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Saturday
December 31st, 2022

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

The Weather

Yesterday's high 60° This morning's low 41°

Today: Sunny skies and a high near 74°. Wind will be SW at 10-15 mph with possible gusts of 25 mph.

New Year's Eve: Look for mostly clear skies and a low near 54°. Wind will be from the SW at 5-10 mph gusting to 20 mph.

New Year's Day: Mostly sunny and the high temperature will climb to near 77°. Wind will be S-SW near 5-10 mph gusting to 20 mph.

Sunday Night: Mostly cloudy with a low temperature near 62° and a chance of sprinkles overnight. The wind will be S at 10-15 mph with possible gusts of 20 mph.

Monday: Look for partly sunny skies with a high temperature near 78°, and a 40% chance of precipitation before noon. The wind will be S at 10-15 mph shifting W-SW with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy with a low near 50° and a chance of sprinkles. The wind will be W at 10-15 mph ;with possible gusts of 25 mph.



Fatality Accident on 281N

On December 29th at 11:17pm on US 281N, 7 miles north of Lampasas, Texas DPS Troopers responded to a report of a one-vehicle major crash. A 2007 Dodge pickup truck, operated by 54-year-old Shawn Thomas Figurski, of Lampasas, Texas, was travelling northbound on US 281. According to the investigating Trooper, Figurski left the east side of the roadway, lost control, and rolled over multiple times. Figurski was pronounced deceased on scene by Justice of the Peace Misty Wakeman. Next of kin have been notified. The crash investigation is still active and open. For a complete copy of this crash report go to Texas.gov.

Texas DPS would like to remind drivers to drive sober this holiday weekend. Driving while impaired greatly increases the probability of being involved in a traffic crash. Always choose a designated driver, or ride share program if celebrating this holiday season

From TxDOT

As people celebrate the New Year with friends and family, TxDOT wants to remind everyone to always find a sober ride.

Last year, Texas saw 48,641 traffic crashes during the holiday season—Dec. 1, 2021, through Jan. 1, 2022—which resulted in 433 fatalities and 1,695 serious injuries. Almost a quarter of those deaths—23%— were DUI-alcohol related with 98 people killed and 236 seriously injured in drunk driving crashes.

“With everything going on in the world these past few years, we want everyone to be able to celebrate this joyous time of year without the tragic consequences of drinking and driving,” said TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams. “Get together with family and friends and have a great time, but please find an alternative way home if you choose to drink. You have many options available.”

Drunk driving crashes can be easily prevented, yet they can have serious physical, emotional and financial consequences that can last for years. Designate a sober driver, call a taxi, use a rideshare service, stay put, call a friend or family member, or use public transportation to ensure you get home safely if you decide to drink.

New Year's Holiday Closings

The local area holiday closings for New Year's weekend are as follows:

In Lampasas, the Lampasas City offices will be closed Monday January 2nd for New Years Day. The Public Library will be closed today and Monday January 2nd. The Collection Center will be closed today. According to the City of Lampasas website, trash pickup will run on schedule.

The Lampasas County offices will be closed Monday January 2, 2023.
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The Blotter



The Lampasas Police Dept. Blotter for Friday shows a suspicious person reported in the 1000 block of E. Ave A at 1:48am. The afternoon shows a reported fraud in the 400 block of W. 6th St. at 12:17pm, a suspicious person reported in the 1700 block of CTE at 3:36pm, suspicious activity reported in the 1100 block of E. 4th St. at 4:15pm and a suspicious vehicle reported in the 2300 block of 580W at 10:11pm. At 10:56pm, Frederick Mosby, 51, Of Kempner was arrested in the 800 block of W. Ave A on a parole warrant (assault-injury to a disabled person). A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 100 block of EE Ohnmeiss Dr. at 11:39pm.

The Lampasas County Sheriff's Dep. Blotter for Friday shows Kempner with medical calls, an accident, requested welfare checks, and a sex offense. Out in the county there were reports of suspicious activity, civil matters, animal issues, a report of an abandoned vehicle, and medical calls.

The Burn Ban has been lifted through January 9th

(cont'd from front) In Lampasas First Texas Bank and First State Bank of Burnet will be closed today and Monday January 2nd. Cadence Bank drive-thru will be open to from 9am-12pm and will be closed on Monday January 2, 2023.

All banks will re-open for regular hours on Tuesday January 3rd.

Liquor stores will be closed on Monday January 2nd. HEB and Walmart will be open regular hours through the weekend.

The City of Copperas Cove: In observance of the New Year's Day holiday, all City of Copperas Cove facilities will be closed on Monday, to include the Solid Waste Transfer Station. The closure will affect trash pickup next week.

Swearing In Ceremony on New Year's Day

Lampasas County will have a swearing-in ceremony tomorrow at 10am in the District Courtroom on the 2nd floor of the Lampasas County Courthouse.

The following elected officials will be sworn in:

Randall J. Hoyer – County Judge
Jamie Smart – Commissioner Pct 2
Mark Rainwater – Commissioner Pct 4
Melissa Karcher - Treasurer
Edith Harrison – District Clerk
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Dan Hause – Justice of the Peace Pct 4
Paul Maples – County Surveyor

**This is not an official meeting of the Commissioners Court and no County Business will be conducted.*

Small Business in 2023

According to an article in The Guardian, most small businesses in the US will continue to grapple with a slower economy, inflation, supply chain challenges and labor shortages next year. But our biggest problem will be interest rates. Rates rose sharply in 2022 – in 2023 and those rates are going to hurt.

Happy Birthday January 1st

Tracy January



As recently as March, the federal funds rate, which is the rate the Federal Reserve charges banks for its money, was 0.25%. Now it's 4.33%. During the same period of time, and because of this increase in the cost of doing business, the average prime rate at most banks has risen from 3.25% in March to 7% today.

That's the prime rate, the very best rate the banks offer to their very best, largest, blue-chip customers. You and I aren't getting the prime rate when we get a loan from a bank. A typical small business pays anywhere from two to four points above prime.

Which means that as I write this, my clients are paying interest of 9 to 11% on their loans, which is more than double than earlier this year. And none of this includes the Fed's plans to increase rates another 50 basis points soon, with additional increases threatened in order to control inflation. This is a big deal.

If a small business has a \$1,000,000 loan, its interest expense will increase next year from \$70,000 to \$110,000. That extra \$40,000 could pay for an hourly worker, or more employee benefits, or repairs or more materials or a number of other things. But instead it will go to the bank, so the bank can satisfy its obligations to the Fed (and make its profit), which doesn't really buy anything at all.

And these are the costs for a traditional bank loan, which is something many small businesses simply can't get, thanks to lack of collateral, history and other risk factors. The costs of alternative financing – online lenders, merchant advances, credit card borrowings – is significantly higher.

The impact of this is going to be significant. When the cost of something more than doubles, it becomes too costly for some to buy. And that's what will happen in 2023.

Sports

Badger Basketball

The Badger Basketball Varsity team defeated Stephenville yesterday 55-52 to improve to 10-12 for the season. Top scorers were Moreno with 17 points, Johnson with 15 points, and Sisson and Shivers with 8 points each.

The Badger JV lost 79-27 to Stephenville and now are 4-8 on the season. Top scorers were Scott with 12 points, Papke with 6 points and Sheard with 4 points.

The Badger Freshmen won 37-34 yesterday over Stephenville to improve to 7-3 on the season. Top scorers were Mitchell with 10 points, Pratus with 9 points, and Polmanteer with 8 points.

Lady Badger Basketball

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