

The Little Peoples Paper On the side of truth and the common Lampasan. Tuesday January 23rd 2018

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The Weather



The High yesterday was 61° The Low this morning 29°

Today: Sunny and fairly pleasant, with a high near 64° and light N-NW breeze around 5 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear with a low around 30° and NE wind of 5 mph turning calm as it gets ready to shift.

Wednesday: Sunny skies with a high near 62° and the calm wind shifts to easterly at around 5 mph. Overnight it will shift on around to S-SE at 5 mph and the low should be about 34° .

The rest of the Week: Thursday will bring sunshine again and up to 63° in the afternoon. The south wind will increase a bit and overnight small rain chances begin. Those rain chances appear to be greatest on Friday night and Saturday.

Commissioners Met Monday

Lampasas County Commissioners' meeting Monday morning started off with a presentation by Vision Lampasas about the upcoming Atlas 4000 Texas bike ride. Last year there were over 200 participants in the event and more are expected this year. The first ride is April 14 and the second is June 2. (We learned this morning that the April 14 ride has been cancelled). A request was made and granted, for rider safety support from the Sheriff's Department, particularly for those portions of the ride that will be along Highways 183 and 281.

A discussion around the Annual Report from Acadian Ambulance Service then took up much of the meeting. Acadian showed a much lower average response time than what their contract with the County requires. There are two ambulance units and crews always at the ready. Much of the discussion was around the Acadian System Status Management Plan, and the way assets are prioritized when there are multiple calls. This includes criteria for calling in ambulances from neighboring communities.

Next, the Commissioners had a presentation from Hilltop Securities offering the use of government backed securities for short-term (1 to 90 day) investing. Funds such as tax receipts may be held in this way. County Auditor Chris Munn said that he would review the options and report back to the Court.

Munn went on to report that he had been informed by the architect for the **new jail project** that construction funds will need to be in the bank before any construction contracts can be awarded. This could

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512-049-2100 Piedmont Mortgage 201 Riverview Drive, Lampasas 76550 NMLS# 1173147 require a second bond issue by the County with bids expected to go out Feb. 21st.

Other items approved by the Commissioners were:

•The Joint Primary Election Resolution from the County Elections Administrator for the Republican and Democratic primaries of March 6, and possible runoffs on May 22.

•County membership in the Lampasas County Chamber of Commerce for \$200 per year.

•Advertising for bids for Asphalt and Emulsion road materials will go out, with their opening to be Feb 28th and awarding to be made on March 12th.

•Goodson Surveyors to split two lots in Allen Estates.

City Council Meets

On Monday evening the City Council Workshop Session took an in-depth look at a couple of agenda items that were later approved in the Regular Session.

The first was a request by City Utilities to remove the County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Voluntary Donation on the City Utility Bill. This is a \$3 monthly donation to the local EMS service (Acadian Ambulance) that can be used by the payer, if needed, to offset any EMS charges.

It was reported that few payers knew what it was for, that it was seldom used, and the tracking of the donations by the EMS was incomplete. There was some discussion of the possibility of transferring that donation to another charity, but in regular session it was decided to eliminate the donation option from the bill effective April 1st.

The other item taken up in the Workshop Session was an update on staff discussion and a plan for seating and an announcer's box at the 580 Sports Complex Rodeo Arena. The Arena is a project with both City and private funding that will go through the City procurement process. An additional **\$5,000** is requested to cover the costs of increased engineering fees the City is requiring. In Regular Session, the City approved half (\$2,500), with the other half to come from the Riding Club and Rodeo Committee.

City Manager Finley deGraffenried explained further that the City Council had approved that the bleachers be constructed, with the clubs' private funding, but that the additional \$5,000 requirement for engineering would be split between the City and *(Cont. on back)*



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The Blotter



Lampasas Police Dept. blotter shows a theft report in the 300 block of N. Park at 9:47am and another one in the 600 block of W. Ave A at 10:36am. At 11:58am an assault was reported in the 400 block of S. Key.

Afternoon activity saw an assault case reported in the 1300 block of CTE at 4pm, then a reckless driver report in the 2700 block of S.

Hwy 281 at 4:30. At 5:18pm there was a minor accident at Ohnmeiss and S. Hwy 281.

In the evening a couple of welfare cases were reported, one at 9:30pm in the 300 block of W. 6th and another in the 1500 block of S. Key at 10:18pm.

One arrest was made. At 10:43pm a 39 yr old Lampasas woman was arrested in the 400 block of E. 4th on a municipal court warrant for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Lampasas Sheriff's Dept. blotter shows Lometa had a report of illegal dumping, Kempner responded to a civil matter, an alarm and some medical calls. Out in the county there were two disturbances, a structure fire, criminal mischief and animal complaints. They also went to Copperas Cove on a suicidal call.

One arrest was made on a 44 yr old Lampasas man over what was labeled as a misc. offense.

Lampasas Firemen were out for a short time last night at 10pm to 2944 Old Lometa Road (CR 2001) on a reported structure fire call.

Copperas Cove FD reports that the SKYWARN 2018 class that was scheduled for today in Copperas Cove has been cancelled. Subject to availability a new class date may be announced in the future.

The Burn Ban is on in Lampasas and Coryell County.

(from front) the Riding Club and Rodeo Committee

Other items approved in regular session were:

The first reading of an Ordinance calling for a General Election to elect Council members for terms expiring in Places Three, Four, and Five. The election will be May 5th, 2018.

The purchase of a 2018 Ford F-750 winch truck for the Electric Department. The selected offer was an Altec (DC47) for **\$175,000**.

The purchase of services from H&H Tree Services to trim trees in WM Brook Park for **\$14,000.** (H&H had previously removed the Christmas lights at the park and still had equipment in place, enabling them to offer an attractive deal to the City.

The purchase and installation of two pumps, check valves, and a spare pump for upgrades for **\$28,509.00**. This is part of the previously approved rehab on the Spring Street Pump Station.

Sports Badger Basketball



The Lampasas Badgers (19-8/3-3) and number 3 in district standings will head to Llano for a 6:15pm road game.

One game at a time, the Badgers will fight to earn a spot in the post season playoffs. Llano is now 1-5 and coming off a bye last week. They have shown improved play at times this year and if they can get it together, they would love to beat their old coach – Aaron Nuckles.

On the other hand, both the records, and anyone who has watched the teams this year, would likely say that Lampasas is the better team.

Let the game begin tonight. If you can't travel to Llano for the game, it will be broadcast live over KCYL radio at 1450AM on your car or home radio, and at lampasasradio.com on your cell phone, home computer or tablet. (The JV teams will play at 5pm and the freshmen

teams will play at 7:30pm.)

Lampasas schedule, after Llano, will put them at home on Tuesday, Jan. 30th against Leander Glenn. (Coach Nuckles pointed out to us that this Friday, Jan. 26th, is a bye date)

The Lady Badgers are 17-15/4-4 and tied with Salado for the number 4 slot in district. **Play at Llano today** will see the JV playing first at 5pm, then the freshmen at 6:15pm and Varsity at 7:30pm.

Middle School Basketball reports are in from coaches there. The girls' 7th and 8th grade A teams were in the Copperas Cove tournament last weekend, each playing three games in the round robin tournament.

Coach Hurst reports that "the first game for the 8th grade against Cove Jr. High, our girls played one of their best games offensively and defensively... we won 41-8. The second game the Lady Badgers played China Springs. This was a more evenly matched game ... we won 28-26! The third game, we played SC Lee, and the girls hit a wall of exhaustion ...we lost 21-13. Even with the loss, this was a round robin tournament and we ended the tournament in first place. I could not be more proud!" For the three game series Rebekah Pearce led with 23, followed by Cobie Chandler with 18.

Coach Leopold reported, "The 7th grade girls also played Cove Jr. High, China Springs, and SC Lee. I am extremely proud of the effort the girls put forth in the three games we played on Saturday. We won the first two and lost the third. The last two games we did a great job defensively, led by Brianna Quarles. We are looking forward to competing against Llano on Thursday!" In the three game series Payton Tatum led in scoring with 30 points, followed by Julia Andrade with 21.

Middle School Basketball will be up against Llano on Thursday with the girls at home and the boys on the road at Llano. Games will be rolling starts beginning at 5pm.

Soccer



Badger Soccer, after suffering losses last week The Badgers will try to turn it around today when they head to Waco Robinson for 4:30pm JV and 6pm Varsity games.

Lady Badger Soccer is also at Robinson with 5 and 7pm games for the JV/Varsity.

Thursday thru Saturday both soccer teams will be at the Salado Cup Tournament.

Wrestling will see both girls and boys competing at Ellison High in Killeen on Wednesday morning.

Powerlifting will be at Burnet for a meet on Thursday starting at 8am in the morning.

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