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The Weather



The High Yesterday: 79° The Low This morning 38°

Today: Mostly cloudy skies with gradual clearing and a high temperature near 52°. The wind will be N near 15 mph gusting to 25 mph.

Tonight: Look for increasing clouds with a low temperature near 36°. Wind will be N-NE at 5-10 mph with possible gusts of 20 mph.

Tuesday: Mostly cloudy skies with a high temperature near 49°. Wind will continue from the NE at 5-10 mph gusting to 20 mph.

Tuesday Night: Mostly cloudy with a low temperature near 34° and wind becoming calm.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny skies and light winds from the N-NE and a high temperature of 65°.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear skies with a low near 41°. Wind will be SE near 5 mph.

Cutting off Russian Oil Imports

According to a story by Reuters, The Biden administration is weighing cutting U.S. imports of Russian oil and ways to minimize the impact on global supplies and consumers, the White House said on Friday, as lawmakers fast-track a bill that would ban Russian energy imports entirely.

"We are looking at ways to reduce the import of Russian oil while also making sure that we are maintaining the global supply needs out there," White House spokeswoman Jen Psaki told reporters at a briefing. The White House remains in contact with U.S. lawmakers over the issue, she said.

U.S. Senators Joe Manchin, a West Virginia Democrat, and Lisa Murkowski, an Alaska Republican, on Thursday proposed bipartisan legislation to ban Russian energy imports in response to the invasion of Ukraine, calling it a counter to Russia "weaponizing" energy.

The bill is getting fast-tracked in the Senate, and the White House could rely on the legislation to ban imports, a move that would help share the blame for any price spikes.

A broad bipartisan majority of Americans think the United States should stop buying Russian oil, according to a Reuters/Ipsos poll completed on Friday. Some 80% of Americans - including solid majorities of Republicans and Democrats - support the measure. Still, the White House is proceeding cautiously, concerned about a spike in gasoline prices that would add to decades-high inflation. (see story below)

Gas Prices: How High?

Russia's invasion of Ukraine has been felt around the world, most notably at the gas pump. This week, experts expect prices to go even higher.

So, what options do the country's leaders have to lower gas prices? Across the country, the gas station has become a place of frustration.

According to AAA, the national average is now over \$4 per gallon and much higher in states like California, Nevada and Arizona.

How high will it go?

Of course, the biggest questions right now are how high the prices will go, and can President Joe Biden and Congress do anything to keep costs down? "We could get to \$4.25, maybe \$4.50 a gallon," said Patrick De Haan, who predicts gas prices for GasBuddy.

De Haan says \$4.10 per gallon is the current record-high national average for gas, which happened back in 2008. He predicts the national average will go even higher this year. "It could come as early as April Fools' Day," De Haan said.

That data is getting the attention of Biden, who does have some options.

Option #1 — Suspend the Federal Gas Tax: That tax is currently 18 cents per gallon. While some lawmakers have suggested suspending the tax could help, the idea is struggling to take off because of a fear that a decline in the gas tax would mean less money for infrastructure projects. The new infrastructure spending bill signed into law by Biden late last year relies heavily on revenue from the gas tax. (cont'd on back)

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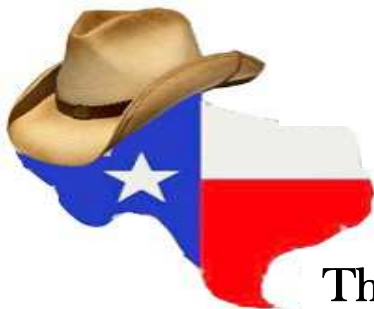
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The Blotter



Lampasas Police Dept. blotter for Saturday shows suspicious activity in the 500 block of Brown St. at 9:01am. The afternoon shows the arrest of Thomas Shifflett, of Lampasas in the 600 block of White St. on a Burnet County Warrant for insufficient bond for the charge of theft of property \$2,500-\$30,000 at 1:55pm. There were suspicious persons reported, one in the 100 block of EE Ohnmeiss Dr. at 3:36pm, another was reported in the 300 block of E. 4th St. at 6:14pm, and one in the 900 block of E. Ave C at 6:25pm. There was a reported disturbance in the 600 block of CTE at 9:58pm.

Lampasas Police Dept. blotter for Sunday shows a reported assault in the 1300 block of CTE at 2:40am, suspicious activity was reported in the 300 block of S. Ridge St. at 9am. The afternoon shows a shots fired call in the 500 block of E. 7th St. at 4:32pm, and a suspicious person in the 100 block of W. North Ave. at 6:22pm.

The Lampasas County Sheriff's Dept. Blotter for the weekend shows Lometa with shots fired calls and a noise complaint. In Kempner there was an alarm call, requested welfare checks, reported thefts, civil matters and a request for extra patrol. Out in the county there were reported disturbances, a mental health call, medical calls, livestock/animal issues, an alarm call and a reported harassment. Deputies went into Cove on reports of suspicious activity, shots fired calls, livestock issues, medical calls and a suicidal person.

The Jail Log shows the arrest of 23 year old Broden Wood of Lometa for DWI, and 61 year old Robert Cruz was booked in on a commitment charge.

Option #2 — Allow winter gasoline to be used throughout summer: De Haan says that in most places, the Environmental Protection Agency mandates that a cleaner form of gasoline be sold between June 1 and Sept. 15. That's because, in warmer months, gasoline has a greater chance of evaporating, causing smog. "There is a lot of complications when the nation switches to summer gasoline," De Haan said. Biden could enact a wavier to keep the cheaper winter gas flowing. "Winter gasoline has higher emissions, it is more volatile, but it is cheaper to produce," De Haan said.

Option #3 — Release more petroleum from the country's reserve: The president has already done that, but so far, it has had very little impact on what motorists pay at the pump.

Option #4 — Increase domestic energy production: However, such a decision would go against the Biden administration's efforts to combat climate change and reduce drilling. There is no easy solution for the president, but it is an issue that motorists and voters want to be solved.

Brush Chipping Program

The city will begin its brush chipping program this week.

The pickup dates are as follows:

March 7-March 11-NW section of the city. West of Key Ave N. of 1st St.

March 14-March 18-SW section of the city. West of Key Ave. and South of 1st St.

March 21-March 25- SE section of the city. East of Key Ave and S. of 1st St.

March 28-April 1-NE section of the city. East of Key Ave and N. of 1st St.

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Badger Sports



Lady Badger Softball

Lots of learning moments for the team this weekend that will prepare them for tough district opponents! They got in six games against great programs and came away with 1 win against Troy on Thursday.

Friday and Saturday scores went as follows:

0-8 loss to Salado

3-11 loss to Copperas Cove

0-10 loss to Elgin

5-12 loss to East View

The ladies are back in action Tuesday when they host Burnet at Lampasas High School.

Badger Soccer

From Coach Emma Sharp: Friday, the Lady Badgers hosted Gatesville and came up short with a 2-0 loss. Yet, this is still improvement from our last 4-1 loss earlier in the season. We had many shots on goal and just couldn't put them in the back of the net. The Lady Badgers will host Burnet on Tuesday, and the girls are excited for their last rivalry game of the season.

Badger Boys Soccer: Varsity boy's soccer was victorious over Gatesville on Friday winning 2-0. Our GK was a WALL with TWELVE Saves.

Goals: Josiah Toeaina & Ruger Miserlian

Assists: Ruger Miserlian & Keaton Black

JV and Varsity are at Burnet on Tuesday (5:00/7:00)

Badger Baseball

Baseball begins district play tomorrow when they travel to Gatesville to take on the Hornets. The boys fell this weekend to Grandview 9-1.

The game will be aired on KCYL 1450am, so be sure to tune in for all the play-by-play action.

Death Notice

Wanda Louise Phillips, 68, passed away on March 3rd at Lily Springs Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Lampasas. There will be a funeral service at 11am on March 9th with visitation one hour prior at Heritage Funeral Home in Lampasas. Burial will follow at Warner Cemetery in Burnet County Texas. Chance Carter will officiate the service. Memorial donations in Mrs. Phillips memory may be made to the American Diabetes Association at diabetes.org

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