

The Weather



High yesterday was 78° The low this morning was 32°

↑Crazy weather, with the drop of 46° in about 14 hours.

Today: A 20% chance of a shower before noon, cloudy and a high near 45° with north wind 5-10 mph.

Tonight: Patchy drizzle after midnight, mostly cloudy and a low around 43° with N-NE wind going calm.

Friday: Patchy drizzle early, then clouds, then turning sunny with a high near 71° and S-SW wind 5-10 mph. Overnight clouds, down to 54°, and south wind 5-10 mph.

The Weekend: Saturday will bring a 30% chance of rain in the afternoon, a high of up to 69° in the afternoon and down to 47° overnight.

Sunday rain chances are 30% and a bad cold front will hit. It comes with an afternoon high of 49° and an overnight low around 24°. The north wind, that arrives Sunday morning, will get up to 20-25 mph, gusting to 30 and will be bitter cold. It continues all through the night in the sub-freezing temperature.

Next Week: The cold and the wind will lessen very little on Monday, with a high of only 39° Monday afternoon and down to 25° Monday night. It will be below freezing again on Tuesday night if our forecast holds, with some possibility of the norther giving up its grip on Wednesday.

Lometa ISD's New Prison Campus to Open in March



At Lometa ISD's recent board meeting the calendars were approved for both the main campus and for the new Leon Valley Campus at the Hughes Unit at Gatesville.

The Hughes Unit is a Texas adult male, standard population, prison unit and one wonders why and how a small school district such as Lometa would want to have a branch campus at a prison in another county. We asked that question of Lometa School Superintendent David Fisher.

It turns out that they were asked by Windham Schools, the state TDJC prison education organization that has vo-tech and High School GED programs for prisoners, if they would consider it. Windham realizes that many prisoners want a standard High School diploma, and that's beyond what Windham is authorized to do. So-o, a regular public school such as Lometa ISD could provide the service by opening a branch campus for the inmates, which they have done, and named it the Leon Valley Campus.

What's in it for Lometa? Lometa ISD, like many other small schools, needs income in order to survive and income for a public school comes from property taxes or the state's per-student payments. The Leon Valley Campus, according to Superintendent Fisher, should have about 20 students when it starts if first classes in mid-March, right after Spring Break. He hopes that the next semester's classes will be double that or more. Lometa ISD will re-

ceive the same per-student payments from the state for the Leon Valley Campus as it does for the regular campus in Lometa, but the expenses of a building, cafeteria, etc. will be nil. So, it looks like a possibly profitable thing for Lometa ISD. The win-win idea is that Lometa provides a service to inmate students, and creates income that can be enjoyed by the ISD as a whole.

At least, that's what's hoped for. David Fisher says it will hopefully be good for the school. If it doesn't work out, there are not a lot of strings attached and they can fairly easily vacate the project.

In other business at Lometa ISD's February board meeting they canceled the May school board elections for lack of "contested" elections, approved calendars, and approved contract extensions with pay raises for Principal Michael Sibberson and Asst. Superintendent Rob Moore.

What's Going On



Lampasas Fire Chief's Reece Oestreich's last day as such is today. His retirement from the Lampasas City position begins tomorrow, and we understand he will be beginning a second career as a fire inspector for the State. A reception is planned for Chief Oestreich today at the Lampasas Fire Station. The public is invited to come by and wish him well, beginning at 2pm.

As to his replacement, according to City Manager Finley deGraffenried, the City will make the vacancy public and begin taking official applications for the job as Lampasas Fire Chief in the near future.

Lampasas Cattle Market Report



Lampasas Cattle Auction's weekly sale took place Wednesday and 489 head were on hand, down from the 595 head of the last sale a week ago, and up from the 333 head a year ago at this time.

Feeder steers and heifers were steady, with slaughter cows \$3-\$5 higher and slaughter bulls were \$5-\$7 higher.

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The Blotter

Lampasas Police Dept. blotter from Wednesday shows a quiet morning with one arrest on a PD warrant for a 20 yr old Lampasas male on Hillcrest Dr., charged with failure to register as a sex offender. That was at 11:08am, then at 11:27, there was a disturbance report on Skyline Dr.

The afternoon brought a fraud report in the 900 block of S. Key at 3:48pm and a noise disturbance in the 1300 block of Nix Rd. at 5:45pm.

The evening brought another disturbance report at 6:11pm from the 400 block of W. Ave. E and suspicious person reports from the 200 block of Northington and from E. Ave. H, both before 7pm. At 7:22pm there was a suspicious vehicle in the 900 block of N. Key and a prowler was reported in the 1300 block of W. North at 9:33pm.

Lampasas Sheriff's Dept. blotter shows Lometa with an unattended death. Kempner was sent out on a couple of civil matters, a fraud case and a disturbance. Out in the county, deputies responded to an alarm, a few civil matters, and were dispatched out on a fight in progress, a disturbance, and were sent into Cove city limits on a livestock issue.

The Jail Log shows the county arrested a 30 yr old Spring, TX man for driving with an invalid license with a previous conviction and for possession of more than one valid license.

The Burn Ban is lifted until Monday, March 4 at 6pm.

Hill Country Crimestoppers is having their annual Delaware Springs, Susan C. Cranford Memorial Golf Tournament fundraiser on March 29th. It's fun and a worthy fund raiser. Just sayin... ☺

Badger Sports

Softball

Varsity girls The Lady Badgers will be making their way down to Gatesville today through Saturday to play in their last tournament of the season.

JV Girls will also be hitting the road today through Saturday to play in the Marble Falls tournament.

Baseball

Varsity Boys shut out Lanier Tuesday 8-0. Varsity will be at Llano today through Saturday for a tournament.

JV1 had an 11-4 victory over Lanier on Tuesday.

JV2 also stomped Lanier 12-1

The boy's JV teams are gearing up to travel to Jarrell Friday and Saturday for a tournament.

Soccer



Varsity Boys This Friday they go up against Academy one more time. JV will be playing at 4pm then varsity boys will play at 5:30pm.

Varsity Girls – The Lady Badgers are still in 4th place in district. They play tomorrow against Academy at Academy. Varsity will be playing at 7:30pm

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Andrew Strouth

Mistake yesterday Tyler Connell is only 23. Sorry!

Tennis

Varsity Tennis will be going to Hendrickson on Friday to take on the Hawks team.



Track

The Varsity Badger Boys and Girls will be headed to Gatesville today

Middle School Track will be at Copperas Cove today.

Wrestling

The Regional Meet will be Saturday March 10th in Smithville.

Power lifting

The girls will be hitting the road to Del Valle on Saturday for the Regional Girl's Power lifting meet.



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