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The Weather

The high yesterday 27° This morning's low 29°

Today: Cloudy with a high temperature near 40° and a 30% chance of showers. Wind will be N-NW near 10-15 mph with possible gusts of 20 mph.

Tonight: Look for mostly cloudy skies, and the low will get down to about 29° overnight. The wind will continue N-NW at 10-15 mph gusting to 20 mph.

Friday: Sunny with a high temperature near 51°. Wind will be N-NW near 5-10 mph shifting NE in the afternoon.

Friday Night: Look for mostly clear skies and a low near 30°. Wind will become S-SW near 5 mph after midnight.

Saturday: Mostly sunny with the high temperature near 59° and S wind at 5-15 mph gusting to 20 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear skies and a low near 39°. Wind will be S-SW at 5-15 mph with possible gusts of 20 mph.

Groundhog Day Today

Pennsylvania's most famous groundhog emerged from his burrow on this cold Thursday morning and saw his shadow, declaring there would be six more weeks of winter. Punxsutawney Phil made his prediction as a deadly storm wreaked havoc in the South and the Northeast was bracing for a dangerous Arctic blast.

There was certainly no shadow to be found in Lampasas this morning, as we come out of 3 days of hibernation brought on by the ice storm of '23. The roads were very passable for most of us, though we spent excessive amounts of time trying to clear the ice from our windshield. The kids are back in school and the Badger's will be hosting the Marble Falls Mustangs today with the Girls Varsity at 6pm followed immediately by the Boys Varsity (around 7:15pm).

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Trash Service Update

From the City of Lampasas:

Waste Connections will not be in town today to service residential customers. They will service Thursday's route on Friday and Friday's route on Saturday. There is a chance with Friday's route being heavy from not being serviced Tuesday, they will pack out and not get everything off the ground. Commercial drivers will be in town tomorrow, February 2nd, so we expect everything to be cleaned up by Saturday afternoon.

Statewide Power Outages

Hundreds of thousands of businesses and households across Central and East Texas remained without power Thursday, as utility crews continue scrambling to fix power lines downed by freezing rain and fallen trees.

Statewide, more than 400,000 customers didn't have electricity Thursday morning. About 150,000 of those are served by Austin Energy, which warned that some outages could extend until 6 p.m. Friday. The outages persist as residents head into another day of closed college campuses, public schools and a paused Legislature.

The freezing rain and power outages halted Texans' normal lives in scores of counties. School districts across the affected areas were closed through at least Thursday. Thousands of flights that were scheduled to arrive at or depart from airports in Dallas and Austin were canceled this week. Delays and cancellations continued Thursday morning, according to FlightAware.

The causes of electricity outages are unlike those from the infamous 2021 winter storm, when the state's power grid nearly collapsed during a catastrophic freeze that killed hundreds of Texans. This year's winter storm is not as cold, prolonged or widespread as the one two years ago. And the current outages are due mostly to localized issues like downed power lines, not a problem with the power grid itself.

The outages in Austin had been caused by more than 1,300 individual incidents, said Austin Energy spokesperson Matt Mitchell, each one demanding an individual assessment by crews traversing the fallen debris and icy roadways.

As repairs were underway, other customers reported more outages throughout the day.

"It's like whack-a-mole," Mitchell said.

"Outside of our office in north Tarrant County, it's like an ice rink," said Hunter Reeves, a NWS meteorologist in North Texas. "We have this round of freezing rain that's just coming through, and it's not going to go anywhere."

Meanwhile, residents in Austin waited for power to be restored, but many only heard the cracks of more trees succumbing to the

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The Blotter



The Lampasas Police blotter for Monday shows a structure fire reported in the 900 block of W. Ave E at 4:41am, an assault was reported in the 400 block of N. Ridge St. at 10:54am and a suspicious person was reported in the 600 block of E. Ave F at 11:20am. The afternoon shows a minor accident in the 2700 block of 281S at 3:29pm.

The Lampasas Police blotter for Tuesday shows a possession of drug paraphernalia reported in the 100 block of EE Ohnmeiss Dr. at 11:17am. The afternoon shows a reported DWI in the 900 block of S. Key Ave. at 2:14pm and a minor accident reported in the 1700 block of CTE at 4:16pm. There was a reported fraud in the 600 block of Casbeer St. at 5:29pm and a child endangerment reported in the 1500 block of E. 3rd St. at 10:30pm.

The Lampasas Police blotter for Wednesday shows a noise disturbance reported in the 700 block of E. 5th St. at 1:26am and a criminal trespass reported in the 600 block of N. Key Ave. at 8:51am. The afternoon shows a shots fired call reported in the 900 block of E. 3rd St. at 6:37pm.

The Lampasas County Sheriff's Dept. Blotter for Wednesday shows Lometa with a requested welfare check, livestock issues and an accident. In Kempner there were medical calls, mental health calls, alarm calls, livestock/animal issues, reported disturbances, juvenile problems, reported threats, a fish & game call, a requested welfare check and civil matters. Out in the county there was a reported trespassing, animal/livestock issues, accidents, medical calls, and reported disturbances. Deputies went into Cove on a reported harassment, animal/livestock issues, medical calls, reports of suspicious activity, and a requested welfare check.

The Jail Log shows the arrest of 24 year old Monique Beaudry of Copperas Cove for possession of marijuana less than 2 oz., possession of a controlled substance PG2 4-400 grams and an out of county charge.

State Sales Tax Revenue Totaled \$4.11 Billion in January

(AUSTIN) — Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar today said state sales tax revenue totaled \$4.11 billion in January, 6.6 percent more than in January 2022. The majority of January sales tax revenue is based on sales made in December and remitted to the agency in January.

"While state sales tax collections reached another all-time high, it is important to note that the rate of growth from the previous year was the lowest in the 22 months since the end of pandemic restrictions," Hegar said. "This reflects slowing in the rate of inflation and slowing growth in real economic activity as well. Unfortunately, inflation continues to erode the purchasing power of Texas consumers as the consumer price index rate for December was 6.5 percent.

Total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in January 2023 was up 9.4 percent compared with the same period a year ago. Sales tax is the largest source of state funding for the state budget, accounting for 56 percent of all tax collections.

Happy Birthday



Amy Fowler
Quincey Hooten 6



Badger Sports



Make-Up Games and Matches

Badger Basketball will be hosting the Marble Falls Mustangs today with the Girls Varsity at 6pm followed immediately by the Boys Varsity (around 7:15pm).

Badger Soccer will travel to Gatesville Monday to make up games postponed from 1/31/23. The Girls will play at 4:30pm and the boys will play at 6:30pm.

Badger Powerlifting at San Saba is rescheduled for 2/16/23.

Badger Wrestling (District) is rescheduled to Saturday 2/4/23 @ Delco.

9th & JV Girls Basketball will play in Marble Falls tomorrow with JV tipping off at 5pm and the 9th grade playing at 7:30pm (make up from 1/31/23)

Badger Soccer

Badger Soccer will host China Spring tomorrow with JV beginning at 4pm, the Varsity Girls at 5:30pm and the Varsity Boys at 7:30pm.

Badger Basketball

Badger Basketball will host Gateway tomorrow with 9th & JV at 5pm and Varsity at 6:15pm.

Death Notice

Mary Black Griffin Davis, 84, of Lampasas, died on Sunday. Services will be held at First Presbyterian Church Lampasas on Friday at 2 pm. The interment will be private.

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