 2 assaults, one reported in the 300 block of E. 4th St. at 1:35pm, and one in the 700 block of E. Ave J at 1:39pm. An assault by threat was reported in that same location at 3:08pm. One minor accident took place on Saturday in the 100 block of S. Key at 4:02pm. Possession of drug paraphernalia was reported in the 100 block of Alexander Ln. at 9:17pm. Arrested in the 2100 block of 281S at 11:08pm was Dashun Cline, 19, of Killeen for possession of marijuana less than 2 oz at 11:08pm. A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 400 block of S. Pecan at 11:50pm.

Sunday's blotter shows a suspicious person in the 800 block of N. Elm at 2:53am. An assault was called in from the 400 block of W. 5th St. at 7:32am. The afternoon shows the arrest of Mindy Evans, 40, of Mullin, in the 1100 block of W. 6th St. at 1:01pm, for possession of a controlled substance PG1 less than a gram in a drug free zone. Ted Nunn, 51, of Lampasas was also arrested in the

1100 block of W. 6th St. at 1:05pm for possession of a controlled substance PG1 less than a gram and possession of marijuana less than 2 oz. in a drug free zone. Crystal Ayala, 28, of Lampasas was arrested in the 100 block of S. Fairview St. for possession of marijuana less than 2 oz. in a drug free zone. A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 2300 block of 580W at 3:29pm and a disturbance was called in from the 100 block of EE Ohnmeiss at 6:56pm. Later in the evening Ariel Arce, 28, of Lampasas was arrested in the 1000 block of E. 4th St. for possession of marijuana less than 2 oz. in a drug free zone, possession of a controlled substance PG1 less than a gram in a drug free zone, possession of drug paraphernalia, driving with no license and driving with no insurance.

The Sheriff's Dept. Blotter for the weekend shows Kempner responding to civil matters, animal problems, medical calls and a shots fired call. Out in the county, there were civil matters, an alarm call, animal issues, a report of suspicious activity and an accident. Deputies went into Cove for animal issues, a civil matters and a shots fired call.

The Jail Log shows the arrest of 21 year old Micheal Allen, 21, of Killeen, for violating a protective order. Also arrested was a 51 year old Denton resident for driving with no license.

The Burn Ban has been lifted until April 5th.

Lometa ISD School Board Meets



Lometa ISD Board of Trustees will meet today at 6:30pm in the School Library at 8th & Main in Lometa. The agenda includes recognition of students and staff, discussion about cancelling the May 2nd regular board of trustees election (there are no contested races in the regular election), discussion about the Audit Agreement for the 2020-2021 Audit, community input, budget amendments, departmental reports and personnel matters.

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Henley Murchison-8

Badger Sports

Basketball

Badger Basketball varsity lost to Salado Friday night, 66-52. The Varsity boys ended the season with a 16-17 record.

Soccer

Badger Soccer won in Florence Friday night. Badger Soccer has a bye on Tuesday but will play Academy on Friday the 28th at home

Lady Badger Soccer won in Florence Friday night. The Lady Badgers had a full squad, and this win keeps the ladies in the playoff picture. They will play Academy this Friday at home.

Lady Badger Softball

Lady Badger Softball started the day off Saturday with a 0-17 loss to Harker Heights, then came back winning against Killeen Shoemaker (5-0) and Round Rock McNeil (3-0). Offensive standouts were B. Quarles 3-5, H. Perry 3-6 with one RBI, M. Maldonado 3-8 with 2 RBI's, S. Case 3-5 with 1 RBI. Mia Maldonado recorded 14 strike outs on the day.

Lady Badger JV Softball lost at the tournament in Cove Saturday. They lost to Harker Heights 5-11, and Italy 0-12. The ladies travel to Lorena tomorrow for games starting at 5pm and 7pm.

Badger Baseball

Badger Baseball soundly bested Killeen at the scrimmage Friday night with many outstanding plays and players. The team is gearing up for the Waco ISD tournament this week starting on Thursday.

Badger JV Baseball is on the road at Gatesville today, then they will also be playing in the Waco ISD tournament.

Badger Track

Badger Track was in Dripping Springs for the first track meet of the season. As a team, the Badgers finished 8th out of 16. The next meet is Thursday in Copperas Cove.

(Caleb Brady at the Shotput)

Badger Tennis

Badger Tennis was in Fredericksburg Friday and Saturday for a two

day tournament with 6 other teams. The weather cooperated and our players were able to play 4 matches each. The players saw plenty of good tennis to build off of the next month before we play our 5 team individual district tournament.

