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The Weather

The high yesterday 77° The low this morning 60°

Today: Look for mostly cloudy skies with a high temperature near 78°. The wind will be SW at 5-10 mph.

Tonight: Look for cloudy skies and a low that will be around 64°. The wind will become S-SE near 5 mph. There is a 20% chance of showers overnight.

Wednesday: Cloudy skies with gradual clearing and a high temperature near 76°. Wind will be S at 5-10 mph.

Wednesday Night: Mostly cloudy skies with a low near 65°. Wind will be S at 5-10 mph gusting to 20 mph.

Thursday: Partly sunny with a high temperature near 77°. Winds will be S-SW near 5-10 mph with possible gust of 20 mph.

Thursday Night: A low near 58° with mostly cloudy skies. The wind will become calm.



Lampasas ISD School Board Meeting

A school board meeting was held Monday evening to discuss a budget amendment, the purchase of LED lights, and enrollment rates among other topics.

The budget amendment shows an increase in the amount of \$46,520. The increase includes \$7,450 for an ice machine major repair; \$4,500 band meals for additional students. \$2,275 for CTE building floor change order; and \$32,295 for CTE building final adjustment after final audit expenditures recorded.

A request to replace the incandescent light system that has failed in the LHS auditorium with an LED system was passed. The total cost for the equipment and installation is \$78,612.

Attendance rates for November were 92.23% down from 94.18% in October. Enrollment was 3,554 down from 3,562 in October.

A long-term facility plan was briefly discussed. The district will begin by assessing each building/facility. Over the next several school board meetings, discussion will be held regarding each

facility from an assessment standpoint, identify needs, and outline plans to address those issues.

Annual Tree-Trimming to Begin

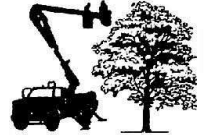
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The First area to be trimmed will be West Ave. E to North Ave, from Key Ave to Porter.

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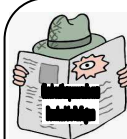
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The Blotter



The Lampasas Police Dept. Blotter for Monday shows the early morning arrest at 1:05am of Bobby Formby, 31, of Lampasas in the 600 block of Western St. on a Lampasas Municipal Court Warrant for failure to maintain financial responsibility. Suspicious activity was reported in the 1600 block of CTE at 10:11am, there was a reported disturbance in the 900 block of CTE at 10:18pm and there was a report of found property in the 600 block of N. Key Ave. at 10:24am. The afternoon shows a minor accident in the 800 block of S. Key Ave. at 1:26pm, a reported disturbance in the 100 block of E. 8th St. at 3:52pm and a suspicious vehicle reported in the 1700 block of CTE at 5:51pm. There was a report of a DWI in the 300 block of 281S at 9:35pm, and at that location at 10:07pm Manuel Sanchez, 34, was arrested for DWI 3rd or more and possession of a controlled substance PG1 less than a gram in a drug free zone.

The Lampasas Sherriff's Dept. Blotter for Monday shows Lometa with livestock issues, medical calls and a warrant was served. In Kempner there were medical calls, a reported fraud, an unattended death and a fish & game call. Out in the county there were animal issues, a mental health call, a reported theft, civil matters, reports of suspicious activity and a reported runaway. Deputies went into Cove on reports of suspicious activity, livestock issues, medical calls and a reported disturbance.

The Jail Log for Wednesday shows the arrest of 22 year old Jonathan White of Hamilton on an out-of-county charge.

A Texas program that backs school districts' bond debt is about to reach its limit — and it could mean raising taxes

A state-backed program that for decades has helped school districts get the lowest interest rates possible on bonds is about to reach its limit — and if it does, districts might find themselves having to ask for more money from taxpayers.

The Permanent School Fund is a state endowment of about \$56 billion funded through investments and land holdings. It was created in 1854 to give Texas' public schools another form of revenue other than tax dollars. Through its bond guarantee program, when a school district passes a bond package, the PSF promises lenders who buy the bonds that the state will pay them back if the school district can't. Having the PSF as a guarantor helps school districts get the best interest rates on those bonds.

But the PSF's guarantee program has a limit on how much debt it can cover at any given time. The IRS, which has jurisdiction over tax-exempt municipal bonds, has set that limit at about \$117 billion. As of Oct. 31, the program only has about \$652.6 million left in capacity before the program shuts down, according to the latest state projections. That's down from \$3 billion at the end of September.

Carolyn Perez, director of communications with the Texas Permanent School Fund, said the TEA has been in conversations with the IRS about increasing the limit, but no decision has yet been made. The IRS said it could not comment on whether it was planning to extend the limit of the PSF's bond program. In Congress, Reps. Lloyd Doggett, D-Austin, and Jodey C. Arrington, R-Lubbock, have filed House Resolution 9044, which would stop the IRS from setting a limit at all.

With voters across the state approving new bonds in the May and

November elections, the program's limit could be reached soon. Although those bonds have already been approved, they aren't guaranteed by the PSF's program until they're sold — and school districts often wait to find a lender until they're ready to build.

In Austin ISD alone, voters approved a \$2.44 billion bond package to update infrastructure across several campuses throughout the district. The situation spells trouble for districts as bond packages have become a tough sell in recent years.

Rising property taxes and costs for essential goods also have Texans thinking twice about voting for bonds that could potentially make their taxes go up.

In Temple ISD, about an hour north of Austin, Ott said the issue is that districts often pass bond packages promising not to raise taxes, and if the PSF's program reaches its limit, there's a possibility that they'll have to go back on such promises, losing the community's trust in the process and making it harder to pass future bond packages.

Badger Sports

Lady Badger Basketball



The Lady Badger Varsity Basketball team is now 15-6 on the season and they host Taylor this evening at Lampasas High School. The Lady Badger Varsity team is now ranked 16th in the state by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches.

The JV and Freshmen will play at 5pm with Varsity tipping off at 6:30pm.

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