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The Weather

The High Yesterday: 78° The Low This morning 56°

Today: Cloudy skies with a high temperature near 79°.

There is a 90% chance of showers and storms today, mainly in the afternoon. The wind will be S at 15-25 mph gusting to 40 mph.

Tonight: Look for partly cloudy skies with a low temperature near 49°. There is a 60% chance of precipitation. Wind will be S, decreasing to near 5-10 mph.

Tuesday: Sunny skies with a high temperature near 64°. Wind will be from the NW at 15-20 mph gusting to 30 mph.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear with a low temperature near 41° and wind from the NW at 10-20 mph gusting to 30 mph.

Wednesday: Sunny skies and a high near 65°. Winds will be from the NW at 10-15 mph gusting to 25 mph.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear skies with a low near 39°. Wind will be W decreasing to near 5-10 mph.

Wildfires in Texas

Emergency response crews continued to fight at least four wildfires in or near Eastland County, between Abilene and Fort Worth, on Sunday. The blazes, known collectively as the Eastland Complex fires, have killed at least one person, destroyed more than 140 structures and burned around 50,000 acres of dry and windy West Texas landscape.

The high winds have kept firefighting aircraft grounded at times, hampering their attempts to support the ground crews. But another form of help from above may be on the way: rain.

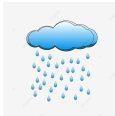
Angel Lopez-Portillo with the Texas A&M Forest Service says there's a chance of rain Sunday night and into Monday. "That's exactly what we're hoping for," he said. "As the weather is changing in our favor, it will help us out tremendously."

The blaze began on Thursday after a number of smaller fires merged together. Four major incidents comprised the Eastland Complex: the Kidd Fire (spread out over 42,000 acres), the Wheat Field Fire (7,200 acres), the Walling Fire (380 acres) and the Oak Mott Fire (4,000 acres). By Sunday afternoon, a map with the Texas Wildfire Incident Response System indicated the Walling Fire was completely contained. The map also indicated the Kidd Fire was 25% contained; the Wheat Field fire was 40% contained; and the Oak Mott fire was 60% contained.

Also on Sunday afternoon, the Forest Service's Incident Information service tweeted that crews were responding to another emergency nearby, named the Blowing Basin Fire, which measured 100 acres and was 5% contained.

Brown County was also showing 1 fire, the Ramsey fire between Brownwood and Comanche was at 1500 acres and 5% contained.

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On Friday, Gov. Greg Abbott issued a disaster declaration for Brooks, Brown, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Grayson, Mason, Potter, Randall, Reynolds and Williamson counties, an action which marshals all available state resources to respond to the emergency.

One person has died because of the Eastland Complex fires. On Thursday, Eastland County Deputy Sgt. Barbara Fenley, 51, was killed as she attempted to evacuate residents from Carbon, Texas. "While evacuating people and going door to door," a statement explained, "Deputy Sgt. Barbara Fenley was last heard that she was going to check on an elderly individual. With the extreme deteriorating conditions and low visibility from smoke, Sgt. Fenley ran off the roadway and was engulfed in the fire." Henley had served as a law enforcement officer since 2003, became Gorman's chief of police in 2007, and then joined the Eastland County Sheriff's Office in 2013. She was married and had three children.

The effects of the fires have not been contained to West Texas. High winds have carried the smoke from the fires as far away as Houston. On Friday, the city's fire department and Office of Emergency Management warned residents that air quality was unhealthy.

Please keep in mind this is a very fluid, fast-changing situation.

Gas Prices

Gas prices are about to rise again as stations switch to summer blends

You may think inflation and the war in Ukraine are what's driving up gas prices this spring – and yes, they are – but they aren't the only forces at play. One environmental regulation is also causing gas prices to rise, and it happens every year as the seasons change. The Environmental Protection Agency requires a different blend of gasoline be sold in the summer months than in the winter months. The summer blend has lower volatility, which means it's less likely to evaporate while sitting in your car's gas tank in the heat — and therefore less likely to emit harmful fumes into the atmosphere. Winter gas has higher volatility, making it easier to ignite and start your car in frigid temperatures. *(cont'd on back)*

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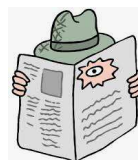
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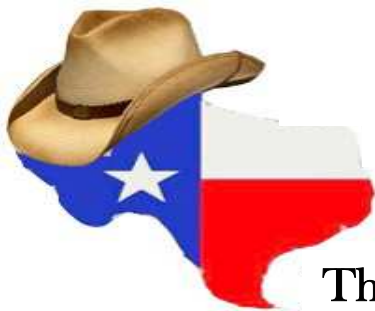
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The Blotter



Lampasas Police Dept. blotter for Saturday shows a noise complaint in the 2300 block of 580W at 1am, and a shots fired call in the 700 block of Brown St. at 1:07am. At 1:42am, David Delgado, 32, was arrested in the 900 block of N. Key for possession of a controlled substance PG1 less than a gram, a Lampasas County Warrant for possession of a controlled substance PG1 less than a gram in a drug free zone, and a Coryell county warrant for possession of a controlled substance PG1 over 4 grams. At 1:57am, Oceanbleau Bedell, 29, of Copperas Cove was arrested in the 900 block of N. Key Ave for possession of a controlled substance PG1 less than a gram, possession of drug paraphernalia and a Lampasas County Warrant for possession of a controlled substance PG1 less than a gram. There was a minor accident in the 200 block of S. Key Ave at 9:02am, and a harassment was reported in the 200 block of N. Race St. at 11:33am. The afternoon shows the arrest of 48 year old Delores Valles, 48, of Lampasas in the 200 block of Santa Fe Lane on a Pardons & Paroles warrant for forgery of a government instrument at 5:14pm. At the same time and location, Andrew Nelson, 28, was arrested on 4 Lampasas Municipal Court Warrants (No drivers license x2, no insurance and speeding). There was a noise disturbance reported in the 200 block of N. Key at 10:06pm.

Lampasas Police Dept. blotter for Sunday shows an early morning report of a suspicious person reported in the 100 block of EE Ohnemiss Dr. at 1:42am, a shots fired call in the 100 block of N. Summer St. at 3:06am, and a major accident (no injuries) in the 200 block of E. 2nd St. at 4:47am. There was a reported assault in the 600 block of N. Key at 5:38am, and a possession of drug paraphernalia was reported in the 100 block of CTE at 9:32am. The afternoon shows a minor accident in the 800 block of S. Key at 2:44pm and a domestic disturbance reported in the 300 block of N. Howe St. at 2:53pm. There was a reported theft in the 700 block of S. Pecan St. at 5:06pm and a reported disturbance in the 1600 block of CTE at 7:39pm. A minor accident took place in the 200 block of Riverview Dr. at 9:05pm. Michael Hamilton, 46, of Lampasas was arrested on Naruna Rd. at Diamond Ridge Dr. for DWI at 9:35pm.

The Lampasas County Sheriff's Dept. Blotter for the weekend shows Lometa with thefts, animal issues, and unattended death, and reports of suspicious activity. In Kempner there were medical calls, reports of abandoned vehicles, animal issues, and juvenile problems. Out in the county there were accidents, civil matters, a suicidal person, reports of suspicious activities, a utility problem, a repossession, a request for extra patrol, a requested welfare check, and animal issues. Deputies went into Cove on a fire call, reported disturbances, a report of identity theft, reports of suspicious activity, reports of illegal dumping, and livestock issues.

The Jail Log shows 61 year old Robert Cruz was booked in on a commitment charge. Also arrested was 25 year old Joel Gomez Jr of Killeen for no drivers license and theft of property \$2500-\$30,000, Samuel Searcy of Hitchcock Texas for possession of marijuana less than 12 oz., and Rhonda White of Kempner on 2 probation violations and an out-of-county charge.

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Why does that have anything to do with gas prices? Summer blend gas is more expensive to produce, explains Patrick De Haan, lead petroleum analyst at GasBuddy. The deadline to switch to selling summer gasoline is June 1 for gas stations, but refineries start producing the pricier blend in March, so that's when you'll notice prices creeping up.

"It's like one day refineries go from producing summer to winter. It's a long time transition because of the nature of pipelines that ship gasoline to the market, the storage tanks where that gasoline sits, and all of it has to happen by June 1," De Haan said. At the same time, refineries are typically doing maintenance work during the spring to make sure they're ready for high season during the summer. Refineries may have to shut down parts of their operation to do the maintenance work, constraining their output and further pushing up prices

Badger Sports

Lady Badger Softball

The Ladies begin District Play Tuesday March 22nd in Gatesville. The Game will be broadcast on 1450 KCYL am.

Badger Baseball

Badger Baseball continues district play on Tuesday when they host Glen Rose. Be sure to tune in to 101.9FM for all the play by play action.

Death Notice

Landis Powell, 83, of Austin, passed away on Friday. Visitation will be held at Sneed-Carnley Funeral Chapel on Friday from 6 pm to 8 pm. Services will be held at New Hope Primitive Baptist Church on Saturday at 1 pm, followed by interment at Watson Cemetery in Burnet County.

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