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Wednesday December 2nd, 2020

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The Weather

The high yesterday 59° This morning's low 36 $^\circ$

According to the NWS, our area is expecting to see windy conditions, rain chances and another blast of cold air in the next 24 hours, courtesy of a developing storm system.

Ahead of the front, showers are expected to develop. The forecasters say that there will be a noticeable line from east to west as the front moves through

Wind gusts to 30 mph are possible at time behind the front west of Killeen. The cold air will overspread the region by late tonight. There is no wind advisory at this time, but conditions are being monitored. With the blustery winds, wind chills are expected to be in the 20's overnight. Another dry cold front is expected early next week.

Today: Partly sunny, then clearing with a high near 58° and W-NW winds at 10-15 mph gusting to 30 mph this afternoon.

Tonight: Winds will be NW at 10-15 mph with possible gusts of 25 mph, with mostly clear skies and a low near 33°.

Thursday: Mostly sunny and a high temperature near 51°. N-NW winds will continue at 10-20 mph gusting as high as 25 mph.

Overnight Thursday: Partly cloudy, and winds will be N-NW at 5-10 mph and the low temperature will be near 30°.

Friday: Mostly sunny with a high near 57°. Winds will be NW at 5-10 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly clear skies and a low temperature near 32°, Winds will be light from the W-NW.

The Coronavirus Update

Coronavirus cases are surging, in Lampasas we have a new report showing 57 active cases and 593 total cases, and 5 Lampasas County residents in the hospital. Texas had 15,182 new cases yesterday, with 9,047 Texans hospitalized.



The numbers for Lampasas ISD positive cases seems to be holding steady.

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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.

As it gets toward the end of the year, things are slowing down for the City Council. The next meeting is scheduled for December 14th, then Council will meet for an extended meeting on the 18th. At the meeting on the 18th, the City Manger will discuss with Council the general priorities and direction they want to set for 2021.



There are big weekends coming up in Lampasas; this Saturday December 5th, is a condensed version of the Carol of Lights festival. The lights on the courthouse square will be lit around 6pm with the parade starting at 6:30pm. This will be broadcast over 101.9fm KACQ radio, so you can listen in from your home or car. December 12th is Christmas on the Creek, which will have festivities, and is a come-and-go type event.

Mr. Witcher asked about the Covid-19 spike in our area, and the spike from Thanksgiving which will be in the next few weeks. However, Mr. de Graffenreid said there is a lot of optimism surrounding the vaccines, in hopes it will be widely available in early 2021.

Mr. Witcher asked about the large construction site on 580W, which the City Manager thinks will be a detention pond for storm water runoff.

Discussing the Campbell Park Community Garden, Pavillion and Skate Park projects, the City Manager said they will start after January 1st. Council will be making a request for proposals for the pavilion and skate park this winter.

Mr. de Graffenreid said for all residents to be safe and stay warm.

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Carol of Lights

Dec. 5th, 2020 * 10am - 8pm Lampasas Courthouse Square Lighted Christmas Parade, bake sale, craft market, classic car show, Snow Queen Pageant, Methodist Church Choir performance

Dec. 6th, 2020 * 1pm - 5pm Lampasas County Museum tour of homes

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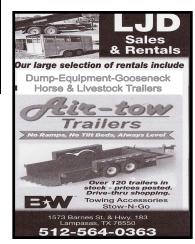




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The Blotter



Lampasas Police Dept. blotter for Tuesday shows an early morning report of a suspicious vehcile in WM. A noise complaint from the 600 block of S. Western was called in at 12:14am. There was a reported theft in the 700 block of S. Key at 9:14am, and a suspicious person in the 1200 block of CTE at 10:17am. The afternoon shows a major accident in the 600 block of S. Key at 3:30pm with one person transported to the hospital. A domestic disturbance was reported on Goldman Ln. at 3:45pm. A shots fired call came in from the 1200 block of W. Ave B at 6:32pm. Suspicious vehicles were reported; one in the 1300 block of CTE at 10:08pm, one in the 300 block of N. Park St. at 10:59pm and one in the 300 block of N. Ridge at 11:46pm. A criminal trespass was also reported in the300 block of N. Ridge at 11:24pm.

Lampasas Sheriff's Dept. blotter shows Lometa with a report of suspicious activity. In Kempner, officers responded to animal/livestock issues, civil matters, a reported fraud and a medical call. Out in the county there was an alarm call, civil mattes, an accident, a reported disturbance, medical calls and a reported criminal mischief. Deputies went into Cove on a requested welfare check, a medical call and an accident.

The Jail Log showed the arrest of 49 year old Fredrick Mosby of Kempner on an out-of-county charge.

The Burn Ban is in effect!

Coronavirus in Texas

According to the Texas TribuneWe're holding two opposing ideas about coronavirus at the same time: The vaccines are promising, and the danger of the pandemic has never been higher.

The good news is really good: Breakthroughs on COVID-19 vaccines and treatments are legitimate. Those medicines won't be



widely available at first, and the pandemic will be with us until they are, but they're on the way. And the bad news is bad indeed: The spread of the coronavirus, measured by rising numbers of new cases, has accelerated — a combination of fatigue with social restrictions, holiday gatherings and all the rest.

The state's elected officials are modeling

behavior for the rest of us, but theirs is a confusing model. As they steer clear of mandates and allow commerce and entertainment, they're also requiring COVID-19 tests for the visitors to their own offices. The signals they are sending this holiday season are mixed, at best.

A factor driving discussions, Geren said Tuesday morning, is what could be allowed under the state constitution, which he said currently <u>requires legislative sessions to be open to the public.</u> Geren said there are different legal interpretations of what exactly that means — and whether aspects of legislative business would even be allowed to happen virtually.

Meanwhile, there's news of a Washington, D.C., task force sounding alarms about the "unsustainable increase in hospitalizations" from COVID-19's "full resurgence" in Texas. According to a White House Coronavirus Task Force report obtained by the Center for Public Integrity, "Texas continues to be in a full resurgence and mitigation efforts must intensify." The news is mixed. The direction isn't. This pandemic is going to be with us for a while longer, and we know how to control the spread. We've already done it a couple of times in 2020. Among the task force's recommendations: Officials in Texas should significantly reduce capacity in indoor spaces, including those that are privately owned. And state leaders should further increase the number of people being tested for the virus. A spokesperson for Gov. Greg Abbott did not say whether the governor would adopt the White House report's recommendations but said state officials were "working closely with local officials" and helping to distribute an antibody treatment meant to help keep people with COVID-19 from being hospitalized. While a statewide mask mandate issued in July remains in place, the governor has ruled out further business lockdowns. And in recent months he has loosened regulations that outline when bars must close and businesses must reduce their occupancy limits.

"Local officials have full authority to enforce these existing protocols to help mitigate this virus, including occupancy limits and mask requirements." Experts say widespread fatigue has hastened the virus' spread as fewer people are following public health recommendations such as mask-wearing, maintaining distance from others, meeting outdoors or in well-ventilated areas and staying home as much as possible.

Badger Sports

Badger Boys Varsity Basketball had a schedule change, and will play Jarrell on December 10th with games beginning at 5:30. All games will be at Badger Gym.

Girls Basketball

Coach Myers shared that they are attempting schedule changes and will keep us updated.

