

The Little Peoples Paper

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The Weather

The high yesterday 85° This morning's low 68°
Today: There are clouds moving through the area this morning and the rain chance is up to 20%. Otherwise, it will be partly sunny with a high near 84° and with the north wind gentle at 5-10 mph.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 68° and the N-NE wind coming in at 5-10 mph and shifting to north after midnight but very light.

Wednesday: Rain chances, at 20%, seem to be in the forecast for the afternoon, otherwise mostly sunny and up to about 83°. The wind will be light and northerly.

Overnight, the rain chances continue at 20% after 1am and the low should be about 67° with light north wind.

The Rest of the Week: Thursday will bring a 40% chance of rain and a high in the low to mid 80s. That will be the norm thru Friday.

Saturday and Sunday look like nice days with low to mid-80s and no rain chances are in the forecast as of now.



Football Game with China Springs is cancelled!

This morning at 11:55am, we were notified by Lampasas superintendent Shane Rascoe, that China Springs had a COVID-19 problem. It seems a player tested positive, and most of the team have been exposed. Due to other possible widespread exposures, both the Thursday and Friday games with China Springs were canceled. The middle school games appear to be okay and will be played as scheduled.

According to Dr. Rascoe, Coach Rogers and staff are searching for replacement opponents for the Friday night Game, but so far haven't been able to arrange anything. Lampasas radio will keep you abreast of developments.

County Wrestles With Extra Expense

Lampasas County commissioners met in a regular session Monday and in one matter approved \$200,000 in extra expense on the new jail project. After the contractor on the construction of the jail defaulted, there appears to be additional fees of some \$200,000 on the part of the architect. The expense was approved. Other expenses include repairs to County low water crossings and roads after the high water several days ago. That expense has also been totaled up, and it's listed as a \$243,192 tally. County Judge Randy Hoyer has applied for disaster funds from State and Federal agencies but it appears that is not a certainty. It was noted that another expense of \$1300 is to go to repairing the Annex roof after damage from the recent rainfall.



Other funding matters include the County's agreement to house overflow prisoners in the Burnet Jail. The new agreement is for \$55 per day per inmate.

Away from funding discussions, the 911 physical addressing seems to continue. A change that is taking place is the name of what was County Road 3270. It is now to be called Private Road 3271.

A Proposal to increase the gallons per day rating for septic tanks for RVs, travel trailers and motorhomes was approved. It goes from 40 to 60 gallons per day.

A VINE service Agreement for the year 2021 was approved allowing state wide Notifications to be sent to victims of crimes when the perpetrator is released from jail. VINE stands for statewide victim notification service.

And, locations for early voting that takes place from October 13 to October 30 was announced. If you are voting here in Lampasas you can go to the Annex one building. Lometa will be holding their voting at their volunteer fire department. In a last matter, a preliminary plat for Raelynn ranch was approved.

Lampasas County will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, Sept. 16 at 6:30pm in the conference room of the County Annex building. The hearing will be on the subject of the tax rate for the upcoming fiscal year.

Permission to Expand Broadband Access

As the COVID-19 pandemic has "exacerbated existing disparities" related to high-speed internet access in Texas, a bipartisan group of state lawmakers asked Gov. Greg Abbott on Friday to develop a plan to expand broadband access in the state.

Access to broadband has become even more important during the coronavirus pandemic as social distancing has prompted remote learning at schools and remote working for many offices

Larry Irving, the former U.S. assistant secretary of commerce for communications and information and former administrator of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration said "What's gone from an inconvenience maybe and a problem has gone to, your life has changed dramatically if you're not connected," Irving said. "And we still have over 5 million households [nationwide] that aren't connected because they're rural and over 20 million households that aren't connected because they simply can't afford a connection."

He said not being connected to the internet reduces people's chances of social distancing, having good health, educating their children, finding a job and running a business. People, including the elderly, may have to go out to see a doctor or shop because they don't have access to telemedicine.

In 2019, the Legislature created the Governor's Broadband Development Council to research barriers to broadband and study possible solutions. Abbott has also partnered with the Texas Education Agency to form Operation Connectivity, which has helped to provide mobile hotspots and e-learning devices for students and
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The Blotter



Lampasas Police Dept. blotter showed suspicious activity in the 600 block of N. Ridge at 12:31am, a minor accident in the 600 block of CTE at 7:34am, and an assault in the 200 block of Riverview at 11:13am.

The afternoon saw a domestic disturbance in the 100 block of Ohnmeiss at 2:25pm, a minor crash in the 1400 block of S. Key at 4:42pm, a reckless driver report from Snell Dr. at 5pm, a minor accident in the 700 block of S. Key at 5:05pm and an unauthorized use of a motor vehicle in the 100 block of W. North at 5:31pm.

The evening brought a 10:26pm suspicious person report in the 400 block of N. Key and disorderly conduct at 11:24pm in the 100 block of Ohnmeiss.

The Sheriff's Dept. Blotter shows Lometa with a quiet day, Kempner with a reckless driver and a crash in the earlier part of the morning and just before noon there was an assault in the county. The afternoon brought a report of threats in Kempner shortly after 3pm and still in the 3pm hour a suicidal report from that area. There was also a disturbance in Kempner at 9:43pm.

The Jail log shows there were no arrests.

The Burn Ban has been lifted until 5 pm, September 21, 2020.

families transitioning to remote learning. The lawmakers praised those efforts, but stressed "we fear that rural communities are continuing to be left behind."

Many rural students live in areas where neither broadband nor cellular service is available. Students, families, and schools in rural communities without this critical infrastructure were left to address the situation on their own.

Development of Broadband could be supported by funding from the Coronavirus Relief Fund and while the federal

guidance for the use of the funds is unclear, other states have used them to plan for broadband.

Badger Sports

Lady Badger Volleyball

Lady Badger Volleyball travels to Lake Belton this afternoon for games with the Lake Belton Broncos beginning at 5pm

Badger Cross Country

The Runnin' Badgers compete tomorrow at 2pm in the Lometa Invitational at Lometa Regional Park.

Badger Tennis

The Badger Tennis Team won their first district match in a new district and a new region 10-9 last Thursday. Badger Tennis travels to Glenrose today for a district match.



Happy Birthday

Vincent Sanchez—35

Becky O'Hair

Donnis Self



City Council Meeting Notes

Lampasas City Council met last evening. In their earlier, workshop, session they approved the location of the skate park and approved funding to build both it and a pavilion that would be located in the center of the park.

There were discussions on laying plans for Christmas on the Creek and such projects in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. The FY 2020/2021 budget was discussed, tying up some loose ends. One additional proposal appears to be coming up – a \$35,250 cost on an Interceptor Study.

COVID-19 updates were also discussed. As of now, Lampasas' positivity rate has dropped drastically from 16.8% to 8.11%. Fire Chief Jeff Smith hopes that, with the continued use of masks and social distancing, the mask mandate will be lowered due to fewer cases. That number of total cases for Lampasas is listed as 285, with 9 fatalities.

The regular session saw an operational report from City Manager Finley deGraffenried. There was very minimal damage from the recent bad weather, such as leaks and power outages. deGraffenried went on to inform council that there have been requests to build a mountain bike trail in the 580 Sports Complex. More information in regards to any funding and approval will be in the Parks Board discussion, which takes place September 17th.

It was noted that the City is continuing to provide pole attachments for the next couple of weeks to internet companies. The eventual result should be more reliable high speed internet. Council approved the proposed budget for 2021. Council also discussed and approved the effective tax rate increase of 1.08 %. Council approved several citizen- proposed ordinances, one of which was the approval of micro-blading, a service to be offered by a new spa in town. Council also discussed repairs and warranty subscriptions needed for the elevator located in the Calvert Building. The 3-year agreement will cost \$470 a month. The final approval was for Martin, Millican, and Cooley PLLC to take over as the City Prosecutor.



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