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Winter storm arrives, people urged to stay home

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Mother Nature has given the perfect excuse to stay in and snuggle this Valentine's Day. Local, regional and national authorities are urging people to stay home as predicted winter storm warnings have come to fruition.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration reports bitterly cold air and possibly blowing snow will blanket Bandera by about 10 p.m. this evening. The coldest temperatures since 1989 are expected to last from Monday to Tuesday morning, with lows in the single digits. Strong winds will make it feel below zero.

NOAA further reported that it looks like another winter weather system may move through, bringing more wintry precipitation and freezing rain Tuesday night. Snow flurries have already been spotted this morning in some Bandera County areas.

Bandera Electric Cooperative has asked residents to lower their thermostats to about 68 degrees to help maintain grid reliability and ward against possible electric outages. In the event of a power outage, report it to 866-226-3372 or log onto www.banderaelectric.com.

The Bandera Lowes Market temporary store hours will be 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. through Wednesday.

The City of Bandera Public Works crew is spreading sand over some iced roadways, however the city is urging people to stay home if possible.

Forecast temperatures are as follows:

Sunday: 27 high / 9 low, with a 30 percent chance of freezing rain

Monday: 28 high / 6 low

Tuesday: 34 high / 21 low

Wednesday: 48 high / 21 low, with a 50 chance of freezing rain