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Thursday March 16th, 2023 www.LampasasRadio.com News at 7:10am & 12, 6pm & 10pm

The Weather



The high yesterday 71° This morning's low 62° Lampasas County will be under a wind advisory from 5pm today until 10am tomorrow

Today: Look for cloudy skies, with a high near 80°. A cold front will enter the northwest counties late this afternoon, and will make its way through the region during the evening and night hours. There is a 40% chance of showers and storms along and ahead of the front with some possibly being severe. The main concern for any severe storms will be large hail, with a lesser damaging wind threat. A tornado or two may also be possible. Behind the front, sub-severe storms are expected to linger into Friday morning. Wind will be S-SW today at 15-20 mph with possible gusts of 30 mph.

Tonight: Look for increasing clouds, and the low will get down to about 38° overnight with a 50% chance of showers and storms. The wind will be gusty from the S-SW near 15-25 mph gusting to 35 mph, then it will shift N overnight.

Friday: Mostly cloudy with a high temperature near 54° and a 30% chance of precipitation in the morning. Wind will be N at 15-20 mph with possible gusts of 30 mph.

Friday Night: Look for mostly cloudy skies and a low near 37°. Wind will be N-NE near 10-15 mph with gusts of 20 mph.

Saturday: Cloudy with the high temperature near 54° and wind will be E-NE at 5-10 mph with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy skies and a low near 35°Wind will be E-NE at 5-10 mph.

Red Flag Warning

County Judge Randy Hoyer has issued a **Red Flag Warning** that continues for today and tomorrow (March 16 & 17)

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Lampasas Police Department Citizen's Police Academy

From the Lampasas Police Department: We've bumped the dates for our 2023 Citizens Police Academy up one week to begin on April 12th and end on May 17th. That's 6 meetings, over 6 weeks, on Wednesday nights from 6pm-8pm. You can apply completely on line at <u>https://www.lampasas.org/377/Citizens-Police-Academy</u>, pick up an application at the Lampasas Police Department, 301 E 4th Street, or email Chief Cummings at jcummings@cityoflampasas.com to have one emailed to you.

Topics will include city government and law enforcement procedures, first responder communications, investigations, prosecution and court procedures, animal control, jail operations, fire department and EMS/ambulance response. Attendees will tour the different meeting location facilities, and participate in presentations.

Return completed forms to the Police Department or scan and email it back to Chief Cummings. We are limited to 12 participants, and participation is first come first accepted. We hope to see you there!



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The Blotter



The Lampasas Police blotter for Wednesday

shows an early morning noise complaint in the 1800 block of Diamond Ridge Dr. at 12:17am, a reported disturbance in the 300 block of Barnes St. at 2:07am, and a curfew violation was reported in the 100 block of W. North Ave. at 3:32am. There was a reported assault in the 700 block of Brown St. at 8:16am, a minor accident in the 2400 block of 183S at 9:03am, and a harassment reported in the 800 block of S. Key Ave. at 9:29am. The afternoon shows suspicious activity reported in the 700 block of S. Walnut St. at 3:46pm, a noise complaint on Sue Ann Dr. at 6:05pm, and suspicious activity reported in the 2200 block of 281S at 7:19pm. At 10:50pm, Nathan Bowers, 32, of Lampasas was arrested in the 800 block of E. 4th St. for DWI and driving with an invalid license with previous convictions. A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 900 block of S. Spring St. at 11:43pm.

The Lampasas County Sheriff's Dept. Blotter for Wednesday shows Lometa with a medical call. In Kempner there were reports of suspicious activity, a fish & game call, and a burglary. Out in the county there were reported disturbances, an accident, requested welfare checks, a report of illegal dumping, livestock issues and a warrant was served. Deputies went into Cove on reports of suspicious activity and a reported disturbance.

The Jail Log shows the arrest of Fidencio Maldonado, 54, of Lometa on a probation violation. Also arrested was 21 year old Jim Yanez of Kempner for failure to comply with the sex offender registry.

Texas Secretary of State Confirmed.

Yesterday, the Texas Senate confirmed Jane Nelson to serve as the 115th Texas Secretary of State. Following the confirmation vote on the Senate floor, Secretary Nelson issued the following statement:

"To my former Senate colleagues: thank you for your support and your confidence in me to serve in the vital role of Texas Secretary of State. I will work to safeguard honest and accurate elections in all 254 counties across our great state, while continuing to support business owners by ensuring that government moves at the speed of Texas business, not the other way around. I also look forward to strengthening relationships with all of our international partners and telling the great story of Texas' economic prosperity to the world. I am grateful to Governor Abbott for nominating me to serve as Secretary of State, and will work every single day on behalf of the people of Texas."

Pursuant to the Texas Constitution, Article IV, Section 21, the Secretary of State must be confirmed by the Texas Senate to remain in office during the term of service of the Governor.

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Property Tax Relief in the Texas Legislature

The Texas House and Senate have finally unveiled their proposals to lessen property owners' tax burden on the table — and there's a wide gulf between them when it comes to their big-ticket items.

Senate Republicans laid out a \$16.5 billion package this week to expand tax benefits for homeowners as well as property tax exemptions and credits for businesses.

Senate lawmakers also want to triple the homestead exemption for seniors, which would raise the amount of that benefit from \$10,000 to \$30,000. The increase would save those homeowners another \$227 each year. In all, senior homeowners wouldn't be taxed on the first \$100,000 of their home value if both homestead exemption measures prevail.

Another bill would put \$5.38 billion toward lowering school property taxes by pumping more state dollars into schools in addition to the \$5.3 billion already set aside for that purpose in both chambers' budget proposals — a benefit that would apply to homeowners and businesses alike. That measure along with the homestead exemption bill cleared the Senate Finance Committee on Wednesday. Another measure by state Sen. Tan Parker, a Flower Mound Republican, calls for about \$1.5 billion in business property tax cuts.

Texas House Speaker Dade Phelan's main property tax proposal in the House calls for \$17.3 billion in cuts and a stricter cap on how much more of a home's value can be taxed each year.

Phelan's proposal — carried by House Ways & Means Chair Morgan Meyer, a Dallas Republican — calls for \$12 billion in school property tax cuts on top of the \$5.3 billion laid out in the House's budget proposal. If it passes, the owner of a \$350,000 home would see total annual savings of nearly \$1,300 over the next two years.

Texas has an "appraisal cap" on how much the value of a homeowner's main residence that can be taxed by school districts can rise each year. The House proposal — which has gained support from 57 other members of the House, including a handful of Democrats — would lower that cap from 10% to 5% for homeowners and expand the benefit to owners of commercial properties like restaurants and apartment complexes.

Property tax experts also say that raising the cap would make the property tax system more unfair and eventually create drastic inequities. That's a concern Glenn Hamer, the head of the Texas Association of Business, raised to the Ways & Means committee this week, testifying that the cap would "create an unequal distribution of taxes" among business owners and homeowners.

Badger Sports

Badger Baseball



Badger Baseball will be traveling to Jarrell this afternoon for games beginning at 4:30pm.

Lady Badger Softball

Lady Badger Softball travels Marble Falls on Tuesday for district play.