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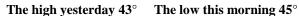
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The Weather



Today: Look for cloudy skies with a high temperature near 50°. The wind will be N-NE at 5-10 mph.

Tonight: Look for mostly cloudy skies and a low that will be around 36°. The wind will become calm.

Wednesday: Partly sunny skies and a high temperature near 54°. Wind will be S at 5-10 mph.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy skies with a low near 44°. Wind will be S-SW at 5-10 mph gusting to 20 mph.

Thursday: Sunny with a high temperature near 45° near 9am, then falling to around 28° during the remainder of the day as an arctic front arrives, ushering in bitter cold temperatures. In addition, very gusty north winds with gusts reaching 35 to 45 mph will be possible by Thursday afternoon and continue through Thursday evening.

Thursday Night: A low near 12° with mostly clear skies. Blustery N wind at 15-25 mph gusting to 30 mph. The winds and subfreezing temperatures will create wind chills from 5 to 15 degrees below zero across the entire region Thursday night into Friday morning.

Sub-freezing temperatures will persist through at least Christmas Eve.

Red Flag Warning Issued

Public Notice: County Judge Randy Hoyer has issued a Red Flag Warning for Thursday, December 22 and Friday, December 23 due to expected high winds

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ERCOT Assures Texas of Electric Stability

Texas' main power grid should have enough electricity later this week to keep customers warm amid bitter cold weather expected across large portions of the state. The Electric Reliability Council of Texas, which manages power for most of the state, said electricity supply should keep up with an expected surge in demand.

Texans should prepare to endure frigid temperatures beginning Thursday night and lasting at least until Saturday, the National Weather Service warned.

An "aggressive" cold front is expected to dive south into Texas, plunging temperatures into the single digits across most regions of the state. Forecasters expect "dangerous" wind chills below 0, bitterly cold air and hard freezes.

ERCOT and the Public Utility Commission have made several changes to the power grid to improve its performance during cold weather since the crisis, many of them a result of legislation passed in 2021. Improvements include better power plant preparation,

ensuring natural gas-fired plants have additional sources of fuel on site in case of emergency, and improving communications between electricity regulators, oil and gas regulators, and the Texas Division of Emergency Management.

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Holiday Travels

From AAA – 'Tis the season to travel, and AAA estimates 112.7 million people will journey 50 miles or more away from home from December 23 to January 2. That's an increase of 3.6 million people over last year and closing in on pre-pandemic numbers. 2022 is expected to be the third busiest year for holiday travel since AAA began tracking in 2000.





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The Blotter



The Lampasas Police Dept. Blotter for Monday shows suspicious activity reported in the 1200 block of E. Ave F at 1:32am, found property was reported in the 500 block of S. Pecan St. at 6:43am and a theft was reported in the 900 block of S. Spring St. at 8:05am. A suspicious person was reported in the 200 block of Riverview Dr. at 8:42am, suspicious activity was reported in the 1600 block of S. Main St. at 9:08am and a suspicious person was reported in the 300 block of N. Broad St. at 9:56am. The afternoon shows the arrest of Sarah Reyes, 47, of Buchanan Dam in the 400 block of S. Key Ave. on an Austin Warrant (assault causing bodily injury) and possession of a controlled substance PG1 less than a gram at 3:25pm. The afternoon also shows a disturbance reported in the 200 block of S. Key Ave. at 4:09pm, then another disturbance, this time in the 100 block of E. 3rd St. at 4:47pm. A criminal mischief was reported in the 200 block of Riverview Dr. at 7:56pm, and a public intoxication was reported in the 1600 block of CTE at 7:57pm. At 8:21pm Vanessa Misener, 57, was arrested in the 1700 block of CTE for public intoxication. There was a disturbance reported in the 2300 block of 281S at 10:22pm.

The Lampasas Sherriff's Dept. Blotter for Monday shows Lometa with animal issues. In Kempner officers dealt with medical calls, animal issues, and a warrant was served. Out in the county there was a requested welfare check, a reported fraud, medical calls and civil matters. Deputies went into Cove on medical calls and a reported harassment.

"This year, travel time will be extended due to Christmas Day and New Year's Day falling on Sundays," says Paula Twidale, AAA's Senior Vice President of Travel. "With hybrid work schedules, we are seeing more people take long weekends to travel because they can work remotely at their destination and be more flexible with the days they depart and return."

Nearly 102 million Americans will drive to their holiday destinations. Despite roller-coaster gas prices in 2022, this holiday season will see an additional 2 million drivers compared to 2021. Travel by car this year is on par with 2018 but shy of 2019 when 108 million Americans drove out of town for the holidays, the highest year on record.

Air travel will see a 14% increase over last year, with nearly 7.2 million Americans expected to fly. Flights and airports will be packed this holiday season, reminiscent of pre-pandemic days. Demand for flights has surged despite higher airline ticket prices. AAA expects the number of people taking holiday flights this year will come close to matching 2019 when 7.3 million Americans traveled by air.



"If the distance is not reasonable to drive, more people are taking to the air to maximize the time spent at their destination," Twidale adds. "Conversely, if the travel distances are reasonable and more than one or two people in the household are taking the trip, it may be more cost-effective to drive rather than buy multiple air tickets, rent a car, and spend too much money before the fun even begins."

Other modes of transportation are also rebounding in a big way. AAA estimates travel by bus, rail, and cruise ship will rise to 3.6 million this holiday season, a 23% increase from last year and nearly 94% of 2019's volume.

Badger Sports



Badger Basketball

The Badger Varsity basketball team is now 9-8 on the season as they defeated Hamilton 58-31 last night. The top scorers were Oncken with 15 points, Sisson with 10 points, and Rosales with 9 points.

The JV Badgers fell to Hamilton last night 57-45. The top scorers were Pratus with 15 points. Polmanteer with 13 points and Scott with 7 points. The JV Badgers are 4-7 on the year.

The Freshmen Badgers won against Hamilton last night 43-35. The top scorers were Mitchell with 18 points, Patterson with 12 points, and Williams with 8 points. The Freshmen Badgers are 6-3 on the year.

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