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The Weather



The high yesterday 103° The low this morning 77°

Lampasas County is under an Excessive Heat Warning until 9pm tomorrow night.

Today: Look for sunny skies and a high temperature near 106°. The wind will be S-SW near 5-10 mph this afternoon gusting to 25 mph.

Tonight: Look for mostly clear skies and a low that will be around 77°. The wind will be S at 10-15 mph.

Wednesday: Sunny and hot with a high temperature near 106°. Winds will be S-SW near 5-10 mph.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear skies with a low near 76°. Wind will be S-SE near 10 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny and hot with a high temperature near 102°. Winds will be S-SE near 5-10 mph.

Thursday Night: A low near 76° with partly cloudy skies. Wind will be S near 5-10 mph.

Red Flag Warning

The National Weather Service has issued a Red Flag Warning for Lampasas County (and most of Central Texas) from 10am this morning until midnight tonight. The winds are expected to be from the south at 10-15 mph gusting to 25 mph. Add to that a temperature of 103-112 degrees and humidity as low as 12% and it creates extreme fire conditions.

Any wildfires will have the potential to grow and spread rapidly. Any activities that could start a wildfire should be avoided. Lampasas County is currently under a county-wide burn ban.

Chalk Mountain Fire

The Chalk Mountain Fire is in Somervell County, just west of Glen Rose. According to the Texas A & M Forestry service this fire is now estimated at 4,000 acres and as of 6:27 this morning is 10% contained. This fire is approximately 60 miles southwest of

Fort Worth between Dinosaur Valley Park and Chalk Mountain.

This fire created a pyro-cumulus cloud yesterday evening, which, according to the National Weather Service happens when the fire releases heat and moisture into an unstable atmosphere. This phenomena can also create extremely difficult conditions on the ground for those who are fighting the fire.

Lampasas ISD STAAR Test Overviews

Lampasas ISD Assistant Superintendent Dana Holcomb shared with Lampasas Radio that significant gains were noted at all grade levels. Areas exceeding state averages by the greatest margins occurred at the Elementary level in 4th grade reading and math. In the Middle School the greatest margins occurred in 6th grade reading and math, and in the High School the greatest margins occurred in US History.

Overall Lampasas ISD eclipsed state averages in 45 of 60 areas.

Lampasas ISD thanks all the teachers and staff for their hard work and commitment.

Lometa ISD School

Board to Meet

The Lometa ISD School Board will meet today at 6:30pm in the Lometa School Library in Lometa, Texas.

The agenda includes: community input, consideration of student activity insurance, consideration of budget amendments, administrative reports, a planning meeting for program and facilities improvements, and the hiring and/or reassignment of staff.

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The Blotter



Lampasas Police Dept. Blotter for Monday shows suspicious activity reported in the 600 block of Naruna Rd. at 12:01am and suspicious activity also reported in the 600 block of N. Ridge St. at 2:59am. The afternoon shows a reported disturbance reported in the 1300 block of CTE at 6:25pm, a suspicious person was reported in the 600 block of CTE at 9:22pm, and suspicious vehicles were reported in the 500 block of E. North Ave. at 10:30pm, in the 100 block of EE Ohnmeiss Dr. at 10:52pm, and again in the 100 block of EE Ohnmeiss Dr. at 11:06pm. There was an open container report in the 100 block of EE Ohnmeiss Dr. at 11:36pm.

Lampasas Sheriff's Dept. Blotter for Monday shows Lometa with animal issues. In Kempner there were reported disturbances, an accident, medical calls, and a reported theft. Out in the county there were livestock issues, an accident, civil matters, a utility problem, medical calls, reported disturbances, and a reported theft. Deputies went into Cove on animal issues.

Power Outages Not Always Caused by the Grid

Last week, Texans were asked twice to voluntarily conserve energy at home as record demand put stress on the power grid.

These conservation requests don't mean that power outages are imminent — instead, it's one of the many tools that Texas' Electricity Reliability Council uses to prevent mass power outages. At the same time, some residents across the state lost power in outages that ERCOT says weren't related to the power grid. It's easy for Texans, still wary after February's 2021 winter outage that caused many Texans to lose power for days, to confuse local outages with statewide issues with the grid.

Texans who are experiencing an outage but don't see any announcements from ERCOT should check with their local utility company instead

Local outages are outages that aren't called for by ERCOT. There are a number of things that can cause a local outage — an extreme weather event knocking out power, lightning striking or even a car accidentally driving into an electric pole.

In winter 2022, Texas' power grid avoided widespread blackouts due to cold weather. However, some Texans were still impacted by local outages that were unrelated to ERCOT's direction and the statewide grid system. Texans experiencing local outages should check with their local utility company for an estimate for when power might be restored.

Power Grid Transfers

The heat wave straining the power grid in much of the country has led US energy officials and lawmakers to press for more transfers of electricity among regions that largely operate their own sections of the grid. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission plans to meet with state utility commissioners next week in California to discuss inter-regional transmission planning—a key hurdle to keeping power reliable and affordable, energy experts say.

During Winter Storm Uri, a cold blast in February 2021 that caused widespread outages in Texas and neighboring states, some power transferred from regions to the north and east prevented even worse blackouts. More transfers could have stemmed the crisis altogether,

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FERC and state officials have said during previous meetings.

The commission is pursuing a series of proposed rules this year to update the country's transmission system. In April, it proposed a rule on how regional transmission is planned and paid for. Last month, it proposed rules to lower barriers to renewable energy waiting to connect to the grid and to require reliability standards to protect the grid against outages during extreme weather events.

The commission is also getting pressure from lawmakers on the issue. This month, Rep. Sean Casten (D-Ill.) introduced the Reinforcing the Grid Against Extreme Weather Act (H.R. 8303). The bill would require the commission to establish minimum transfer capability requirements between regions.

No similar legislation has been introduced in the Senate. The bill faces steep odds in the remaining months ahead of midterm elections. But the House Democrats hope it can help shed light on the importance of bolstering the grid as small bipartisan group of Senate lawmakers are negotiating a broader climate package.

"With wildfires, flooding, and heat waves ravaging the country, we have an obligation to increase the reliability of our electric grid and protect Americans against these devastating events fueled by the climate crisis," Casten said Thursday in a statement.

Casten envisions the commission helping to "unlock the vast supply of domestic US clean energy resources to fuel our transportation as well as power needs, free up energy for allies around the world to use and help rid them from dependence on Russia and other petro-states," he said. Advocates of renewable energy praised the efforts to break down regional silos.

"The U.S. currently lacks sufficient transfer capacity between regions to ensure a cost-effective grid that keeps the lights on," Gregory Wetstone, president of the American Council on Renewable Energy, said in a statement. "As our nation continues to experience increasingly frequent extreme weather events, expanding the transmission connections between regions is critical."

Sports

Athletic/Band physicals available tomorrow.

Does your child still need a physical for athletics or band? They will be offered at no cost on July 20th from 1:00-6:00 in the LHS gym. Please go to this link for more info and how to register: <https://www.lisdtx.org/site/default.aspx?DomainID=85>



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