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The Weather

The high yesterday 60° This morning's low 60°

The forecasters tell us that the best chances for rain today are west of I35, and the precipitation is expected to become more widespread tonight.

The latest information from the NWS shows a strong upper-level low with lots of moisture moving out of Mexico tomorrow, colliding with a strong cold front moving through Central Texas, this is expected to bring us showers and storms. Temperatures are expected to remain in the 30's on Thursday, and our area may see wind chills in the teens & 20's on Wednesday and Thursday night. If temperatures drop just below freezing, then rain and freezing rain mixed is possible with minor ice accumulations on elevated surfaces possible. However, the NWS is keeping an eye on temperatures as we get into the overnight hours on Wednesday, if the temperatures are lower than expected, a more significant ice event could occur, especially in the westernmost counties of our region. Snow accumulations of up to an inch are possible along and west of Hwy 281. More information will be available tomorrow.

Today: Cloudy with a high near 68° and a 30% chance of precipitation. Wind will be S-SE near 15-20 mph with gusts as high as 30mph.

Tonight: Cloudy with a 40% chance of showers or storms and a low around 57°. Wind will continue to be S-SE at 10-15 mph gusting to 20 mph.

Wednesday: Cloudy skies and a 90% probability of precipitation. The temperature is expected to top out in the low-to-mid 60's in the morning, then fall into the upper 40's for the remainder of the day. Winds will be S at 5-10mph shifting to the N at 15-20mph in the afternoon with gusts to 25 mph.

Overnight Wednesday: The 90% chance of precipitation continues, with possible storms after midnight with cloudy skies and a low temperature near 37°. Winds will be N near 20 mph with possible gusts of 25 mph.

New Year's Eve: Cloudy with an 80% chance of precipitation and a high near 40°. Blustery N-NW wind at 15-20 mph gusting to 25 mph.

New Year's Eve Overnight: Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain and snow before midnight. Winds will be W at 15-20mph gusting to 25 mph, and a low temperature near 33°.

County Commissioners' Meet

Commissioners Court have a called meeting tomorrow at 9am in the

Commissioners' Courtroom. may discuss/ take action on the following: consent agenda, accounts payable/payroll, Rural Rail District business, the appointment of two directors of the Rural Rail District,



and the expiration of the Family First Coronavirus Response Act on 12/31/2020.

TxDot Winter Weather Preparations

From TxDOT Brownwood:

In preparation for an anticipated strong winter storm, the Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT) Brownwood District has begun prepping and staging equipment, treating major state maintained roadways and structures and monitoring conditions around the clock.

Crews began treating major roadways and structures Monday and



will continue this work through Wednesday in anticipation of winter precipitation Wednesday night and Thursday. According to the National Weather Service (NWS) Wednesday night thunderstorms will turn to snow overnight and into Thursday morning in most of the district. There is a chance the southeastern counties in the district (McCulloch, Lampasas and San Saba) will see a mix of snow and rain. Any snow and sleet accumulations will make for

hazardous road conditions for motorists. Travelers are encouraged to plan ahead and check roadway conditions prior to travel Wednesday and Thursday.

TxDOT reminds motorists to follow these helpful tips when traveling in winter weather: (1) Give yourself time to reach your destination and account for possible travel delays. Have patience and share the road with other drivers. (2) 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). (3) Do not use cruise control or lane assist in newer vehicles. (4) If you start to lose control, ease off the gas pedals or brakes. Steer into the direction of a skid until you can regain traction, and then straighten your vehicle. (5) If you don't have to travel, stay home.

TxDOT roadway conditions statewide are available at DriveTexas.org or by calling 1-800-452-9292. The Brownwood District Twitter feed (@TxDOTBWD) will be updated as road conditions change. Other TxDOT Twitter feeds and the TxDOT Facebook page are also valuable resources for travel conditions across the state.

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The Blotter



Lampasas Police Dept. blotter for Monday shows a report of criminal mischief in the 600 block of N. Key at 7:46am. Lost property was reported in the 1400 block of S. Key at 8:37am, then an abandoned vehicle was called in from the 500 block of N. Ridge at 9:05am. A burglary of a business was reported in the 500 block of S. Pecan St. at 10:24am, then lost property was reported in the 100 block of EE Ohnmeiss Dr. at 10:25am. At 11:15am, found property was reported at Sue Ann Dr. & CTE. The afternoon shows another report of lost property in the 100 block of EE Ohnmeiss at 3:43pm. A burglary of a habitation was reported in the 200 block of W. 2nd St. at 5:38, then suspicious activity was reported in the 900 block of E. 4th St. at 6:20pm. Later in the evening a theft was reported in the 1200 block of E. 4th St. at 9:56pm and a criminal mischief was reported in the 1200 block of W. Ave A at 11:04pm.

Lampasas Sheriff's Dept. blotter for Monday shows Kempner with civil matters, animal/livestock issues, a structure fire and a reported disturbance. Out in the county there were animal/livestock issues, a reported fraud and a medical call. Deputies went into Cove on a civil matter and a 911 call.

The Jail Log shows the arrest of 25 year old Joseph Benitz of Round Mountain for possession/controlled substance PG2 less than a gram.

The Burn Ban has been lifted until 5pm on Sunday

Accident on N281

Lampasas Fire Dept. and Acadian Ambulance responded to a single-vehicle rollover accident on 281N approximately 100 yards north of CR 2200 this morning.



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Holiday Hours & Closings

Lampasas City offices will be closed on January 1, 2021, as well as the public library and the Collection center. Trash pick-up will be the next business day following the holiday.



Lampasas County offices will be closed on December 31st, and January 1, 2021.

Local bank branches will observe the following hours; 1st Texas Bank and 1st State Bank of Burnet will close at 3pm on Thursday and will be closed Friday and Saturday. They will reopen on January 4th; Bancorp South and National United will have regular hours with the exception of being closed on Friday.

The Lampasas Cattle Auction will have no sale this Wednesday, they will resume on January 6th.

In the City of Copperas Cove, all city facilities will be closed on Friday, January 1st to include the solid waste transfer station. Commercial trash will be collected on the regularly scheduled day, with the exception of no collection on Friday, January 1st. For additional information regarding City facilities closure please contact City Hall at (254) 547-4221. For additional information regarding the collection schedule please contact Solid Waste at (254) 547-4242.

Coronavirus Update

The State of Texas saw 12,841 new confirmed cases yesterday, and 11,351 Texans are hospitalized with Covid-19.

The Texas Department of State Health Services reported Monday a pandemic high 11,351 hospitalizations from COVID-19. This surpasses the previous all-time high of 10,893, which occurred on July 22.

The record comes in the midst of a holiday season public health experts worry could exacerbate the already rapidly spreading virus and following an increase in cases weeks after Thanksgiving.

Sports Badger Basketball



Badger Varsity Basketball improved to 11-1 yesterday with a 71-49 win over Thorndale. Lead scorers were:
Nate Borchardt-34; Landon Mulcahy-12; Austin Wilson- 6.
Tomorrow, the teams are scheduled to be on the road at Blanco with a 10am start for the freshmen, JV at 11am and varsity at 12:15pm.

Lady Badger Basketball

Lady Badger Basketball Varsity traveled to Austin St. Michaels today with tip-off at 1pm. This will replace the Dec 22 game that was cancelled by La Vega