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The Weather



The high yesterday 84° This morning's low 69°

Today: Cloudy this morning with gradual clearing and a high near 84°. Winds will be SW shifting to the N this afternoon courtesy of a cold front slated to move through early this afternoon. Winds will be 10-15 mph gusting to 20 mph. Fire danger will be elevated.

Tonight: Look for mostly clear skies and a low near 53°. Winds will become light and variable.

Thursday: Look for sunny skies with a high near 89°, and wind will shift to the S at 10-15 mph with 20 mph gusts in the afternoon.

Overnight Thursday: Partly cloudy skies with a low near 63°, and light S wind.

Friday: Mostly sunny with a high near 95°. Wind will be S at 10-15 mph gusting to 25 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy skies with a low temperature near 58° and a slight chance of a shower. Winds will become N-NE after midnight, with possible gusts of 20 mph.

A Visit with the Lampasas City Manager

Lampasas City Manger Finley de Graffenried was in the Lampasas Radio studios this morning for his weekly visit with Ronnie Witcher.

Subjects included the fact that is has now been 6 weeks since the ice storm, and at Monday's Workshop Session of the City Council, there will be a presentation of the "After Action Report" to the city council. The report, made after discussions with individuals, businesses, community groups and the Town Hall Meeting, outlines what happened, and identifies things that could have been handled better and with more efficiency.

Interesting topics around town included the reduction of Key Avenue to 1 lane near the new Whataburger so the contractor can form the slab and hardscaping. Mr. de Graffenried shared he has heard of a mid-July opening.

Also discussed was the bride on W. 3rd St, which was damaged when an LCRA contractor was doing transmission line work in

the area. This incident has been investigated, and the bid has been awarded, the City Manager said, to a contractor local to the Central Texas Area. The contractor has outlined a 45 day project, and is expected to be on site today. The bridge is expected to be open in 30-40 days.

Mr. de Graffenried also confirmed that CEFCO has bought the property where the old Triangle Motel is located. The City Manager did not offer a lot of information, but shared the city will not have to contribute much to the project, which is in the very beginning stages.

The next City Council meeting, Monday April 12th, will include discussion of a vacancy on the Capital Improvement Committee, and possible nominations, and the 1st reading of a SUP. The City Manager also shared that the city is finding it challenging to get enough applicants to work the city pools. The City of Lampasas wants to open both pools, but have no returning lifeguards.

Anyone that has an interest in lifeguarding, or working around pools should put an application in at City Hall.

And on the up-side, Little League will be starting this weekend, so keep an eye out for pedestrians near the baseball fields.

STAAR Testing Troubles in Texas

According to an article in the Texas Tribune, this year Texas officials mandated that students take the State of Texas

Assessments of Academic Readiness in person this year at monitored test sites, although millions of students are still learning remotely because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Texas education officials advised school districts to suspend the first day of STAAR testing after thousands of students showed up in person and were prevented from taking the standardized test online because of widespread technical issues across the state.

"The issues affected districts administering the tests online and ranged from slow response times to students being unable to log in to the test. Online testing will resume today. Districts that have students taking paper tests with Scantrons have been able to go forward with testing.

"We understand the frustration this has caused students, parents, teachers, and administrators," TEA said. "What happened today is completely unacceptable. (Cont'd on back)



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The Blotter



Lampasas Police Dept. blotter for Tuesday shows a reported disturbance in the 700 block of E. 5th St. at 9:43am. The afternoon shows a reported criminal trespass in the 200 block of Riverview Dr. at 1:31pm, and another criminal trespass, this time in the 900 block of S. Spring St. at 2:37pm. There was a reported theft in the 500 block of S. Race St. at 3:16pm, and a missing person reported in the 200 block of W. Ave E at 7:59pm. There was one arrest as Jeremy Woolsey, 26, of Austin, was arrested at 10:59pm in the 100 block of E. 1st for possession/controlled substance/PG1 less than a gram, possession of drug paraphernalia, and a Bell County warrant for a probation violation/ motion to revoke/aggravated assault/deadly weapon.

The Lampasas Sheriff's Dept. blotter shows Lometa with a medical call in the afternoon. In Kempner officers were busy with a fish & game call, a request for extra patrol, animal issues, a sex offense, a reported theft, a requested welfare check, medical calls, a reported abandoned vehicle, and a report of shots fired. Out in the county there were livestock/animal issues, a warrant was served, medical calls, and an alarm call. Deputies went into Cove on an animal issue.

The Jail Log shows the arrest of 39 year old Eric Dalton, of Kempner on a probation violation, and 20 year old Maverick Van Winkle of Copperas Cove was arrested for possession of marijuana less than 2 oz.

Note; The Kempner Police Dept. is actively looking for a 16 ft. enclosed Lark Trailer that was stolen in Kempner on Monday. The vehicle pulling the trailer was recovered in Killeen, however the trailer and contents have not been recovered. The trailer had a license plate reading 783873K. If you have information call the Kempner PD at **512.932.2180**, case #210405-00026.

The Burn Ban has been lifted until May 7th

All involved in public education in Texas should expect better than what they have experienced today," Locally, Dr. Kevin Bott, Assistant Superintendent of Lampasas ISD shared with Lampasas Radio that only 4th, 7th and high school freshmen were taking the test yesterday statewide. The younger children were mostly using scantrons, while 80% of high school students were online. Dr. Bott said "Out of 350 students locally taking this test, there were 350 issues yesterday. No students took the online test yesterday in our district. We are testing today, and have had about a dozen issues with online testing." The week of May 4th, Lampasas ISD will be conducting the EOC STAAR tests for high school students. The week of May 11th, up to 6 grade levels at a time will be testing, which will pose a bigger challenge. Utmost, he wants parents to know that the Lampasas ISD staff and administration knows how frustrating this was, and are doing all they can." While the test is required this year, there is no penalty for elementary and middle school students who don't show up or who fail the STAAR test this year. Texas officials have said the test would not affect students' ability to move up to the next grade. **But high school students must pass five subject-specific courses by the time they graduate, a requirement that will not be waived this year.**

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Badger Sports



Badger Baseball wins by a run – a home run!

The Varsity Baseball team beat Brownwood 2-1 in a game that was played in a wind storm on Badger Field. The game was scoreless until the bottom of the third when Nate Borchardt doubled on a fly ball to center and Ace Whitehead hit a dinger over the center left fence for a 2 run homer. There it was, the rally that would win the game. Brownwood came back with a run on a Badger throwing error in the top of the 5th but that was the end of the scoring for both teams. The game ended after the Lions came up empty after their 7th inning bat and Lampasas is now 5-2 in district and back to the top of the heap in district play. Here's the way it looks:

Lampasas	5-2
Stephenville	4-1
Brownwood	4-3
Gatesville	3-3
Glen Rose	0-7



Ace Whitehead was the winning pitcher, going all 7 with 13 strikeouts. While, for the first time, Ace struggled a bit on the mound...he came up with 13 strikeouts, gave up a single run (on an error) and only 3 hits. That wasn't much of a struggle.

Lampasas heads to Brownwood on Friday for the next game and its last matchup with the Lions.

Lady Badger Softball

Lady Badger Softball begins round 2 of District Play on Friday in Gatesville. If you can't make the game, join Darrell Brooks and his team as they broadcast the play by play over **KCYL 1450AM radio**, and stream at lampasasradio.com at the listen live button.

Badger Tennis

Badger Tennis hosts Liberty Hill tomorrow at Lampasas High School Tennis courts at 3:30pm

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