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The Weather

The High yesterday 69° This morning's low 37°

Today: Sunny, with a high near 61° and N-NE wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear with a low around 37° and E-NE wind around 5 mph but shifting to S-SE.

Thursday: Partly sunny with a high near 66° and south wind 5-15 mph with gusts as high as 20 mph. Overnight the low will drop to 48° with south wind 5-10.

Rest of the week: Friday will bring a warmer day, up to 71° with the southerly breeze that will get up to 10-15 mph and gusting. More wind on Saturday, but that warm front is getting closer as it looks like Saturday afternoon will be the warm one, getting up to 85° and windy, but...overnight it will change again. On Sunday, another of what we keep hoping will be the last gasp of winter. The north wind will return and the high will only be about 68° with very strong north wind.

Runoffs Shape Up For County Officer Primaries

When the tallying up was done last night at the Lampasas County Election Office it was clear that there would be runoffs. For Lampasas County Judge in the Republican Primary, former Lampasas County Attorney Larry Allison was the leader with 1,374 (43.9%) votes, followed by 1,345 (42.18%) votes for former Lampasas ISD Superintendent Randy Hoyer. The two ran away from challenger Greg Crawford with about 15% of the vote.

There will now be a Runoff Election between Allison and Hoyer. For District Clerk Edith Wagner led with 1,103 (35.5%), followed by Trina Hudson with 1,003 (32.28%) and both ahead of current District Clerk Cody Reed with 1,001 (32.22%).

There will now be a Runoff Election between Wagner and Hudson. For Commissioner, Precinct 2, Lometa ISD official Jamie Smart led with 473 (38.9%) of the vote, followed by Ron Farr with 396 (32.57%) and also followed closely by Chris Harrison with 347 (28.54%).

There will now be a Runoff Election between Smart and Farr. In the County Clerk race, incumbent Connie Hartmann carried it away with 2,204 (72.52%)

In the County Treasurer Race Melissa Karcher won with 1,842 (60.87%) of the vote, beating Sharon Watson with 1,184 (39.13%).

In the District 54 State Representative race, pitting Killeen Veterinarian Brady Buckley against incumbent Scott Cosper, Buckley picked up 1,325 (42.44%) and Cosper got 1,312 (42.02%). The other candidate, Larry Smith got a marginal 15% of the vote.

In Bell County, Cosper got 3,160 and Buckley got 2,848, bringing the total District vote for Cosper to 4,472 (44.56%) and Buckley to 4,173 (41.58%). Larry Smith had 14%.

There will be a runoff between Cosper and Buckley.

All of the Runoff Elections will take place on May 22nd.

All of the above is about the Republican Primary, which is the vast majority of the vote in Lampasas County. However, there were apparently 392 ballots cast in the Democratic Primary, which was about 10% of the total vote on Tuesday. That low number of Democratic Primary voters was probably due to the fact that no



Democrats were on County Race Ballots.

The Lampasas Democrat turnout was pale in comparison to the Democratic Party's victory statewide in coming up with what appears to be around 38 or 39% of the total vote at this point.

The Democrats have managed to field a few candidates so far that will contest Republican office holders in the General Election in November, and there are now some runoff races in which other Democratic champions will be chosen to represent that party in November.

The May Primary Runoff will see Andrew White and Lupe Valdez contesting to run for Governor in the General Election against Greg Abbott, and Chris Perri and Julie Oliver will be in that Runoff for the right to challenge Roger Williams for his 25th Congressional District seat in the U.S. House.

The City of Gatesville, in partnership with the Central Texas Council of Governments, is hosting a Household Hazardous Waste event on Saturday, March 10 from 8am to 3pm at the City of Gatesville Civic Center at 301 Veterans Memorial Loop. The HHW event is open to residents of Bell, Coryell, Hamilton, Lampasas, Milam, Mills, and San Saba Counties.

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Feral Chickens?

You gotta' be kiddin'!

Not according to a story we saw in a Texas Farm Bureau note. In it, writer Gene Hall said they had a big problem in Bastrop where dozens of feral chickens are making quite a mess in their pursuit of food. We all knew about the feral hog problem, but chickens? Hall says, "Some folks are serious about keeping chickens in the backyard, and it can be a great adventure. I'm not criticizing that. But once the new wears off, (cont. from front)



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The Blotter



Lampasas Police Dept. blotter for Tuesday showed a very quiet morning but a busy evening.

At 12:36pm there was a disturbance in the 200 block of S. Porter and at 4:47pm there was a minor, no injuries, accident in the 600 block of S. Ridge.

The busy evening began with a reckless driver report on Hwy 281S at 7:40pm, then a minor accident in that same area, in the 1900 block, at 8:02pm. That resulted in a DWI arrest. At 8:30pm, 30 yr old Douglas Cooper Wilkison of Lampasas was arrested in the 1900 block of 281S and charged with DWI with blood alcohol level of .15% and an accident involving damage to a vehicle over \$200.

And, at the same time and location, a 48 yr old Lampasas woman was arrested for public intoxication.

Moving down the road...In the 2700 block of Hwy 281S there was a domestic disturbance at 9:31pm and, in the 100 block of E. 9th, at 10:37pm, a 38 yr old homeless man was arrested for violating a city ordinance – camping.

Lampasas Sheriff's Dept. blotter shows Lometa with a runaway report, a civil matter and a suspicious person report. Kempner police worked an animal complaint and some livestock issues, and out in the county, deputies worked an alarm, multiple civil matters and one accident.

The Burn Ban in Lampasas County is back on!

The County Judge, after notice of some area fires, has acted to put the burn ban back into full effect.

some erstwhile chicken farmers just turn the critters loose.”

Hall said, “My mother kept chickens-lots of them.” But, he said, “She had high chicken wire fence—a necessity.”

As Hall's story goes, “Chickens go where they will. Once free, they become wild and difficult to catch – except for predators that appreciate an easy lunch. The survivors, with their wings no longer clipped, will regain a limited power of flight. Their survival rate goes up, along with their capacity for messy mischief.”

After reading about this, I did what everybody does these days, I “searched it” on the internet. And, sure enough, feral chickens are a problem not just in Bastrop, Texas, but also in places like Oahu and Maui, Hawaii, where they say it's hard to get a good night's sleep for the confused crowing. In Maui, one of the confused wild cacklers got into a transformer for a nap and did itself in...and in doing so it knocked out power at the local airport.

But, when we read up about Bastrop's problem. It seems there was a chicken sanctuary in a certain part of town that allowed chickens to run free. They call it the Farm Street chicken area. It was just fun for a while, but then the area's free-ranging chickens began to stray... Now, with all the complaints about the cacklers and crows, Bastrop is out trappin' chickens and giving them to country people in the area.

Sports Softball

Lampasas Lady Badgers are 1-0 in district play after pulling it out in the 7th inning last night and stealing the victory from Taylor. The 7-6 game went like this.

Cally Reding was on the mound for the Lady Badgers and Taylor jumped out with a run in the 1st inning, which Lampasas answered in the bottom of the first. Taylor scored again in the 2nd and two more in the 3rd and another in the 4th. Lampasas finally came alive in the 4th with one run, making it 5-2 Taylor by the end of the 4th inning. In the 5th, Taylor added another but Lampasas put in 2 to make it 6-4 Taylor. That was the end of Taylor's scoring but Lampasas put in another in the 6th to make it 6-5 Taylor going into the 7th. Here, Lampasas went to work to score two more and put it away, 7-6 Lampasas.

Wow, that was close!

The win went to Cally Reding on the mound, going all 7 but giving up



11 hits and 4 earned runs with 5 strikeouts.

The hitters were Cally Reding 2 for 4 with a double and 3RBIs; Kyndal Moyer was 2 for 2 with a double; Brooklynne Edgar was 1 for 3 but had a double; Hannah Greenberg was 1 for 3 but had 2 RBIs and a sacrifice fly; Kamri Corbin went 2 for 4 with a double and Natalie Denoso went 1 for 4.

Lampasas had 4 fielding errors.

The Lady Badgers will head for Salado on Friday for their second district game at 7pm.

Badger Baseball is 6-2 for the season after suffering a defeat by Brady last night on Badger field. It was disappointing to fans as the Badgers just couldn't get it together at bat.



Brady went out front 1-0 in the 1st inning, then put up another 4 in the second to make it 5-0 Brady after two.

Lampasas finally got on the board in the third and again with 2 more in the 4th, but by the end of the 6th it was still 9-6 Brady and that's the way it ended.

The loss went to Haydn Hammerschmidt on the hill who gave up 8 hits, 9 runs, 2 of them earned in the 5 innings he pitched with 3 strikeouts. He was relieved by Marty Ybarra who finished with giving up 1 hit and struck out 3.

Next up for the Badgers is tomorrow's start of the Badger Baseball Tournament that will run on Badger Field through Saturday. Lampasas will play on Thursday morning at 9am against Jarrell and at 2pm against Killeen Shoemaker. On Friday Killeen High, Marble Falls and Brownwood will play it out all day, and on Saturday the A and B Pools will play for the championship in a 4 game playoff day that starts at 9am in the morning.

Funeral Notice

Nelda Ruth Smith, 90 of Lampasas, TX died Friday March 2, 2018 at Metroplex Hospital in Killeen. Nelda was born December 2, 1927 in Star, TX the daughter of Avery Allen Poe and Lera D. (Flatt) Poe. She graduated from Star High School in 1945. She attended Daniel Baker College in Brownwood and John Tarleton College in Stephenville and graduated with her Bachelor's degree from Texas Christian University in 1950. Her first teaching job was in Fairy, TX at age 19. She then taught school in Cherokee. While in Cherokee, she met Roy Lee Smith and after 2 weeks time she was introducing him to her family with the idea they might be married in the future. Marriage did take place May 19, 1951 in Cherokee. Nelda and Roy moved to Corpus Christi, where he was still stationed serving in the military. They later moved to San Marcos in 1954, on to Freer from 1959 until 1966, back to San Marcos in 1967 where she retired after having taught school for 36 years. Nelda moved to Star to help her aging parents, and while there she substituted at the school and served as its Principal a short time. She was a member of First Street Church of Christ. Nelda is survived by her husband, Roy Lee Smith of Lampasas; daughter, Donna Helm and Steve of Buda; grandchildren, David Walton Smith (Vanessa), Kristan Smith, D'Ann Cogburn, Nocona Koenig (Darin), Stevie Helm, Shane Helm (Stephanie) along with 12 great-grandchildren and 1 great great-grandchild; along with a brother, Wayne Poe (Aggie) of Valley Mills. She was preceded in death by her parents, a son, David Smith and by two brothers and one sister. A visitation will be held Thursday March 8, at noon at First Street Church of Christ. A funeral service will begin there at 1pm and following, the burial will be in Hurst Ranch Cemetery near Star.

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