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Tuesday
March 23rd, 2021

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

The Weather

The high yesterday 66° The low this morning 40°

Lampasas airport rainfall as of midnight - .11in. Some foggy mist this morning at 3am - .01in.

Lometa's LCRA gauge registered .6in. last night.

Burnet Co. gauges registered from .3 to .95in. of rainfall but Burnet and Bertram report damaging hail and wind with large marble to baseball size hail stones.

Today: Sunny and up to 78° with west wind 5-10 mph.

Tonight: Clear skies and a low around 49° and SE wind around 5 mph.

Wednesday: A 40% chance of rain in the afternoon, increasing to 50% in the early morning Thursday and likely until mid-day. Wednesdays high should be up to 75° and overnight it will get down to about 49°. There will be a wind shift from SE to N-NW after midnight Wednesday night.

Along with Thursday's rain chances the high should be about 68° and overnight low down to 45° with NW wind shifting back to SE.

The Rest of the week: Friday should bring regular sunshine back to the area and we should see highs from 75-80 in the afternoons along with sunshine.

Commissioners Meet

Lampasas County Commissioners met on Monday and unanimously agreed on a resolution in opposition to SB234/HB749. The commissioners argue that they would no longer receive representation from the Texas Association of Counties, as dues paid may equate to lobbyist representation. If the companion bills pass, Commissioner Jamie Smart argues that Lampasas will lose county representation at the Capital. A larger problem viewed by the commissioner's court, is the unfunded mandates that negatively impact the county.

Residential structures on Private Road 4718, off County Round 4717, will see their road name changed to Private Road 4721. This is done, primarily for 911 services.

A variance request for 5772 CR 3300 in Kempner was approved. It was noted during the meeting that while development of the area is not being pursued, future developments of 20 or more lots, would require 2 entrances to the subdivision. If or when development occurs it may require additional land to be purchased to provide a second entry to subdivision.

Sheriff Ramos appeared before Commissioner's Court to change pay classification for employees from 40 hours per week to a 171-hour pay cycle. This would allow deputy and detention staff to operate on 12-hour shifts. The Communications department of the S.O. will remain on a 40 hours per week pay classification.

A one-year contract with Suddenlink has been signed by the department (~50\$/month for internet services). This will serve as the primary, though if AT&T in the future is able to secure faster speeds, Suddenlink will function as the back-up internet provider. Sheriff Ramos reported that the new jail transition is coming along smoothly. The primary complaint is that there is currently no television, but board games are made available.

Town Hall Meeting Held

Last night the City of Lampasas conducted a town hall prior to City Council's regular session.

An after-action report on the impact of the winter storm on Lampasas County was performed. City Manager Finley de Graffenried led the town hall by outlining the scope of events, courtesy of an after-action report, that had occurred during the winter storm in Texas. From February 11th-18th Lampasas spent 8 days with temperatures below freezing, 3 nights of single digit temperatures. These frozen temperatures brought 70+ hours of rolling blackouts, electricity generation disruption, and 44+ water service disconnects. Public Works and City Assistant Manager Rickie Roy utilized 50 tons of sand on Lampasas roads to reduce ice and snow. The rolling blackouts were a focus of the town hall. Citizens of Lampasas voiced their concern over the inequities of power distribution during the rolling blackouts. There are two power substations in Lampasas, if your home fell on the Lampasas grid, you were less likely to be impacted because of the critical infrastructure that is on the grid. If your home fell on the Naruna road substation, you disproportionately experienced longer blackouts in electricity.

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The Blotter



Lampasas Police Dept. blotter for Monday shows a quiet day with a found property report on W. 4th St in the morning and a couple of fraud reports in the afternoon. The reports came from the 1300 block of Nix Rd. and the 600 block of S. Walnut. There were also 8 animal complaints and a couple of motorist assists.

Lampasas Sheriff's Dept. blotter shows a couple of suspicious matter reports in Cove and Kempner in the early morning. There was also a 1:17am citizen's assist report in Lometa. A fraud report came in from Kempner at 10:24am and another one from out in the county at 2:30pm. Other reports were citizen assist requests and medical calls.

The Jail Log showed one arrest by the county as a Luis Jacinto Mardid, Jr. of Odessa was arrested for possession of 4 to 400grams of PG2 controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and unlawful carrying of a weapon.

The Burn Ban is lifted in Lampasas Co. until May 7th.

ERCOT ultimately decided who and where electricity would be temporarily restricted.

The City of Lampasas will be able to absorb most the surge rates that occurred during this storm, however noted that in the future it may not be able to do so. Also, expect a slight increase in gas utility rates after April 27th, 2021. Rates were increased for improvements and reliability to the Gas infrastructure. Waste Connections also increased their collection fees and disposal rates, 2.08% rate increase begins after May 1st, 2021.

Lampasas Community Gardens

Lampasas Community Gardens will be celebrating with a ribbon cutting this afternoon starting at 4pm as well as a grant presentation from the Rosendin Foundation. Lampasas Community Gardens is a combined effort of many local residents. Garden beds are available for residents to rent, with a 4x4 bed being \$25 per year, a 4x8 bed is \$50 per year and a 4x16 bed is \$85 per year. There are 2 one-time fees of \$20, one for tool use and one for clean up on the garden bed. There will also be an open house on April 17th from 1-5pm.

The Community Gardens are located in Campbell Park. . The website is www.Lampasascommunitygardens.org.



District Court Notes

Lampasas County Courthouse was the site of a 27th District Court Docket Call on March 19th. Presiding over the Court was 27th District Court Judge John Gauntt. Altogether 16 cases were brought to the court with 11 cases involving men, and 5 cases involving women.

Fre Queisha Phillips of Everman, Texas, failed to appear on the charge of engaging in organized criminal activity, and a warrant was filed.

There were 5 cases involving possession of a controlled substance/PG1; there were 3 cases for possession less than a gram, and 2 cases for possession of 4-200 grams PG. There was 1 case each for; evading arrest w/a vehicle, engaging in organized criminal activity, burglary of a building, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, criminal mischief and bail jumping. Crimes involving personal harm included one case for assault/family member, 3 cases for indecency w/child sexual contact, and one case for indecency w/child by exposure.

Two cases was settled with Nicole Real, of Lampasas pleading guilty to possession of a controlled substance/PG1/ less than 1 gram. Ms. Real was sentenced to 4 years probation plus fines and costs. Dennis Martinez, of Lampasas saw his felony evading arrest charge dropped to a class A misdemeanor and sentenced to 2 days county jail with credit for time served. On the charge of possession of a controlled substance, he was sentenced to 3 years probation, community service, restitution, costs and fines, and with the stipulation of attending an ISF.

All other cases were rescheduled or set for jury trials.

Badger Sports

Softball

Lady Badgers softball kicks off their district schedule on Tuesday with a home stand against Gatesville's girls. The JV games starts at 5pm and the varsity at 6:30pm.

The Badgers team goes into league play with a 9-8 record, the Gatesville girls are 5-13-1.

Baseball

Badger Baseball heads to Glen Rose today for a road game. Glen Rose varsity Boys seem to be the bottom of the pile in district, having pitcher problems. They lost to Stephenville by 4-3 and Brownwood by 15-5. But, they are looking for a win and were awfully close with Stephenville. The Badgers are 2-1 in district, tied with Brownwood.

The Badgers used Ace Whitehead for the game last Friday so we expect to see Coach Chance Evans going with Gauge Gholson to start on the mound.

The JV game should start at 4:30pm and the varsity at 7pm. It's a distance to Glen Rose so an early leave for fans. **If you can't make it to the game, tune in to KACQ 101.9 for live radio of the game or lampasasradio.com for the stream.**

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