

The Weather



The high yesterday 77° This morning's low 47°

The cold front that moved through early this morning has left cool conditions in its wake. Today should be nice with highs in the mid-60's. The winds will shift from the south overnight making for a nice Thanksgiving with highs in the upper 60's and low 70's. But don't put away the jackets yet, as another cool front is expected Thanksgiving night. As this front makes its way through Central Texas, it may produce a few showers, though the forecasters aren't sure how far northwest the showers will extend. The highs Friday will be 10-15 degrees cooler than Thanksgiving.

Today: Sunny, with a high near 67° and N-NW winds becoming light in the afternoon.

Tonight: Winds will be calm, with clear skies and a low near 41°.

Thanksgiving Day: Sunny and a high temperature near 77°. S-SW winds will pick up in the afternoon to 5-10 mph ; gusting to 20 mph .

Overnight Thanksgiving: Increasing clouds with a slight chance of showers overnight. Winds will become calm and the low temperature will be near 52°.

Friday: Mostly cloudy with a high near 62° and a high near 62°. Winds will become N at 5-10 mph in the morning.

Friday Night: Rain chances are at 50% overnight, with cloudy skies and a low temperature near 45° and N-NE winds at 5-10 mph

The Covid 19 Report:

Coronavirus cases are surging. Here in Lampasas we have a new report showing 67 active cases and 555 total cases in Lampasas County. There are 2 Lampasas County residents in the hospital, to include one under 18 years old.



Texas had a record number of new cases yesterday, with 13,998 new cases, with 8,495 Texans hospitalized. The previous one-day record of new cases was 12,3963 on November 19th. According to DSHS this increased the total cases in Texas to 1,115,371, with 169,826 cases active as of yesterday.

Visit with the City Manager

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

The Lampasas City Council had a swearing in ceremony during a special session, bringing Bob Goodart and Gordon Wilson into the fold. Gordon defeated Chuck Williamson for place 3, and Bob Goodart defeated Zach Taylor for place 5. Mr. Williamson has been in city government for 25 years

and the City Manager thanks him for his service. TJ Monroe will continue as mayor pro-tem.

The current city secretary, Christina Marez, will be retiring soon, with Becky Sims moving into that role. Mr. de Graffenreid

shared that the city will miss Christina and hopes she enjoys her retirement.

Fire Chief Smith brought new Covid numbers, with everyone concerned about the uptick. The City Manager said the spike in cases is not unexpected, with cooler weather more people are staying indoors and in confined spaces. He stressed to please use caution and observe social distancing, wear a mask and wash hands frequently.

There will also be reimbursement for the city via the CARES act, which city staff is preparing the paperwork.

The agreement for the Community Garden at Campbell Park was finalized, and there were status reports on various projects.

The WCID, the entity that maintains the flood control dams in our area is having a meeting on December 3rd.

Mr. Witcher asked about the underground utilities in Brodie Estates, off Brown St., and while it is a bit more expensive, gives the neighborhood a much nicer, more aesthetic look, according to the City Manager.

The funds were approved for a new street sweeper, and also talked about was a fire suppression item, and the city is going to absorb some of the cost for water taps for fire sprinklers in businesses in Lampasas.

The last item, brought up was concerning trash pick-up in Lampasas. Evidently some customers are getting missed. With the growth of the town, it has become overwhelming for the current program. There will be a meeting next week to attempt to resolve this problem.

Holiday Hours

Lampasas City Hall will be closed Thursday and Friday for Thanksgiving, as well as Lampasas County Offices.

National United bank will be closing at noon on Friday with normal hours Saturday. 1st Texas Bank will be closing at 2pm on Friday and all banks/motor banks will be closed on Saturday as well. First State Bank Burnet and Bancorp Lampasas will have regular hours Friday and Saturday.

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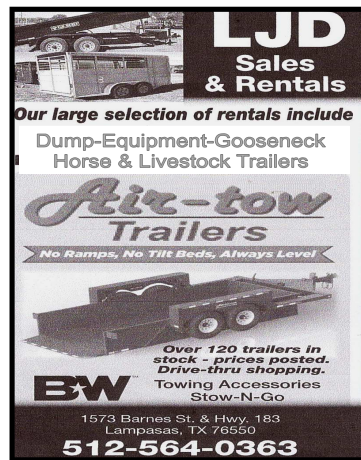
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The Blotter



Lampasas Police Dept. blotter for Tuesday shows a minor accident in the 100 block of E. 4th St. at 9:18am. A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1700 block of 281S at 10:48am. A criminal mischief was reported in the 400 block of Plum St. at 1:24pm. A disorderly conduct call came in from the 900 block of E. 4th St. at 2:25pm, and at 2:35pm at that location Steve Wayne Moreno, 38, of Lampasas was arrested for indecency w/child/exposure. Another criminal mischief report came in from the 100 block of N. Willis at 3:12pm and a disturbance was reported in the 700 block of Key Ave at 3:53pm. A suspicious person was reported in the 100 block of EE Ohnmeiss Dr. at 7:40pm, and at 10:53pm Michael Chad Pechak, 38, of Kempner was arrested for DWI 2nd & unlawful carrying of a gun at 10:53pm.

Lampasas Sheriff's Dept. blotter shows Lometa with a reported assault. Kempner shows a welfare check and animal issues. Out in the county there was an abandoned vehicle, civil matters, a medical call, livestock issues, reports of suspicious activity, and an accident. Deputies went into Cove on a medical call, civil matters, and a welfare check.

The Jail Log showed Crystal Lee Hightower, 32, of Lampasas and Eddie McClinton, 38, of Houston were arrested for failure to appear. Sonny Wilerson, 51, of Lometa was arrested for assault/ causing bodily injury/family member.

**** According to the Lampasas County Sheriff's Department, Robert Westly Morris II was apprehended in Belton last night after a high-speed chase. He is in custody.**

The Burn Ban is in effect through tomorrow. (See story)

Holiday Weekend

County Judge Randy Hoyer had lifted the burn ban beginning on Friday November 27th until 5pm on Tuesday December 1st. Please use caution.

TxDOT Preparations

The Texas Department of Transportation has been working to ready equipment and crews ahead of winter weather. Beginning in early October, crews began working to make sure all winter weather equipment was calibrated and ready for use. As winter approaches, the inventory of supplies is checked and employees are trained to insure they are familiar with the winter weather plan, winter weather event activities, and the staging of equipment.

Due to annual planning and preparations, TxDOT crews were ready and able to manage an early winter weather event that occurred the last week of October of this year. From the northern part counties of the Brownwood District to the panhandle, TxDOT crews worked to keep the roadways safe for motorists throughout the affected portions of our state.

TxDOT staff works to stay informed of inclement weather events that are forecasted for the district and has plans in place to pretreat roadways with a brine solution generally 2-3 days in advance of any forecasted event. The brine solution helps to keep ice from bonding to the roadway, making it easier to remove. During a winter weather event, crews focus on higher volume state roadways first and then work their way onto the lower volume state roadways.



Crews rotate on 12-hour shifts to ensure roadways are monitored and any accumulations on roadways and structures (bridges and overpasses) are retreated as quickly as possible during these events.

Travelers are encouraged to plan ahead and check roadway conditions prior to travel. TxDOT reminds motorists to follow these helpful tips when traveling in winter weather:

- *Give yourself time to reach your destination and account for possible travel delays. Have patience and share the road with other drivers.
- *Always wear a seatbelt: Every passenger on every ride.
- *Drive with caution, reduce speed and increase travel distance between your vehicle and others on the road (at least three times the normal following distance).
- *Do not use cruise control or lane assist (a safety feature found on newer model vehicles).
- *If you start to lose control, ease off the gas pedal or brakes. Steer into the direction of a skid until you can regain traction, and then straighten your vehicle.
- *And if you don't have to travel, stay home.

Badger Sports

Basketball

Badger Boys Varsity Basketball defeated Austin Achieve last night 60-27 making them 4-1 on the season. Kaden Crawford led the scoring with 17 points, followed by Parker Gibbs with 11 and Nate Borchardt with 10. Their next game is Monday when the Badgers host Brady.

Girls Basketball

Coach Myers Lady Badgers swept Lake Belton yesterday with the following scores :

Varsity 47-30

JV: 27-19

Freshmen-43-11

Coach Myers shares that his program is now 17-1 on the season. The Lady Badgers host Leander Tuesday night with games starting at 5pm.



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