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Wednesday
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News at 7:10am & 12, 6pm & 10pm

The Weather



The high yesterday 59° This morning's low 41°

Today: Look for sunny skies and a high temperature near 69°. Wind will be S at 15-20 mph gusting to 35 mph this afternoon.

Tonight: Look for increasing clouds and the low temperature will dip to near 53°. Wind will be S at 5-15 mph gusting to 20 mph.

Thursday: Mostly cloudy skies with a high temperature near 69°. Wind will become calm.

Thursday Night: Mostly cloudy skies with a low near 46° and calm wind.

Friday: Skies will be cloudy with a high temperature near 70°. Wind will become W near 5 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly cloudy skies and the low will be near 49°. Wind will be SW near 5 mph.

County Commissioner Precincts Changing

The Lampasas County Commissioners held a public hearing and meeting to discuss redistricting of County Commissioner Court Precinct lines and County Election lines yesterday.

Commissioner Jamie Smart opened the public hearing by briefly discussing the reasoning behind redistricting. "The population of Lampasas is growing," Smart said. "And as the population increases the usable land mass decreases."

An order to adopt a redistricting plan for Commissioner Court Precincts and Election Precincts was passed unanimously. Justice of the Peace Precincts and county-wide voting will be unaffected by the proposed plan. Under the new plan, Precinct 4 (Commissioner Bobby Carroll) will decrease in size slightly. Commissioner Carroll expressed concern with his current precinct boundaries. "It's spread out too far. It takes all day to get something done," Carroll said. Precinct 3 (Commissioner Jamie Smart) will extend into parts of Evant, while losing parts west of US-183. Commissioner Smart stated that all commissioners "have already fully committed to the new precinct lines."

The revised Commissioner Court and Election Precincts will be effective January 1st, 2023.

In Lampasas Radio Studios

Finley deGraffenried, Lampasas City Manager was in the Lampasas Radio Studios this morning to visit with Ronnie Witcher.

Mr. de Graffenried shared that while there was some minor damage to homes in town from the freeze last week, there was not a great deal of damage. Residents mostly dealt with burst or frozen pipes and are taking care of those this week.

The City is putting the finishing touches on closing out the City books for the fiscal year (ended September 30th) to prepare to go to the auditor, as well as the books for the calendar year.

The City Manager also promised to try to remember to tell the City Collection Center not to charge to drop off *just a Christmas Tree*. If you have other items, it is \$5 a truckload.

Lampasas County Youth Livestock Show

It's almost time again for the Annual Lampasas County Youth Livestock Show.

The Livestock Show will take place from January 12th-14th. On Sunday, January 8th at 1pm will be the Show Barn preparation/clean up and all exhibitors are required to participate.

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The Blotter



Lampasas Police Dept. blotter for Tuesday shows a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of EE Ohnmeiss Dr. at 3:39am and a suspicious person reported in the 600 block of S. Chestnut St. at 9:49am. The afternoon shows the arrest of Ronald Clayton Jr., 29, of Copperas Cove at 6:55pm in the 200 block of N. Key Ave. for possession of marijuana less than 2 oz. in a drug free zone, possession of a controlled substance PG1-A (LSD) less than 20 abuse units in a drug free zone, possession of drug paraphernalia and a Lampasas Municipal Warrant for possession of drug paraphernalia. A possession of drug paraphernalia was reported in the 200 block of E. 4th St. at 8:02pm, fireworks were reported in the 1000 block of W. Ave. E at 8:28pm and a suspicious vehicle was reported in the 2000 block of FM 580W at 10:24pm.

The Lampasas County Sheriff's Blotter for Tuesday shows Lometa with a fish & game call. In Kempner there were medical calls, and animal issues. Out in the county there were medical calls, an alarm call, a reported theft, a reported harassment, and animal issues. Deputies went into Cove on an accident, animal issues and reports of suspicious activity.

Kempner WSC Annual Meeting

Kempner WSC's Annual Membership Meeting will be held on March 24, 2023, at the office at 7:00 pm. Members are encouraged to obtain the official application to submit their name as a candidate for a KWSC Board of Director Position. This form and complete instructions can be picked up at the office at 11986 E Highway 190, Kempner, downloaded from our website www.kempnerwsc.com, or requested by mail.

Applications must be filed with our office by January 28, 2023 in order to verify qualifications and be placed on the ballot.

Southwest Airlines Woes

(Texas Tribune) More than 60% of all Southwest flights Wednesday have been scrubbed, accounting for thousands of flights as the airline seeks to recover from a disastrous period over Christmas weekend in which a massive winter storm swept through much of the U.S.

More than half of Southwest's scheduled flights for Thursday were already canceled as of Wednesday morning. Friday hovered around 7% cancellations.

Flight delays after Christmas received increased scrutiny as travelers looking to get home after the holidays were canceled en masse. Monday and Tuesday both saw thousands of flights canceled, with Southwest accounting for nearly 3/4 of all stopped flights. The federal government has said it would investigate why the company lagged so far behind other carriers.

A day after most U.S. airlines had recovered from the storm, Southwest called off about 2,600 more flights on the East Coast by late afternoon.

And the chaos seemed certain to continue. The airline also scrubbed 2,500 flights for Wednesday and nearly 1,400 for Thursday as it tried to restore order to its mangled schedule. On the Southwest Airlines App, the majority of the flights through the end of the year were marked as "unavailable."

In a video that Southwest posted late Tuesday, CEO Robert Jordan said Southwest would operate a reduced schedule for several days but hoped to be "back on track before next week."

Jordan blamed the winter storm for snarling the airline's "highly complex" network. He said Southwest's tools for recovering from disruptions work "99% of the time, but clearly we need to double down" on upgrading systems to avoid a repeat of this week.

The problems began over the weekend and snowballed Monday, when Southwest called off more than 70% of its flights.

That was after the worst of the storm had passed. The airline said many pilots and flight attendants were out of position to work their flights. Leaders of unions representing Southwest pilots and flight attendants blamed antiquated crew-scheduling software and criticized company management.

2023 Gas Prices

According to a story in USA today, filling up your car or truck will likely cost less in 2023 than it did in 2022.

The lowest expected prices for gas will come in February, with a national average of \$2.99 for a gallon of regular unleaded gasoline, fuel-savings app GasBuddy forecasts. But prices could hit \$4 for a gallon of gas during the peak of travel season next summer, the company said in a forecast released Wednesday.

After a turbulent year when gas prices hit a record-high national average of \$5 per gallon, costs dropped to about \$3.06 per gallon this week, tweeted Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy, on Tuesday. The tech company's app provides real-time gas price information for more than 150,000 gas stations nationwide.

How high will gas get in 2023? Twenty-six states currently have gas prices below \$3 per gallon, GasBuddy says.

That could soon change. GasBuddy expects average gas prices in June to rise to between \$3.79 and \$4.19 as the summer travel season kicks in, the company said. The average cost per gallon could go as high as \$4.25 per gallon in August then drop back down closer to \$3 a gallon by year's end

Badger Sports



Badger Basketball

Badger Basketball traveled to Fredericksburg yesterday to compete in the Fredericksburg Tournament.

In their first game, the Badgers lost to Cedar Creek 46-42 with top scorers being Oncken with 11 points, Moreno with 9 points and Johnson with 8 points.

In the second game, the Badgers fell to Granbury 84-46. The top scorers in that game were Johnson with 12 points, Moreno with 10 points and Oncken and Reed with 6 points each.

The Fredericksburg Tournament continues today.

Lady Badger Soccer

Lady Badger Soccer traveled to a tri-scrimmage yesterday where they lost 6-0 to Burnet and 2-0 to San Angelo Lake View.

Lady Badger JV soccer lost to Burnet 2-0.

The ladies host their first games on January 3rd against Gateway Prep.