

Virtual Job Fair set for November 5

Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas, in partnership with the Texas Workforce Commission, Texas Veterans Commission, and Texas Medical Center, will host the 9th Annual Hiring Red, White, & You! Job Fair virtually on Thursday, November 5, 2020, from 10 am - 2 pm. This event is free to attend and open to the public with priority access for transitioning military, veterans, and their spouses. The Hiring Red, White, & You! Virtual Job Fair is an excellent opportunity for job seekers of all skill levels, talents and

experience to explore available careers. Businesses in aerospace, healthcare, manufacturing, public safety, finance, communications, customer service, and more will participate in real-time via the Premier Virtual online platform to review resumes and chat online with qualified candidates.

The Hiring Red, White, and YOU! Virtual Job Fair places an emphasis on hiring veterans and transitioning military personnel, who are equipped with countless skills and unique strengths from their time serving. Employers

who wish to register for a virtual booth will be able to connect directly with current and prior service members, their spouses, and other qualified candidates during the virtual event. All participants will need to register to attend via the Premier Virtual online platform. The event can be accessed from any computer, tablet, or mobile device. To register, visit www.wfswct.org/hrwy.

For more information on the Hiring Red, White, & You! Virtual Job Fair, please contact Robert Puls, Business Development Consultant, at Robert.Puls@workforcesystem.org or (325) 795-4302.

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Pompelli said although some of those impacts could not be fully modeled in the study, researchers expected a 5.2-percent decrease in real U.S. farm income this year and a modest 0.76-percent decrease in 2021.

This is in direct contradiction to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's latest farm sector income forecasts, which show an increase of 3.6 percent in farm income for 2020.

Pompelli explained the difference was due to direct federal government payments, which have increased 64 percent in 2020. Without the assistance, real farm income would be substantially lower this year.

Other findings showed COVID-19 unevenly impacted the agricultural economy, with livestock operations experiencing more negative effects than other commodities.

Over the next several months, the teams will work together to re-estimate economic impacts of the coronavirus pandemic after taking policy actions into account.

Researchers will also work with the Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute at the University of Missouri to examine further effects of the pandemic on major agricultural commodities and trade.

Forest Service launches TreeMD application

Texas A&M Forest Service launched an application recently to help users quickly identify the root of a tree's problem, whether it be caused by insects,

diseases or other factors.

The TreeMD application is part of the Texas Forest Information Portal, and its main feature is a diagnosis tool which allows users to quickly find results from TreeMD's vast database. Users are prompted to enter the tree species, prominent symptoms exhibited or even the specific part of the tree that is

being affected to help diagnose the problem. In the event there are still questions on the actual cause, users can upload pictures and connect with a professional. "TreeMD was created when we saw a need to provide a rapid identification process of tree issues for landowners, homeowners and natural resource service providers," said

Sam Rhodes, Texas A&M Forest Service Staff Forester.

Users can filter lists of suspected causes by potential health problems. Once a pest or environmental factor has been selected, additional information, images and possible treatment options are provided by the user-friendly application.

"I love it," said Sean Jacobson, City of Denton Planner. "I was able to easily find an answer within roughly one minute."

While TreeMD is a useful tool in investigating potential tree problems, it is not intended to be a substitute for the recommendations and management planning of a professional service provider.

"One of the most frequent calls we get in the office is from landowners asking what is wrong with a tree," Rhodes said. "This app was created to give users an initial start in diagnosing the cause of their sick tree."

For users who need assistance in identifying their trees, there is an app for that too. Texas A&M Forest Service's My Tree ID application helps identify tree species based on leaves, flowers, seed, bark or location using a key, descriptions and full-color images.

"We have a gallery of helpful tools available to Texans that are interested in natural resources and the great outdoors," Rhodes said. "The Texas Forest Information Portal includes numerous applications designed to assist in everything from land mapping and forest markets to finding big trees and beautiful scenic views across the state."

To access TreeMD directly, go to <https://texasforestinfo.tamu.edu/TreeMD/>. To view other Texas A&M Forest Service applications on the Texas Forest Information Portal, go to <https://texasforestinfo.tamu.edu>.




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Don't Forget About Traffic Safety

Be Safe, Be Seen
HALLOWEEN

DID YOU KNOW?
 Twice as many kids are killed while walking on Halloween than any other day of the year.

Be Safe, Be Seen
 Wear reflective tape
 Use glowsticks
 Carry a flashlight

<p>Walk Safely</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cross at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks. Look left, right and left again. Use slowwalk. Watch for cars turning or backing up. 	<p>Drive Safely</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Watch out for kids crossing mid-block. Slow down and be especially alert. Look for kids who might be trying to cross mid-block. Keep phones down so you are not distracted.
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