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News at 7:20am & 12, 6pm & 10pm

The Weather

The high yesterday 62° This morning's low 48° The airport recorded .15 inches of rain yesterday.

Today: Patchy fog until late morning, then skies becoming mostly sunny with a high temperature near 69°, and a S-SE wind at 5-10 mph.

Tonight: Increasing clouds and the low temperature will dip to near 50°. Winds will be SE at 5-10 mph.

Wednesday: Cloudy skies and a high temperature near 58°. There is an 80% chance of precipitation. Winds will become N in the morning at 5-10 mph.

Overnight Wednesday: Cloudy with rain, and then freezing rain between 1 and 4 am. After 4am look for freezing rain mixed with sleet. The low temperature will be near 20° with N wind at 15 mph gusting to 25 mph. The chance of precipitation is 90%.

Thursday: Cloudy skies and freezing rain and sleet before 4pm, then a slight chance of snow and sleet. The high will be near 28°. N-NW winds will be 15-20 mph gusting to 30 mph. The Chance of precipitation will be 80%.

Thursday Night: Cloudy skies with a low near 11° and N-NW winds near 15 mph gusting to 25 mph. There is a slight chance of snow or sleet before 7pm, a 20% chance of precipitation

Freezing Weather

The National Weather Service issued a winter weather watch this week for Lampasas county as well as nearby counties. They say to look for temperatures falling well below freezing on Wednesday night, and the forecast call for freezing rain in our area Wednesday night into Thursday, followed by freezing rain mixed with sleet early Thursday in to Thursday afternoon. The precipitation is expected to move out of the area Thursday evening.

Along with the winter precipitation, the arctic air will bring frigid temperatures to the area starting on Wednesday and going

through Friday afternoon. Travel impacts are possible starting late Wednesday and may extend into Friday.

The low temperature Thursday night is forecast to be down to 11°, and the wind chill down to -4°What the National Weather Service doesn't know is exactly where the biggest impacts of the winter precipitation will occur and the detailed timing and amounts of each weather type (snow, sleet, freezing rain).

This is from the National Weather Service: "Heavy mixed precipitation is possible. Ice accumulations of one tenth to one third of an inch are possible. Total snow and/or sleet accumulations up to 3 inches are possible. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph."

"* IMPACTS...Travel could be very difficult on elevated bridges, overpasses, and roadways. Hazardous conditions could impact the morning and evening commutes Thursday and Friday. Wind chills as low as 5 below zero could result in hypothermia if precautions are not taken."

Lampasas ISD has not made any decisions about delaying or closing school on Thursday or Friday. We have also reached out to the county to see if the county will be doing any road prep for the icy weather. We will keep you updated.

Please remember the P's; people, pets, plants and pipes.

From Tx DOT

A winter storm is headed to the region with wintery precipitation Wed. night-Thursday. Texas DOT Brownwood crews are working to pretreat major roadways to prevent ice/snow from bonding to road surfaces. Remember: Drive carefully near our pretreatment operations & in severe/winter weather!

Weatherizing the Power Grid

Texas Power generators had until Dec. 1 to weatherize and provide a progress report to ERCOT. The legislature made it possible for ERCOT to inspect these generators and even levy million-dollar penalties if they continue to fail standards. Now eight generation companies have failed inspections and the (cont'd on back)





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The Blotter



The Lampasas Police Dept. Blotter for Monday shows a suspicious person reported in the 300 block of S. Willis St. at 12:52am, a disorderly conduct in the 1000 block of E. Ave J at 2:28am, and a suspicious person reported in the 100 block of EE Ohnmeiss Dr. at 10:04am. The afternoon shows the arrest of 32 year old Miguel Ayala Jr. in the 2700 block of 281S on a Lampasas Police Dept. warrant for burglary of habitation and possession of drug paraphernalia at 1:45pm. There was a burglary of a building reported in the 1100 block of E. 4th St. at 2:16pm, a disturbance in the 300 block of S. Walnut St. at 7:11pm, and a suspicious vehicle reported in the 1200 block of W. 4th St. at 10:17pm.

The Lampasas County Sheriff's Dept. Blotter for Monday shows Lometa with a reported noise complaint and a medical call. Kempner shows a medical call and a livestock issue. Out in the county there was a reported burglary, a fish & game call and an accident. Deputies went into Cove on a report of criminal mischief and a reported disturbance.

The Jail Log shows the arrest of 17 year old Dylan Pollard of Lampasas for assault causing bodily injury of a family member.

The Burn Ban goes back into effect at 5pm today

Public Utility Commission has proposed fines totaling \$7.5 million.

At the same time, the gas production companies, which provide generators the natural gas they need to operate still aren't facing any state requirements. The Texas Railroad Commission has yet to provide those requirements.

So should Texans be worried as several days of freezing weather approaches?

The Texas Oil & Gas Association was contacted

Association President Todd Staples said there would be some decline in oil and gas production due to the freeze but there are many other factors that will prevent the problems seen during 2021 Winter Storm Uri.

"What happened in Uri was... a couple of things," Staples said. "One of them was some (oil and gas producers) lost power and that was a significant part of the reduction in production. The ERCOT forms which allowed for assets to be designated a critical and keep their power on... Oil and gas companies were not allowed to do that."

Some oil and gas producers actually had their electricity cut off by power transmission companies during the storm as those companies worked to relieve the demand on the power grid at the direction of ERCOT. This just made the lack of power worse as generators could not get fuel. Staples said ERCOT has now improved communication so this won't happen again.

"Oil and gas companies have been applying to their local TDUs (Transmission and Delivery Utilities) and we think that will be a big difference in keeping the power on," Staples said.

Staples also said the lack of state requirements would not be an issue because many oil and gas producers were already weatherizing regardless.

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The Federal Reserve Raising Interest Rates

Americans are likely to find themselves paying more for loans and credit this year, with the Federal Reserve signaling on Wednesday that it plans to start boosting its short-term interest rate in March from its current level of close to zero.

That shift is a response to the highest inflation in four decades, with prices jumping 7% in December — a trend that economists think is likely to continue for months. Tightening monetary policy raises the costs of borrowing for consumers and businesses, weakening demand and curbing prices.

But it could also pinch people's budgets as the Fed continues to normalize policy over the rest of 2022. Wall Street analysts expect the central bank to lift rates three or four times this year, with each increase boosting the benchmark federal funds rate by 0.25%, or even 0.5% if inflation persists and the Fed decides to slam on the brakes. For consumers, that likely means higher credit card rates and more expensive loans.

"What the Fed is realizing is that by having so much cheap money available, it is really causing a lot of consumers to say, 'Oh, I couldn't afford that before but now I can,'" said Kent Lugrand, president and CEO of InTouch Credit Union.

Every 0.25% increase equates to an extra \$25 a year in interest for \$10,000 in debt. So if the Fed boosts rates by a total of 1% over four hikes this year, consumers will pay \$100 extra annually on that debt.

"Depending on the amount of your debt, that can add up quickly," Lugrand said.

Sports

Badger Basketball

Badger Basketball hosts Stephenville today at Badger Gym, both boys and girls. Games will start at 5pm. It is Lampasas Middle School night as well.

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