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The Weather

The High Yesterday: 50° **The Low This morning** 28°

Today: Look for skies to be sunny with a high temperature topping out near 58°. Wind will be W-NW near 5-10 mph.

Tonight: Look for clear skies. The low temperature will be near 27°. Wind will become calm.

Tuesday: Look for sunny skies with a high temperature near 55°. Wind will be S near 5 mph

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy skies with a low temperature near 47°. Wind will be S at 5-10 mph gusting to 25 mph.

Wednesday: Sunny skies with a forecast high near 69°. Look for S-SW wind at 10-15 mph with possible gusts of 25 mph.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy skies with a low near 53°. Wind will be S near 5-10 mph shifting gusting to 20 mph.

Local Man Runs to Fundraise for Families

Steve Barlet of Lampasas completed a 50k (31.068 miles) benefit run at 12:45pm on Christmas Eve after starting at 6am. Steve wanted to help the Chaudoin and Smith families recover after losing their homes and all of their belongings to a fire on November 20th, so he began organizing the 50k run. Steve ended up raising just over \$1000 for the families.



It was a great display of determination and sacrifice on an extremely cold morning, especially since this was the first time he has completed a run of this distance. In fact, he had not completed even a marathon distance of 26 miles prior to this run. He said "I can't believe I did it." and he said about his wife "My wife was my pit crew all morning."

Just a great person making an impact.

Congratulations and Thank You Steve!

County Commissioners Called Meeting

The Lampasas County Commissioners will be holding a called meeting tomorrow at 9am in the Commissioners Courtroom at the Lampasas County Courthouse.

The agenda includes discussion, consideration and possible action on the following: payroll and accounts payable, an order adopting redistricting plan for Commissioners Court precincts, and an order conforming election precincts to revised Commissioners Court precincts.



Early Childhood Educator Training

An Early Childhood Educator training webinar series will be offered every 4th Tuesday January through October from 6:30-7:30 pm at the County Annex Conference room, 409 S. Pecan St. The fee will be \$50 for the series (unless you don't want meals, then it is only \$15). This will give you 10 Clock Hours (total) of Instructor-Led Training (without leaving the county). You don't have to pay until the first session. The topics will be announced next month. Please share with any others involved with Early Childhood Education. Contact Karen DeZarn to RSVP or if you have any questions. 512-556-8271 or kjdezarn@ag.tamu.edu.

Spending Bill Passes Congress

The House on Friday passed the \$1.7 trillion government spending bill a day after the Senate approved it, in their late scramble to clear the package and stave off a partial government shutdown just before the Christmas holiday.

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The Blotter



The Lampasas Police Dept. blotter for Friday shows suspicious activity reported in the 200 block of Skyview Dr. at 1:45am, a theft was reported in the 100 block of EE Ohnmeiss Dr. At 7:16pm, a suspicious vehicle was reported in the 100 block of EE Ohnmeiss Dr. at 10pm and there was a minor accident in the 1900 block of 281S at 10:38pm.

Lampasas Police Dept. blotter for Christmas Day shows a suspicious vehicle reported in the 100 block of EE Ohnmeiss Dr. at 12am, suspicious activity reported in the 1100 block of W. 1st St. at 5:01pm, and a minor accident in the 1010 block of N. Key Ave. at 8:12pm. There was a suspicious vehicle reported in the 100 block of EE Ohnmeiss Dr. at 10:42pm.

The Lampasas County Sheriff's Dept. Blotter for the weekend shows Kempner with reports of suspicious activity, reported disturbances, medical calls, animal issues and a reported harassment. Out in the county there were medical calls, animal issues, civil matters, and reports of suspicious activity. Deputies went into Cove on a medical call, an alarm call, and animal issues.

The Jail Log shows the arrest of 47 year old Yun Velasco of Kempner for assault on a family member, resisting arrest and 2 out-of-county charges.

(cont'd from front) The vote was 225 to 201, with one Democrat, Rep. Rashida Tlaib, voting present and one Democrat voting against it, Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez. Nine Republicans voted in favor of the bill.

Soon after the vote, President Joe Biden released a statement saying he'd sign it "as soon as it reaches my desk." To allow time for the bill to be enrolled, that is, certified by the clerk of the House or the secretary of the Senate, Congress also passed a continuing resolution to extend funding of the government by a week to prevent a partial shutdown. Mr. Biden signed the short-term extension Friday afternoon.

Before the vote, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, in what she said was likely her last floor speech as speaker, touted the bill's spending for veterans, aid to Ukraine and its reforms to the Electoral Count Act.

House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy, who is running to be speaker when Republicans take control of the House in January, attacked the bill because it "spends too much" and predicted it would "[fuel] inflation." He called it a "monstrosity" and said it "is one of the most shameful acts I've ever seen in this body."

The bill passed the Senate on Thursday, 68 to 29, easily clearing the 60-vote threshold with backing from 18 Republicans. If the omnibus bill had not passed, funding for federal agencies would have run out by midnight Friday.

The breakthrough came after the sweeping plan to fund federal agencies through Sept. 30 was held up by an issue related to Title 42, the pandemic-era measure that allowed for the expulsion of migrants on public-health grounds. Republicans have sought to extend the measure, which was set to expire Wednesday, before Chief Justice John Roberts granted a temporary pause pending further legal action on ending Title 42. The Department of Justice countered by asking the court to quash the GOP bid to extend the measure. The Senate's consideration of the mammoth measure began hours after its text, spanning more than 4,100 pages, was unveiled by appropriations leaders in both chambers early Tuesday morning. The culmination of months of bipartisan, bicameral negotiations, the legislation funds federal agencies through fiscal year 2023, which ends Sept. 30.

Uvalde School Committee Recommendations

(Texas Tribune) A special Texas Senate committee that convened in the wake of the Uvalde school shooting made a series of policy recommendations Wednesday regarding school and gun safety, mental health, social media and police training.

In an 88-page report, the Special Committee to Protect All Texans acknowledged "more must be done to ensure the safety of Texas school children" in the wake of the May massacre, which killed 19 students and two teachers. The report was based in part on two days of testimony from police, mental health and education professionals, and gun safety advocates in June.

The committee made a single recommendation related to guns: Make purchasing a gun for someone who is barred from owning one a state-level felony. Straw purchases of firearms — when a person stands in to buy a gun for someone who is prohibited from having one — are illegal under federal law, though the committee expressed concern that U.S. attorneys too seldom prosecute offenders.

Gov. Greg Abbott in 2019 recommended banning straw purchases under state law in a report his office produced after the El Paso Walmart mass shooting. But the Legislature failed to pass it.

Such a law would not have prevented the Uvalde shooter from purchasing guns. He legally purchased two semiautomatic rifles in the days before the shooting.

On school safety, the committee proposed the creation of review teams to conduct on-site vulnerability assessments of school campuses and share the results with school leaders. It also suggested additional funding for grants to improve security at individual campuses based on needs.

It called for adding training centers for the school marshal program, through which teachers and staff can become certified to carry guns on campus. Since the program debuted in 2013, just 84 of the state's more than 1,200 districts have joined.

On mental health care, the committee recommended expanding access to the state's telemedicine system for mental health to all school districts within a "reasonable time frame."

Regarding social media, the committee said the Legislature should encourage the Department of Public Safety and local districts to increase their use of iWatch Texas, the state's suspicious activity reporting network.

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