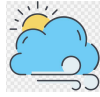


The Weather



The High yesterday 87° The Low this morning 66°
Gusty south winds, up to 25 mph, were common all through the Memorial Day holiday.

Today: We woke up to clouds rolling in to the area this morning and that should mark our return to work today. The high will get up to 89° today and the south wind will continue to be about 15 mph with occasional gusts to 25.

Tonight: A 20% chance of showers or a thunderstorm after 8pm this evening. The clouds will be increasing and the low temp will get down to 73° with winds 10-15 mph.

Wednesday: A 50% chance of rain, mostly cloudy, with south wind gusting to 25 mph and a high of about 87°.

Overnight, the 50% rain chance continues, as the low temp by morning gets down to a cool 68°, and that pesky south wind is still gusty but does get lighter at 5-15mph.

Rest of the week: Thursday sees a slightly lower rain chance of 40% but it is still going to be with us all week, getting down to 20% by Saturday and Sunday. Afternoon temperatures will peak in the high 80s and on Sunday the forecast calls for low 90s. The high temps on the weekend will seem higher with higher than normal humidity.

Back Home and At Work



A busy week as we return to work.

The Click It or Ticket campaign continues. Lots of tickets have been issued, but lots of Texas drivers have started to develop a new habit – buckling up when they start the engine in their cars and trucks. That will save lives all over the state.

School ended last week – Remember that more kids will be riding bikes and walking and running on our city streets.

About kids & bikes... The ATLAS Bike Ride, coming up on Saturday morning here, as promoting its Kid Friendly side this year. The event kicks off at 11am at Campbell Park, by the Hanna Springs pool, and there is definitely a Kid's Zone at the finish line. Kids are asked to just "bring your bike and helmet!" The kids will join likely triple digits of adults for the annual bike ride.

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The Lampasas County Democratic Party had their Memorial Day Picnic late Monday afternoon with the expected political stumping, along with hot dogs and live music. A good time was had by all.

The LHS Graduates



There were 281 of them, the Class of 2019, donning the cap and gown at Badger Stadium last Friday.

Diplomas were handed out by high school staff, and the short address by Salutatorian Brandon Longoria was followed by words from the Valedictorian, Macey Pace .

The graduation at Lometa ISD Friday evening saw their Class of '19 number sixteen in caps and gowns.

The honored Valedictorian, was Mason Moresco. The Salutatorian at Lometa High was Allison Molter.,

The event took place in the "New Gym" at Lometa High.

Meetings

The County Commissioners and Lampasas City Council meet today in their chambers.

The City Council will be in workshop session at 5:30pm and regular session at 7pm.

The Texas Legislative Session ended Monday



TGIO! Perhaps we shouldn't be so "tongue in cheek" critical, as there were some accomplishments made during the 140 days of the 86th session.

The hopefully done: With Governor Abbott, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick and House Speaker Dennis Bonnen unified in purpose to pass a new school funding bill. Full-day pre-K will be funded now, and just about all teachers will get a raise, with veteran teachers getting the most, and best-of-all, it appears the base funding per student is going up.

Overall, the new bike money, about \$6.5 billion, going to Texas schools is thought to be an increase of about 10%.

Property taxes being paid to schools is being bought down by the legislature at the same time. Some \$5.1 billion is being pumped in there. That is thought to be able to bring about a roughly 8¢ per hundred dollar valuation decrease in taxes. That's about \$80 on your

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Saturday June 1st:

Wings of Eagles community Service Hours 10am-4pm. 1920 S. 183

Atlas Kids Bike Ride 11am @ Campbell Park 501 E. North.

Thursday June 6:

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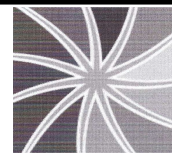
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The Blotter



Lampasas Police Dept. blotter for Saturday shows the early morning arrest of Koal Rainwater in the 600 block of N. Ridge for assault causing bodily injury to a family member at 3am, then a possession of drug paraphernalia report in the 2300 block of W. FM 580 at 7:22am. A missing person was reported in the 200 block of W. Vine St. at 11:40am, then a suspicious person in the 300 block of N. Summer at 12:48pm. There was a minor accident in the 700 block of s. Key, no injuries. Suspicious activity was reported in the 1200 block of E. 4th St. at 8:44pm, followed by the arrest of Adam Sunberg, 42, of Lampasas in the 1600 block of E. Ave F for assault causing injury/family violence w/previous conviction at 9:12pm. A suspicious vehicle was called in from the 2300 block of 580 W. at 9:27pm. Sunday's blotter shows the arrest of Joshua Joy, 46, from Lampasas in the 1400 block of W. 1st St. for possession of a controlled substance PG1, less than a gram at 12:11am. The evening shows the arrest of a 36 year old Lampasas man in the 100 block of W. 4th St. at 9:46pm for a pardon and paroles warrant, and possession of a controlled substance PG1 less than a gram.

Monday's Blotter saw the arrest of Shannon Brettnacher, 33, from Austin for possession of a controlled substance PG3 less than 28 grams in a drug free zone at 3:56pm, and 4:33 saw the arrest of a 47 year old man on Sue Ann Dr. for possession of marijuana less than 2oz., and possession of a controlled substance less than a gram.

Lampasas Sheriff's Dept. Blotter for the weekend shows Lometa responding to civil matters, alarm calls and a medical emergency. Kempner saw suspicious activity, a disturbance, responded to an assault, and a shots fired call.

The Jail Log shows the county arrest of a 36 year old Odessa, Texas woman on an out-of-county charge, a 32 year old Cove woman on a probation violation, and a 34 year old Cove woman on an out-of-county charge. Michael Wilson, 43, of Kempner man was arrested and charged with assault causing injury to a family member, and interfering with an emergency call, and a 27 year old Lometa resident was brought in on a bench warrant.

Loss of life in Memorial Day holiday traffic: On Friday, May 24, 2019, at approximately 1:40pm, a two vehicle crash occurred on US 281 about 6 miles south of Evant. DPS Troopers report that a 2004 Buick was SB and a 2018 Ford car was NB. The driver of the Buick lost control and crossed into the path of the Ford. The vehicles collided on the NB side of the highway. The driver of the Buick, William Stocklin, 88 of Austin, was pronounced dead at the scene. The driver of the Ford, Gregory Rosche 35 of Weatherford, was transported by ambulance to Advent Health Rollins Brook Hospital for treatment of non incapacitating injuries

house appraised at \$100K, without any other consideration such as homestead or veteran or senior exemption. All of which is probably optimistic!

Somehow, the \$6.5 billion being pumped in to schools in the plan, along with the \$5.1 billion to buy down property taxes, is going to be paid for by a cautiously predicted increase in the state's income over the 20-21 fiscal period. It's thought that the income will come from online sales tax and from oil and gas taxes. The prediction from the State Comptroller seemed to predict about a 10% income increase.

So, is the above enough? Who knows what the future holds? One thing for sure, there is never enough money. A proposal to raise the state sales tax rate was nixed and a proposal to take money from the State's savings account, the "rainy day fund," was also turned down, though it was robbed in another way. Some \$6.1 billion of the \$15 billion or so is going to be drawn on. About \$6.1 billion is going to be taken from the fund in order to help local governments draw on federal disaster

funds, pay for some construction or upgrade on the state's mental hospitals, do some work on flood infrastructure, school district safety upgrades, prisons, and...pay some bills were left over from the last biennium. One of those was \$220 million to help pay a penalty to the federal government for illegally decreasing funding for kids with disabilities.

Of course, the compromise bill to fund the state still has to get the Governor's signature

So much for schools, what about the property tax discussion on Cities' and Counties' tax increases? From now on, if the bill passes, the City, County or ESD's, etc. **can not increase** their tax rate more than 3.5% without a public vote approving it.

And, did anything get changed about the "taxpayer funded lobby" ban proposal (such as TML and TAC). No!

Did anything get done about limiting a police officer's ability to arrest a person for low-level crimes like traffic offenses such as took place in the Sandra Bland matter. No! That was defeated by a strong law enforcement lobby (CLEAT) effort.

Did anything get done about Eminent Domain? No! Common ground could never be agreed on.

The A.C. January Golf Tournament

That annual Memorial Day Golf tournament over the weekend and Monday shows the Championship Flite winner as Justin Schulze with a three day score of 197. The runner up, Manny Bhakta finished with a 207.



The President's Flite went to Nate Reding with a 221.

Funeral/Death Notices

David Michael Landis was born in Renton, Washington on May 29, 1964 to Dan and Phoenix Landis.

He has served as Indian Guide, Cub Scout, Boy Scout, was in the U.S. Army Chemical Corps, and in the Lampasas County Sheriff's Department where he was called "Deputy Dave." He was always willing to lend a hand, serving God at the Community Church and throughout the community,

He will be missed by his loving family, devoted wife of 27 years, Elaine Landis of Lampasas; sons, Kenneth Landis and partner Adam Penney and Kyle Landis and wife Emily; stepson Jason Halbrook and adopted son Kenneth Cooke; daughter Kayla Landis; mother, Andrea; and adoring companion Bonnie Siegarth.

He is survived by siblings Bradley Landis and his wife Maria, Deana Weyant and her husband Rick and sister Donyele Mason, all of Washington state. There are also three grandchildren and a host of loving friends.

A viewing will be held at Sneed Chapel in Lampasas on Wednesday, May 29th from 5 to 7pm, and burial will be at Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Killeen on Thursday, May 30th at 10am.

There will be a celebration of life on Thursday at the Community Church at 1pm. All are invited.

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