

The Weather



The high yesterday 82° This morning's low 57°

Today: Today will be mostly cloudy with a high temperature near 83°, and winds will be S at 5-15 mph with possible gusts of 20 mph.

Tonight: A 90% chance of showers and storms overnight, with a low near 53°. Winds will be S at 10-15 mph gusting to 25 mph.

Wednesday: A 70% chance of showers and storms starts out the day, the clearing with a high temperature near 73°. Winds will be W increasing to 20-25 mph in the afternoon, with 35 mph gusts possible. Due to the gusty winds and low humidity, fire danger will be increased.

Overnight Wednesday: Clear skies with a low near 44°, and NW wind decreasing overnight.

Thursday: Sunny with a high near 68°, and N-NW winds near 10-15 mph gusting to 25 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear and a low near 42°. Winds will be N at 10-15 mph with gusts of 25 mph, decreasing overnight.

The long term portion of the forecast remains pretty quiet with below normal temperatures and dry weather the rest of the week and into the first part of the weekend

Rabid Skunk Found in Lampasas County

Lampasas County has published a public notice that a Skunk found in the 6000 block of FM1715 has tested positive for Rabies. The County Animal Control Officer asks that Lampasas

County residents please make sure that your pets are current on their Rabies Vaccinations. These cannot be purchased over the counter and given by owners, only a Veterinarian can give them. Rabies is still very much an issue in our county and surrounding counties. Making sure your pets are current will not only keep them safe, but keep your family safe from exposure as well. Please keep an eye out and report any animals acting strangely to Animal Control. And again **DOUBLE CHECK** the rabies vaccinations on your pets. Livestock are not required to receive the vaccination but you can speak to your Vet about getting them one to give your herd some added protection.



Senate Passes Bill Addressing Electric Overcharges

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick hastily convened a session of the Texas Senate on Monday as members suspended their own rules and took highly unusual steps to immediately push through a bill that would force the state's utility regulator to reverse billions of dollars in charges for wholesale electricity during last month's winter storm. Senate Bill 2142, sponsored by state Sen. Bryan Hughes, R-Mineola, had not even been filed when the day started Monday — and the full Senate hadn't been scheduled to convene. But by 2 p.m., it had been read on the Senate floor, approved in a last-minute committee meeting that featured no public comment and then passed by the full Senate on a 27-3 vote. Thanks to that extraordinary pace, it became the first bill that either chamber of the Legislature had passed since convening Jan. 12. It will now head to the House, where its fate is currently uncertain.

The cost of electricity during the winter storm has emerged as a surprise hot-button issue in this year's legislative session after an independent market monitor estimated that the electric grid operator overbilled power companies by \$16 billion dollars around the time of last month's winter storm.

The Electric Reliability Council of Texas manages the market for electricity on the grid, controlling the price that power generators charge retail electricity providers such as power companies, city utilities and cooperatives. For days, ERCOT charged the maximum amount allowed for wholesale electricity — \$9,000 per megawatt hour — in order to incentivize generators to send power to the grid. The monitor testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee last week that the cap was erroneously left in place for another 32 hours after the forced outages ended. The Public Utility Commission, which regulates ERCOT, has so far refused to order a price adjustment.

The bill states that the PUC "has all necessary authority" to order ERCOT to reprice billions in charges after the state's power grid operator imposed a cap on electricity prices during the winter storm. The measure says the PUC "shall" order ERCOT to correct the pricing and gives the PUC a deadline of March 20 to act. "These charges, if they're allowed to stand because of this mistake, will be excessive," Hughes, the author, said on the Senate floor. "But it's important: they're not just excessive, they're wrong, they're inaccurate, that's not the accurate price."

State Sen. Brandon Creighton, R-Conroe, who voted against the bill, suggested in a statement that the bill was a government overreach into the electricity marketplace.

It's not immediately clear how much the alleged overbilling will affect regular Texans or what impact the Senate legislation would have on people's future electricity bills.

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Saturday March 20th:

Lampasas Farmers & Craft Market @ Lampasas Courthouse Square 9am.

Saturday March 20th:

Family Story Time Lampasas Public Library/Facebook Live 4:30pm.

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The Blotter



Lampasas Police Dept. blotter for Monday shows an early report of a suspicious vehicle in the 1600 block of 281S at 12:26am. There was a reported assault in the 1500 block of S. Key at 1:56am. An abandoned vehicle was called in from the 900 block of E. Ave F at 8:22am, and a suspicious person was reported in the 100 block of EE Ohnmeiss Dr. at 8:33am. The afternoon shows a reported theft in the 800 block of N. Ridge at 12:07pm, and lost property was reported in the 1400 block of 281S at 12:25pm. A theft was reported in the 600 block of N. Key at 1:31pm, then a burglary of a motor vehicle report came in from the 100 block of S. Arnold St. at 1:55pm. A DWI was reported in the 2500 block of 183S at 2:03pm, and another theft was reported, this time in the 200 block of N. Arnold St. at 2:10pm. There was a reported harassment in the 200 block of N. Walnut at 3pm. Alfredo Silva, 49, of Ft. Worth, was arrested at 3:03pm in the 1900 block of S. Key for DWI 2nd. Sheila Parker, 48, was arrested in the 200 block of N. Key on a parole violation at 3:10pm. A minor accident took place in the 100 block of N. Key at 3:24pm, a criminal mischief was reported in the 1900 block of 281S at 5:07pm, an assault was reported in the 200 block of E. 5th St. at 6:15pm, and there was as report of credit card abuse on Sunset Dr. at 6:23pm. The evening shows the arrest of Carlos Garza Jr, 20, of Lampasas in the 400 block of CTE on a Lampasas County warrant for possession of marijuana less than 2 oz at 8:59pm. There was a theft reported in the 200 block of S. Arnold at 9:35pm.

The Sheriff's Dept. Blotter for Monday shows Lometa with a civil matter, an animal issues and a report of suspicious activity. In Kempner, there were animal issues, an accident, and a repossession. Out in the county there were reports of suspicious activity, an alarm call, a reported assault, medical calls, civil matters, a reported criminal mischief and a livestock issue. Deputies went into Cove on a reported disturbance, animal issues, and reports of suspicious activity.

The Burn Ban has been lifted until May 7th

A Grateful Family

This statement came to **The Lampasas Radiogram** through a spokesperson for the Fields Family:

"They are very grateful and honestly surprised about all the love and support from not only our community but people from everywhere! We are all so thankful to be from a small town where we take care of each other! They said any household items are greatly appreciated at this point; they tried to salvage a few sentimental items from the fire but only found a few items including a fire safe box with their important papers like birth certificates! Thank everyone from the bottom of our hearts for everything! It means so much!!"

The family, Brandon and Tara Fields and their children are still in need. Any items or donations/gift cards can be left at the Salon on Key at 303 S. Key.

Thank You Lampasas!

Pedestrian Safety

As spring approaches, more and more Texans will take to the streets, and TxDOT has an important message for both drivers and pedestrians: watch out for each other.

State officials warn that pedestrian deaths are continuing to rise in Texas, and now account for 1 in 5 of all traffic fatalities. In 2019 alone, 5,975 traffic crashes involving pedestrians occurred in Texas. Crash reports from law enforcement indicate the two leading causes for pedestrian fatalities are: 1) pedestrians failing to follow traffic safety laws and being struck when crossing streets and roadways, and 2) motorists failing to yield the right of way, driving distracted or driving too fast. Alcohol also is a factor in pedestrian-related crashes, deaths and injuries.

TxDOT offers these safety tips to prevent a deadly encounter:

For drivers . . .

- When turning, yield the right of way to pedestrians.
- Stop for pedestrians at crosswalks.
- Be cautious when passing stopped buses or other vehicles.
- Pay attention and put your phone away—pedestrians may enter your path suddenly.
- Obey the speed limit and drive to conditions.

For pedestrians . . .

- Cross the street only at intersections and crosswalks. Look left, right, then left again before crossing.
- Make eye contact with drivers before crossing. Don't assume drivers see you.
- Obey all traffic and crosswalks signals.
- Use the sidewalk. If there isn't one, walk on the left side of the road, facing oncoming traffic.
- When walking, put away electronic devices that take your eyes and ears off the road.
- Wear bright clothing during the day, and wear reflective materials or use a flashlight at night

Badger Sports



Badger Powerlifting

Badger Powerlifting traveled to Smithville for the Regional Powerlifting Meet. The Badgers tied for 4th place with 13 points. John Long and Weston Reid will be advancing to the State Meet on March 27th in Abilene.

John Long broke all his school records in the 308 class again and won the best bench press of the meet on the heavy platforms.

Weston Reid Broke the school squat record with a 600-pound lift and tied the school total record with a total of 1515 in the 198 class. Weston also won the outstanding dead lift of the meet and the heavy platform lifter of the meet

Case Brister placed 4th in the 181 weight class, and Johnathan Strickland placed 5th in the 123 weight class.

Lady Badger Softball

The Ladies are scheduled to host Salado Thursday with games at 11am & 1pm. District play will begin on Tuesday, March 23rd at home against Gatesville.

Badger Baseball

The Badgers travel to Brownwood today with JV at 4:30pm and varsity at 7pm.

If you can't make it to that Tuesday game, we do plan to broadcast over KCYL 1450AM radio, and stream at lampasasradio.com at the listen live button.

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