

The Weather



The High yesterday 31° This morning's low 21°

Today: After a very cold start, it should warm up to about 43° this afternoon, with sunshine to make us feel better. The north wind is still out there but not that bad, coming in at 5 to 15 mph.

Tonight: Clear sky tonight, with N-NE wind about 5 mph and turning calm. The low should drop to around 26° in what we hope will be the last hard freeze of the season.

Wednesday: A mostly sunny day with a high of 52° and light wind coming out of the SE.

Overnight some clouds come in but the low hangs at about 41° with south wind 10 mph.

The rest of the week: Thursday should be partly sunny and up to a lovely 69°. The S-SW wind will be brisk, going at about 10-15 mph and gusting. Friday will be even nicer, with a warm 76°, but cloudy, and a lighter south wind at about 10 mph.

Friday night it appears a rain chance, about 60%, shows up for the overnight and into Saturday morning.

Saturday afternoon it should be sunny and up to 76°. The wind will be pretty strong, coming out of the south at first, 15-20 mph and gusting, then shifting to westerly in the afternoon.

All the wind above, will bring some kind of front that will drop temps a little, topping out at 69° on Sunday and 65 on Monday. Sunday night, there's a slight chance of rain and that will continue a little stronger on Monday.

Texas Senate Passes SB 3

The Senate's version of a School Finance Bill passed unanimously Monday, but it ain't over yet...

The Senate Bill, championed by Lt. Governor and leader of the Senate, Dan Patrick, would concentrate on giving all school teachers an across the board \$5,000 pay raise. Though the proposal would look good to some teachers, others, perhaps those who had more experience or were high achievers, might think teacher pay money should be distributed differently. School Administrators might also see many other needs in their schools that they felt cried for funding, others might want to tie teacher pay increases to their students' successes.



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So, though the Senate has agreed on their idea, now the Texas House is going to come up with their bill, which is expected to go more along the lines of "give the schools more money and let them figure out how to best use it."

Basically, the way much of a school's funding comes, is in the State's per-student contribution. Currently, the "basic allotment" as it is called, is \$5,140 per student. There are a number of other income possibilities where more comes from the state and federal governments, and from local property taxes. In cases where a "rich" school district can collect a lot of local property tax, the state takes away some of their local money in something called "recapture" and distributes it to poorer school districts. This "Robin Hood" system is obviously unpopular with the richer school districts and has been the subject of big lawsuits where the courts have agreed to the necessity.

Needless to say, Texas School Finance is something nobody likes very much, and the Texas Legislature is working on it now. The next shoe will fall when the House passes its version of a School Finance bill.

Texas Sales Tax Collections Up



Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar said on Monday that state sales tax revenue totaled \$2.796 billion in February, 7% more than in February 2018.

"Growth in sales tax revenue was led by remittances from the construction, manufacturing and services sectors," Hegar said. "Receipts from information services and restaurants also grew significantly. Receipts from oil- and gas-mining firms remained about the same as a year ago."

Total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in February 2019 was up 5.9 percent compared to the same period a year ago. Sales tax is the largest source of state funding for the state budget, accounting for 57 percent of all tax collections.

One interesting thing in the report was on "other" taxes. Motor vehicle sales and rentals and gasoline and diesel taxes were reasonably flat. Oil production taxes were way down at -12.6%, but natural gas production taxes were way up, at +22.2%. So, it looks like Texas is still drilling, but it's more gas, than oil.

With all of the above – about Texas Taxes

We noticed a study, done by WalletHub, the independent non-government think tank, that looked at who's paying the biggest share of their income in taxes. You could call it "Tax Fairness." It compares fairness, state by state, and WalletHub declares Texas as the 11th worst state.

It turns out that, in Texas, low income earners pay 11.34% of the income in taxes. Middle income earners pay 9.8% of their income in taxes, and high income earners pay only 7.05% of their income in taxes.

Whether the above is fair or not, we guess would depend on which group you belong to.

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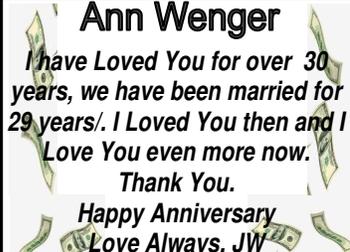
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The Blotter



Lampasas Police Dept. blotter for Monday showed a fairly quiet morning with only the one case of family violence that occurred in the 1100 block of E. Ave. F. Desland Ray Wallace, 25 of Lampasas, was arrested at 11:19am for assault causing bodily injury-family violence.

The afternoon brought a suspicious vehicle report on Alexander St. at 2:58pm, a fraud report from the 600 block of S. Summer at 4:17pm and another suspicious vehicle report from the 1800 block of S. Chestnut at 4:49pm.

The evening brought two arrests. A 29 yr old Lampasas man was arrested in the 100 block of N. Walnut for DWI-2nd offense and for driving with an invalid license with previous convictions. That took place at 9:26pm.

At 11:42pm, police were back at the same address where the morning family violence incident took place, the 1100 block of E. Ave. F. There they arrested a 31 yr old Lampasas man on a Lampasas Municipal Warrant for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Lampasas Sheriff's Dept. blotter shows Lometa with a theft case. Kempner had a suspicious person report, and out the county, deputies worked a civil matter and livestock problems in Copperas Cove.

The Jail log shows the County booked a 58 yr old Cove woman on a commitment, a 57 yr old Lampasas man for possession of marijuana and unlawful carrying of a weapon, and a 49 yr old Fredericksburg man on a probation violation.

Lampasas Co. burn ban is lifted until 3/18 at 6pm.



Ramona Dahl 53
Corey Winchel

Whoops! We made a mistake.



In a story about the Citizen's Collection Station in Lampasas, we said that it was open weekdays M-F from 10-3 and Saturday 9 to noon. There was a typo error and the City called... It seemed they're only open Wednesday thru Friday from 10-3 and Saturday 9 to noon at the collection station.

There are some confusing issues with all this because the website needs some updating. Since the Collection Station went in place, there have been some changes, so any references on the City website to being able to take brush or anything to the Collection Station area on any days or times other than W-F 10-3 are no longer true.

City Manager Finley deGraffenried said they were updating the website.

There's also a question about what they accept. There are lots of different things they won't accept. The official list includes: TV's, Electronics, Monitors, Paint, Pesticides, Vehicles, Campers, Dead Animals and Appliances with Freon. Though it's not on the list, we were told that they will not accept household trash. We assume that means no cans and bottles and stuff that looks like what's in your kitchen garbage can.

The list of fees for disposal is too long and detailed to describe here, but list shows fees for old batteries as \$1 and scrap metal costs you \$1/ton for residents and \$2/ton for non residents or contractors. The list goes all the way to \$30/ton for construction debris for contractors.

The cost to dump brush, leaves or grass is \$5/load for residents, \$10/load for non-residents and \$20/load for contractors. For old tires there are lots of categories, running from \$2/tire for 14" and under to \$40/tire for the 20" tires for non-residents or contractors.

Badger Sports

Softball

The softball team will be at Fredericksburg tomorrow night. JV will play at 5pm while Varsity plays at 7pm. Fridays game against Comanche has been canceled.



Baseball



The Badgers will be playing Brentwood Christian tonight on the home field. Game times start at 4:30 for JV and Varsity at 7:00pm. The baseball team will be hosting the Lampasas Baseball Tournament this weekend the times are TBD.

Spring Break Coming Soon



Lampasas ISD is taking its Spring Break next week, with an early out this Friday leading into it. The Lometa ISD is also taking off next week, and just about all schools in Texas will be taking a break at some time this month.

The DPS is concerned, of course, about drunk driving, particularly among young people.

"Spring Break is a dangerous time on Texas roads, with hundreds of impaired driving crashes involving young drivers occurring each year. As college students and young adults head to Spring Break destinations in the coming weeks, the Texas Department of Transportation's "Plan While You Can" campaign reminds them to make a plan for a sober ride before the party starts."

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