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Yesterday's high 60° This morning's low 48°

Today: Mostly cloudy skies with the high near 65°. Wind will be S-SW at 10-15 mph with possible gusts of 30 mph.

Tonight: Look for mostly cloudy skies and a 20% chance of showers. The low will be near 56°. Wind will be from the S-SW at 5-15 mph with possible gusts of 30 mph, shifting W overnight.

Sunday: Mostly cloudy with gradual clearing and the high temperature will climb to near 63° with at 30% chance of showers and storms in the morning. Wind will become N-NE at 5-10 mph.

Sunday Night: Increasing clouds with a low temperature near 35°. The wind will continue from the N-NE near 10 mph gusting to 20 mph.

Monday: Look for cloudy skies with a high temperature near 43° and a 30% chance of precipitation. The wind will be N-NE at 10-15 mph gusting to 20 mph.

Monday Night: Cloudy with a 60% chance of showers and a low near 33°. The wind will continue from the N-NE at 10-15 mph with possible gusts of 20 mph.

Texas Awarded Federal Grant to Increase Internet Access

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced today his agency will receive \$363 million in grants from the federal government to increase access to affordable, reliable high-speed internet to more than 150,000 homes and businesses in Texas.

The U.S. Department of the Treasury announced the award of \$363.8 million for the Bringing Online Opportunities to Texas (BOOT) program, which is a competitive grant application program administered by the Texas Broadband Development Office (BDO) housed within the Comptroller's office. The funds, administered through the federal Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund, will bring much-needed service to about 152,000 locations across the state. The BOOT program will begin accepting applications for broadband expansion projects in spring 2023.

"The most recent U.S. Census Bureau data indicate that almost 2.8 million Texas households — including 7 million people — lack broadband access," Hegar said. "Twenty-three percent of Texans are unable to attend online classes, see a health care provider from their living room, fill out a job application online, start a business or access online marketplaces from their kitchen table. These barriers negatively affect Texans' quality of life and limit economic opportunities for individuals and the state overall. This grant will help my office address these critical needs and inequities by providing competitively awarded funding to projects bringing reliable broadband to unserved and underserved communities."

The funding will support sustainable broadband infrastructure projects, awarded through a competitive grant process, that help

reduce the digital divide by closing the broadband last mile gap. In closing the gap between a broadband internet service provider's infrastructure and broadband users, the program will ultimately enable all community members to access high-quality, affordable broadband and engage in remote employment, education and health monitoring.

You can File Your Taxes for Free

There are several options you can use to file your federal taxes, and sometimes your state taxes, for free. Now that the 2023 tax season is underway, people are looking for ways to file their taxes for free.

The IRS announced on Jan. 17 that Free File, a federal program providing taxpayers with free online tax preparation and filing software, is ready to use. Any taxpayer or family whose adjusted gross income (AGI) was \$73,000 or less in 2022 is eligible for IRS Free File. People who qualify for IRS Free File can file their taxes using a computer, (*cont'd on back*)

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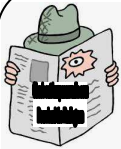
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The Lampasas Police Dept. Blotter for Friday shows a major accident reported in the 100 block of E. 3rd St. at 8am. The afternoon shows a disturbance in the 900 block of CTE at 12:11pm, a minor accident reported in the 200 block of W. 3rd St. at 5:12pm and a suspicious person was reported in the 300 block of Supple Dr. at 5:49pm. There was a reported harassment in the 100 block of S. Ridge St. at 6:13pm, and suspicious persons were reported; one in the 100 block of E. 9th St. at 6:59pm and one in the 500 block of S. Hackberry at 7:15pm. A criminal trespass was reported in the 1700 block of CTE at 8:29pm, and at that same location at 8:36pm, Jessica Johnson, 34, was arrested for criminal trespass and disorderly conduct. There were suspicious vehicle reports; one in the 1500 block of S. Western at 9:54pm and one in the 2300 block of 580S at 11:37pm.

The Burn Ban has been lifted

(*cont'd from front*) smartphone or tablet. Free File only guarantees you a free federal tax return, although the IRS says some programs offer free state tax preparation and filing.

These seven providers are partnering with IRS Free File during the 2023 tax season: 1040Now; ezTaxReturn.com; File YourTaxes.com; On-Line Taxes; TaxAct; FreeTaxUSA; and TaxSlayer. Taxpayers can use the IRS Free File online lookup tool to find the right provider for them. The IRS says ezTaxReturn.com is offering Free File in Spanish for the 2023 tax season.

The AARP Foundation has a program called Tax-Aide that offers free in-person and virtual tax assistance. Tax-Aide is available to anyone, regardless of income, although the service is focused on people over 50 who have low to moderate incomes. The program can help with most, but not all, tax returns.

Cash App Taxes provides a free tax filing service with no income restrictions for both federal and state taxes, but you have to download Cash App and log in to use the service.

Many of the largest paid tax preparation services also offer free tax filing for simple tax returns, separate from the IRS Free File program. TurboTax's free version covers W-2 income, limited interest or dividend income reported on a 1099 form, standard deduction claims, Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), child tax credits and student loan interest deductions.

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*Note: The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) announced on March 29, 2022 that it was taking administrative action against TurboTax for misleading consumers about the availability of its free service. According to the FTC, TurboTax would inform consumers they needed to upgrade to the paid version only after the consumer had entered sensitive personal and financial information. The FTC said two-thirds of all tax filers didn't qualify for TurboTax's free service.

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Texas State Child Welfare Agency Under Fire

(Texas Tribune) U.S. District Judge Janis Graham Jack again threatened to hold the state's child welfare agency in contempt of court for failing to comply with at least three of her orders.

The judge warned the state could be held in contempt of court for not following through with three mandates: youths not knowing their rights, not adequately responding to abuse allegations and still having too many children without placement.

At the Friday court hearing, the judge admonished the state for not making children aware of their rights and for not taking adequate action over reports of abuse. The judge also pressed the state about increasing the use of kinship care and implementing qualified residential treatment programs as a means to reduce the number of children without placement.

A court monitors' report released last week cited a survey that found youth in the state's care know about the abuse hotline, the ombudsman program and the foster child bill of rights about 50% of time. The report notes that the state's child welfare agency also did not take appropriate action to protect kids in about 58% of cases where the agency suspected maltreatment or abuse. "Somebody is not getting the urgency of this," Jack said when threatening a contempt-of-court order. "I know that you all say you understand the urgency, but this is just not happening."

Jack also blasted the state for continuing to have children without placement, when the state cannot find a suitable placement for that child, requiring the Department of Family and Protective Services to provide temporary emergency care until a placement can be secured. When she asked if the state could commit to having no children without placement by June, Associate Commissioner for Child Protective Services Erica Bañuelos could not say yes. "I can commit that we will continue to put the same level of effort towards reducing those numbers," Bañuelos said instead.

Jack first ruled in 2015 that Texas has violated the constitutional rights of foster children to be free from an unreasonable risk of harm, saying that children "often age out of care more damaged than when they entered."

Sports



Badger Basketball

The Badger Varsity lost to Burnet last night 45-55 to drop to (12-17/1-4). Top scorers were Carter Johnson with 16 points, Peyton Sisson with 12 points and Ethan Moreno with 7 points.

The Badger JV fell to Burnet 66-42 and is now 4-15 on the season and 0-5 in district. Top Scorers were Colton Sheard with 10 points, Jacob Wintle with 8 points and Angel Scott and Henry Calvery with 7 points each.

Badger Freshmen beat Burnet last night 42-41 and is now (14-3/5-0). Top scorers were Dylan Polmanteer with 15 points and Beau Patterson and Calum Mitchell with 10 points each.

Lady Badger Basketball

Lady Badger Basketball lost to the Burnet Bulldogs last night 51-38. The Ladies are now (24-10/4-2).