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The Weather

The High yesterday 94° The Low this morning 74°

The heat index reached 96° yesterday

The tropical wave in the Gulf will bring some rain chances to our area. The highest chances through Friday will be east of I-35, and it will be humid with heat indices near 105°. The forecasters say the storms should reach our area in the afternoon Friday, then chances of showers and storms will increase on Saturday as the tropical system moves onshore.

Today: Mostly cloudy skies with a high temperature near 90°. Winds will be S at 5 mph. There is a 40% chance of showers this afternoon.

Tonight: There is a 20% chance of showers in the evening with mostly cloudy skies and a low near 75°. There will be E-SE breezes at 5-10 mph.

Thursday: Mostly cloudy with gradual clearing. The high temperature will be near 96° with an expected heat index of 101° . The wind will be E-SE at 5-10 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy and a low around 75°. Winds will be E-SE at 5-10 mph becoming calm after midnight;

Friday: Mostly sunny and up to 95° with a 20 % chance of showers an storms. Winds will be E at 5-10 mph.

Friday Night: The 20% chance of showers continues with partly cloudy skies and a low near 75°.

Coronavirus Update

Unfortunately, Lampasas has its first COVID-related death. A man in his 90's, a resident in a nursing home, passed away yesterday. Lampasas now has 123 cases with 45 active and 78 recovered. There are 4 Lampasas County Residents in the

In Texas, 9,305 new cases were reported yesterday. There are 10,848 Texans in the hospital, occupying 19.6% of the hospital beds.

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City Manager's Notes



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

As with most things these days, COVID-19 and the effect it is having on our city was discussed. Because of the uptick in cases, it was asked if Lampasas may consider more stringent orders for our county/city.

Mr. de Graffenreid stated that while the guidelines for COVID-19 are evolving, Lampasas usually chooses to follow what the Governor advises. He feels what we have in place is adequate. The subject of contact tracing was brought up, and maybe more attempts could be made to find out how it is being spread. It was said that 'even with contact tracing, we cannot figure out how the virus is being spread', and it won't be over anytime soon. With all that, the City Manager said there are some more positive things. The positivity rate in Lampasas County is down, and that is encouraging.

The work on W. Ave E is continuing and city crews are sealing the streets in some areas of town.

Mr. de Graffenreid spoke about the lack of moisture and the increasing fire danger.

Another Ft. Hood Soldier Found Dead

According to an article in the Army Times,

"The off-post death of a soldier assigned to Fort Hood, Texas, is being investigated by local law enforcement, Army officials said Tuesday.

Pvt. Mejhor Morta, 26, was found unresponsive on Friday in the vicinity of Stillhouse Lake, a reservoir that sits about 20 miles from the central Texas military installation.

The incident is currently under investigation by Bell County Sheriff's Department. Bob Reinhard, a public information officer for the department, did not immediately return a request for comment. How Morta died was not released.

Morta, whose home of record was listed as Pensacola, Florida, joined the Army in September 2019. He served as a Bradley Fighting Vehicle mechanic.

In May, he was assigned to 1st Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division." Private Morta was the 4th Ft. Hood soldier found dead in the past few months.









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The Blotter

Lampasas Police Dept. blotter for Tuesday shows a suspicious person in the 2300 block of 580W at 2:34pm, then suspicious activity reported in the 100 block of N. key at 5:19am. There was a reported disturbance in the 600 block of S. Willis at 6:51am. Suspicious persons were reported, one in the 600 block of E. Ave G at 9:12am, then one in the 700 block of N. Key at 10:50am. The afternoon shows a reported criminal mischief in the 1700 block of CTE at12:49pm, followed by a minor accident in the 400 block of E. Ave J at 12:51pm. Another suspicious person was reported in the 600 block of W. Ave F at 2:05pm. There was a reported fraud in the 300 block of W. 3rd St. at 2:34pm, and suspicious activity in the 700 block of S. Key at 2:44pm. There were 2 thefts reported, one in the 800 block of N. Ridge at 3:11pm and on e in the 1300 block of CTE at 5:47pm. Harassments were then reported, one in the 300 block of N. Key at 5:57pm and one on Alexander Lane at 9:49pm.

The Sheriff's Dept. Blotter for Tuesday shows Kempner with a reported prowler, and animal issues. Out in the county there was a reported assault, civil matters, an alarm call, 3 warrants were served, medical calls and livestock issues. Deputies went into Cove on a request for extra patrol and a warrant was served.

The Jail Log shows the arrest of 62 year old Michael Williams of Lampasas on a probation violation, and 23 year old Noel Graves-Medina, also from Lampasas for sexual assault of a child.

A countywide burn ban is in effect. No Burning!!

Texas Budget Woes

Due to Coronavirus

The Texas Comptroller doesn't have good news. The state lawmakers will be short 11.6 billion dollars from what was expected when they get to work on the budget.

So which programs are going to be cut or downsized? Hard to say..we're all in uncharted waters, information about the future is hard to predict. The numbers are in from last quarter, but when will Texas be open 100%? Will the oil and gas sectors rebound? When? With schools closed, many parents can't work.

Then figure in how many lawmakers are up for re-election. And don't want to cut programs important to constituents. When businesses were closed in the spring,

Comptroller Hegar said the Texas economy was in a recession. Lawmakers were advised to expect revisions. State leaders have asked agencies to cut 5% in spending and send a detailed report. Education and Health and Human services are the biggest spending categories, but where and how does the state cut those programs that are so important to so many. The only good news...Texas may be in line for more relief/

The only good news...Texas may be in line for more relief, response from the Federal Government in the form of coronavirus relief.

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Badger Sports Notes

Badger Football

The UIL cleared the way for Schools 1A-4A to begin fall sports. For 1A-4A schools that offered strength and conditioning since July 20th, the first day of practice will be August 3rd, with the 1st day of full contact can be August 8th.

Scrimmages can be played from August 20th-22nd, and the season will begin August 27th.

Due to the continued coronavirus pandemic, the UIL, created two separate calendars based on school size for resuming football, volleyball, tennis and cross country.

Marching bands across the state can begin their curriculums on Sept. 7.

Badger Middle School Football

Football Camp for incoming 7th, 8th, and 9th graders will be next week (July 27-30) from 8am-10am at the High School. There is no charge for this camp. If your youngster plans on playing football this year this is a very important opportunity. Please bring the registration form on Monday. Here is the link:

https://www.lisdtx.org/domain/78

Go Badgers!

Funeral/Death Notice

Ralph Marez Sr., 65, passed away Monday July 20th. Rosary will be said Friday July 24 at 6pm at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Funeral Mass will be Saturday July 25 at 10am at St. Mary's Catholic Church.



