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March 13th, 2023

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

## The Weather



## **City Council Meets**

The Lampasas City Council will meet this afternoon for regularly scheduled meetings.

The Workshop Session will begin at 5:30pm and the agenda includes discussion concerning the Hostess House Rehabilitation Project bid analysis, and discussion of the Comprehensive Plan implementation.

The regular session will begin immediately following the Workshop Session and may begin before 6pm. The agenda includes a public hearing on a request for a specific use permit for 101 S. Key to allow for a tire shop and discussion and possible action regarding the second reading of an ordinance to add swimming pool adult lap fees to the City of Lampasas fee schedule. Also on the agenda, Discussion and possible action on the following: the specific use permit at 101 S. Key to allow for a tire shop; the approval of a TxDOT resolution covering blanket coverage of various projects, including the installation, construction, existence, use, operation and maintenance of certain highway lighting in the City of Lampasas and an agreement for the highway lighting system between the State of Texas through TxDOT and the City of Lampasas; awarding administrative services contracts for preparation of the City's 2023-2024 Texas Community Block Grant Application, as well as administrative services for the 2023-2024 Downtown Revitalization Program Grant Application, if funded, to Langford Community Management Services; awarding the engineering services for the City's 2023-2024 Texas Community Block Application, as well as engineering services for the 2023-2024 Downtown Revitalization Program Grant application to Eckermann Engineering; approving an amended TxDOT resolution for the replacement or rehabilitation of the structurally deficient 3<sup>rd</sup> St. bridge as part of the Highway Bridge Replacement Programs that has been approved for 100% federal and state funding through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs ACT, whereas the local match fund participation has been waived; regarding the 2023 Consumer Price Index adjustment to Municipal Telecommunications right -of-way access line rates.

Council will then go into Executive Session to discuss the authority of public power utility governing bodies to deliberate regarding competitive matters-utilities.

Council will then return to regular session for action on items discussed in Executive Session.

## Watch those Water Bottles

A new study has delivered a disturbing finding about everyone's favorite comfort crutch, the humble drink bottle.

The chokehold so-called "emotional support water bottles" have on society cannot be understated: the trend emerged during lockdown, and has since garnered hundreds of millions of views on TikTok. (cont'd on back)

#### The High Yesterday: 67° The Low This morning 43°

Today: Look for skies to be sunny with a high temperature topping out near 63°. Wind will be E-NE near 10-15 mph with possible gusts of 20 mph.

Tonight: Look for partly cloudy skies and a 20% chance of precipitation. The low temperature will be near 43°. Wind will be E-NE near 10-15 mph with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Tuesday: Look for partly sunny skies with a high temperature near 61°. The wind will be E near 10 mph.

Tuesday Night: Look for partly cloudy skies with a low temperature near 44°. Wind will be E-SE near 10 mph.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny skies with a forecast high near 71°. Wind will be S-SE near 10-15 mph with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Wednesday Night: Mostly cloudy skies with a low near 59° and a 20% chance of showers and storms. Wind will be S at 15-20 mph with possible gusts of 35 mph.

## **Commissioners** Court

The Lampasas County Commissioners Court met this morning at 9am in the Commissioners Courtroom in the

Lampasas County Courthouse.

The Agenda included the consent agenda, accounts payable and payroll, a request for bids for gas and diesel at the station, discussion of Lampasas Municipal Utility District #1, the household hazardous waste collection event, subdivision exemptions regarding 1085 CR 4765 and 3195 CR 3430, purchase of a 2022 F350 4x4 regular cab truck for the Adamsville Fire Department with ARPA funds, and recommending a veteran's service officer.

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## The Blotter



**The Lampasas Police Dept. blotter** for Saturday evening shows a suspicious vehicle reported in the 900 block of S. Spring St. at 8:32pm and suspicious persons, one in the 700 block of Dent St. at 8:43pm and one on Park Place at 8:53pm. Suspicious activity was reported in the 200 block of S. Willis St. at 9:41pm, a reported disturbance was reported in the 900 block of CTE at 9:47pm and an assault by threat was reported on Sue Ann Dr. at 10:40pm.

**The Lampasas Police Dept. blotter** for Sunday shows a minor accident in the 100 block of E. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. at 1:08pm, a reported theft in the 100 block of CTE at 2:10pm and suspicious activity reported in the 800 block of S. Walnut St. at 2:53pm. A grass fire was reported on Hollywood Dr. at 3:41pm, a disturbance was reported in the 1300 block of CTE at 8:36pm, a suspicious person was reported in the 900 block of N. Hackberry St. at 9:06pm and there was a reported disturbance in the 900 block of McLean St. at 10:01pm.

The Lampasas County Sheriff's Dept. Blotter for the weekend shows Lometa with reports of suspicious activity, animal issues, a reported trespassing, medical calls and a reported abandoned vehicle. In Kempner there was a noise complaint, a shots fired call, medical calls, livestock/animal issues, a reported harassment, a reported missing person, a civil matter, a reported disturbance and a reported harassment. Out in the county there were medical calls, livestock/animal issues, a report of illegal dumping, accidents, civil matters, a report of an abandoned vehicle, reports of suspicious activity, a suicidal person, a sex offense, and a reported assault. Deputies went into Cove for a requested welfare check, an alarm call, a report of an abandoned vehicle, and civil matters.

**The Jail Log** shows the arrest 39 year old Zachary Boothe on 2 out-of-county charges. Also arrested was 40 year old Michael Nelson, of Austin for failure to appear, and Patricia Schmidt, 50, of Copperas Cove for DWI 3<sup>rd</sup> or more and 2 out-of-county charges. A 35 year old San Saba woman, a 29 year old Kempner man and a 34 year old Killeen woman were booked in on commitment charges. Two 17 year old Austin residents were arrested for possession of marijuana less than 2 oz.

*(cont'd from front)* "They are objects that can't betray us," Australian Catholic University clinical psychologist and hoarding disorder expert, Associate Professor Keong Yap, told The Sydney Morning Herald, comparing the phenomenon with objects children use to soothe anxiety (like stuffed toys). "They are reliable and predictable, unlike people who can hurt us." Turns out they can, however, "betray" you – if you don't clean them regularly.

A recent study from US-based waterfilterguru.com found reusable bottles can harbor 40,000 times more bacteria than the average toilet seat – describing them as being like a "portable Petri dish."

Researchers swabbed parts of different water bottle three times each – including the spout lid, straw lid and squeeze-top lid – and found two types of bacteria present: Gram-negative rods and bacillus. Gram-negative bacteria can cause infections that are increasingly resistant to antibiotics – while certain types of bacillus can result in gastrointestinal issues.

Comparing the cleanliness of the bottles to household objects also painted a dirty picture: they contain twice as germs as the kitchen sink; can harbor four times the amount of bacteria as a computer mouse; and 14 times more than a pet's drinking bowl.

## **Sports**

#### Lady Badger Softball

**JV Softball** played in the Hutto tournament on Saturday where they defeated Stony Point 12-2 and lost to Cedar Ridge 10-0.

The Lady Badgers will start district play on Tuesday as they host Lago Vista with games beginning at 11am.

#### **Badger Baseball**

**The Badgers** played in the Franklin tournament this Saturday. They fell 4-1 to Fairfield, with Ryu Maldonado on the mound for 5 innings, allowing 4 hits, 2 runs and had 4 strike outs. Phelps then took the mound for 1 inning allowing 3 hits, 2 runs and had 1 strike out. The Badgers also lost to Caldwell 4-1 with Stinnett pitching for 5 innings, allowing 9 hits, 4 runs and had 4 strike outs, followed by Rascoe on the mound for 2 innings allowing 1 hit, 0 runs and had 2 strike outs.

The Badgers host Burnet tomorrow with games at 4:30 and 7pm. If you can't make the game, tune in to KACQ 101.90FM for all the play-by-play action brought to you by Ronnie Witcher.

## **Death Notices**

**Joe Lombardi** passed away on Thursday, March 9th at AdventHealth Hospital in Killeen.

A celebration of life is planned for March 20th at 7pm in Bulldawg Gymnasium on the campus of Copperas Cove High School. All are encouraged to wear Blue and Gold to show their support for the Bulldawg team he loved. He leaves a rich legacy and commitment to Bulldawg athletics that is unmatched. Go Dawgs!

In lieu of flowers, donors are asked to contribute to the Joe Lombardi Scholarship Fund established by the Copperas Cove Quarterback club. A GoFundMe page has been created to assist in medical and funeral expenses: https://gofund.me/e28100b0

Condolences may be left at www.VissFamilyFuneralHome.com

**Melba Gene Edwards**, 90, passed away on Saturday. Services will be held at Sneed-Carnley Funeral Chapel on Friday at 11am with a visitation an hour prior. Interment will follow at Oak Hill Cemetery.

