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## The Weather



**The High Yesterday: 79° The Low This morning 51°**

**Today:** Look for skies to be cloudy with gradual clearing and a high temperature topping out near 82°. Wind will be SW near 5-15 mph with possible gusts of 20 mph.

**Tonight:** Look for increasing clouds and some patchy fog is possible. The low temperature will be near 62°. Wind will be S near 5 mph.

**Tuesday:** Look for some patchy fog early in the morning then mostly sunny skies with a high temperature near 80°. The wind will be S at 5-10 mph.

**Tuesday Night:** Look for mostly cloudy skies with a low temperature near 64°. Wind will be S-+SE near 5-10 mph gusting to 20 mph.

**Wednesday:** Partly sunny skies with a forecast high near 82°. There is a 20% chance of showers and storms. Wind will be S near 5-15 mph with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Wednesday Night:** Mostly cloudy skies with a low near 64°. Wind will be S at 10-15 mph with possible gusts of 25 mph.

## Lampasas ISD School Board to Meet

**The Lampasas ISD School Board** will meet this evening at 6pm at the Lampasas ISD Administration Building.

The Agenda includes the consent agenda to include a budget amendment, notification of resignation of professional personnel, the second reading of policy update 120 and an amendment to the 2022-2023 district calendar. Also on the agenda is a list of bills, the certification of unopposed candidates and order of cancellation for the May election, administrative reports to include a campus report from Hanna Springs Elementary, and a long term facility plan for maintenance and transportation.

## From TxDOT

Drunk drivers claim the lives of hundreds of Texans every year, and spring break can be a particularly deadly time. TxDOT's Drive Sober. No Regrets. campaign is working with college students around the state to highlight the dangers of impaired driving by sharing stories from people who have experienced the consequences firsthand.

One person in Texas dies every 7 hours and 43 minutes in a DUI-alcohol (driving under the influence) related traffic crash. In 2021, 1,134 people in Texas were killed and 2,565 seriously injured because someone chose to get behind the wheel while impaired. During spring break of 2021, Texas recorded 874 DUI-alcohol related traffic crashes, resulting in 31 deaths and 107 serious injuries.

"The loss of life on our highways is tragic," said TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams. "It is all the more tragic to know that the vast majority of these lives lost could be prevented. Our message to students is this: Help keep yourself and others safe by finding a sober

ride, taking a cab, using a rideshare, or simply staying put. There are severe and deadly consequences to drunk driving, and we don't want to see lives and futures destroyed."

Drinking and driving is an all-too-often regrettable decision with far-reaching consequences. Beyond the inherent risk of injury and death—to the driver, passengers or other innocent bystanders—driving while intoxicated is often accompanied by a lingering emotional and financial toll, resulting in legal, career, and mental health repercussions. Every day, impaired driving devastates the lives of offenders and survivors alike.

## School Safety Bill

The Texas Senate on Friday unveiled its priority school safety bill that would create a safety and security department housed in the Texas Education Agency. And the legislation would give the education commissioner more direct power to compel school districts to establish safety protocols for active-shooter situations.

Senate Bill 11, filed by Sen. Robert Nichols, R-Jacksonville, additionally beefs up current truancy laws. This comes after reports found that the Uvalde shooter was chronically absent starting in sixth grade and dropped out of high school. During a Senate committee meeting last month, Nichols said current truancy laws don't have "teeth" with parents.

The legislation, which has the blessing of Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, will have the new department oversee mandated school safety measures, such as safety plans.

Those plans — which must include active-shooter strategies — have been required to be filed with the Texas School Safety Center, a think tank at Texas State University created by lawmakers in 2001, since after the 2018 Santa Fe High School shooting.

But, a three-year audit in 2020 found that out of the 1,022 school districts in the state, just 200 districts had active-shooter policies as part of their plans, (*cont'd on back*)

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## The Blotter



**The Lampasas Police Dept. blotter** for Saturday afternoon shows suspicious activity reported in the 800 block of McLean St. at 5:03pm, a fraud was reported on Wolfe Dr. at 9:39pm and suspicious activity was reported in the 600 block of E. Ave. F at 9:44pm. Suspicious activity was also reported in the 1300 block of CTE at 10:36pm, a burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1700 block of CTE at 10:52pm, and a disturbance was reported in the 200 block of N. Walnut St. at 11:13pm.

**The Lampasas Police Dept. blotter** for Sunday shows a suspicious vehicle reported in the 1100 block of S. Key Ave. at 1:57am, and a curfew violation was reported in the 100 block of N. Chestnut St. at 2:48a. The afternoon shows a suspicious person reported in the 500 block of E. North Ave. at 12:52pm, suspicious activity reported in the 100 block of EE Ohnmeiss Dr. at 3:13pm and a reported theft in the 700 block of S. Pecan St. at 4:01pm. A suspicious person was reported in the 300 block of 281S at 9:03pm and another suspicious person was reported in the 700 block of E. 5<sup>th</sup> St. at 10:21pm.

**The Lampasas County Sheriff's Dept. Blotter** for the weekend shows Lometa with a medical call and a noise complaint. In Kempner there was a requested welfare check, a structure fire, reported disturbances, a report of criminal mischief, a shots fired call, animal issues and reports of suspicious activity. Out in the county there were requested welfare checks, animal issues, medical calls, civil matters, and reports of suspicious activity. Deputies went into Cove on civil matters, reports of suspicious activity, a requested welfare check, a reported runaway, a reports of abandoned vehicles and a suicidal person.

**The Jail Log** shows the arrest of a 47 year old Fort Worth man for driving with a suspended license.

even though most districts had reported having those policies. The audit also revealed 626 districts did not have active-shooter policies. Another 196 had active-shooter policies, but they were insufficient, according to the audit. In addition, only 67 school districts had viable emergency operations plans overall, the report found.

Under the proposed legislation, the education commissioner, in consultation with the safety center will create rules regarding security audits and other emergency operation plans. The bill also would create similar safety plans for community colleges.

On truancy, the bill would be more strict on how many days students can be absent before parents are sent to court. A school district must inform parents at the beginning of the school year that if their child has six or more unexcused absences within an eight-week period in the same school year, then they are subject to prosecution, and the child could be sent to court.

## Gas Prices

Despite rising slightly by midweek, gas prices remained cheaper than last week, but a switch to more expensive summer-blend gasoline could change that, according to the latest report from AAA.

The national average cost for a gallon of gas dropped to \$3.37, two cents less than last week but a penny more than the cost of gas at the start of this week, AAA said. The fluctuation in prices within the week is likely due to increasing demand, oil prices and summer blend gasoline, AAA spokesperson Andrew Gross said.

"This blend is designed to lower emissions during the summer and is more expensive to refine," Gross said. "Switching to summer blend usually adds about five to ten cents to the price of gasoline."

U.S. drivers this year have so far spent an average of about 26.3 cents less per gallon of gas than a year ago, according to GasBuddy. It's likely that "sticky inflation" will help keep prices lower as the market heads into what are traditionally more expensive summer months for gas.

January's Consumer Price Index (CPI), a measure of inflation, showed a continued improvement in the level of inflation. Still, the concern is that inflation will take more time to come down to the 2% rate the Federal Reserve has targeted.

## Sports

### Lady Badger Softball

**Lady Badger Softball** went 5-1 this weekend at the I-35 Turf Battles Tournament.

Recapping, the Ladies defeated Bosqueville 9-1, West 12-11, Cedar Park 9-4, Killeen 9-1, and Lorena 15-0. They fell to Robinson on Thursday 5-1. Team stats were: .395 batting, 43 RBI's, and a .984 fielding percentage.

The Lady Badgers travel to Glen Rose Friday for their last non-district game.

### Badger Baseball

**The Badger Baseball** team played in the Llano Tournament this weekend, and defeated TMI Episcopal 10-3. Jackson Wright was on the mound for 5 innings and allowed 4 hits, 3 runs, and had 4 strike outs.

Badger Baseball begins district play tomorrow in Marble Falls with Varsity beginning at 7pm. If you can't make the game, tune in to KACQ 101.9FM for all the play by play action.

### Badger Soccer

Badger Soccer travels to Salado tomorrow for games there, with varsity playing at 7pm.

### Lady Badger Soccer

Lady Badger Soccer will host Salado tomorrow at Lampasas High School with varsity playing at 7pm.

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