



**February 2020**

- Sheriff's Information Report - 3
- Mental Health Commitment - 1
- Mental Health Welfare Concern - 1
- Criminal Trespass - 1
- Theft - 1
- Trespass - 1
- Burglary of a Building - 2
- Online Solicitation - 1
- Structure Fire - 1
- Public Service (includes funerals, court, motorist assist, alarm calls, etc.) - 365
- Civil Process - 1
- Prisoner Transport (including arrest and to and from court) - 17
- Warrants Served - 5
- Livestock Calls - 28
- Accidents - 3
- Accident Assist - 2
- Traffic Stops - 77
- Traffic Stops Resulting in Citations - 50
- Total inmates in Runnels County Jail as of Monday, March 9, 2020:
  - Males - 2
  - Females - 3

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After the virus threat fades, we'll still have other structural and systemic challenges that need fixing. In all those things, short-term and long-term, I look to the words of Theodore Roosevelt. I pray for leaders who recognize the inheritance received from Washington and Lincoln and accept the charge that is given to them. By recognizing the achievements of our past (and the leadership that made them possible), we can attain greatness in our present circumstances and into the future. I pray for leaders present and future who are stirred by Washington and Lincoln towards Roosevelt's vision, of that higher and nobler leadership that we so deeply need.

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**CVEC to award scholarships**

Concho Valley Electric Cooperative will award four \$2,000 scholarships this spring. Two scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors, and two more scholarships will be awarded to students at other points in their education.

Applicants must be a CVEC member whose primary residence is served by the cooperative or a dependent of a

CVEC member whose primary residence is served by the co-op. Scholarship recipients will be chosen based on grades, leadership ability, community involvement, school activities and essay submission. Permissible uses of scholarship funds include payment of tuition, fees, books, supplies and other equipment required for courses of instruction. The recipient must attend an accredited Texas institution of higher education, including certified trade schools, while pursuing a degree.

Recipients must maintain at least a 2.5 GPA and enroll for a minimum of 12 hours to be considered a full-time student. Half of the scholarship will be awarded at the beginning of the fall semester, and the remainder will be awarded at the beginning of the spring semester.

To obtain an application, come by the CVEC office at 2530 Pulliam St. in San Angelo, call the member service department at (325) 655-6957 or visit our website, [cvec.coop](http://cvec.coop). The deadline for applications is April 3, 2020. Applications will be reviewed, and applicants selected by an outside party using an anonymous format. Please feel free to call (325) 655-6957 or send an email to [kburleson@cvec.coop](mailto:kburleson@cvec.coop).

**Abbott suspends vehicle registration and title rules**

Governor Greg Abbott announced Monday, March 16, he is temporarily suspending various rules related to vehicle registration, titling and disabled parking placards, in an effort to limit in-person contact and prevent Texans from facing penalties as the coronavirus spreads.

The actions are part of a series of declarations Abbott has made since issuing a state of disaster Friday. In a news release following Abbott's announcement, the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles said the waived rules will

apply to vehicle owners in all Texas counties.

"The State of Texas continues to implement a comprehensive plan to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, and that includes strategies to reduce preventable in-person contact," Abbott said in a statement. "By suspending these rules, Texans can avoid unnecessary crowds and in-person contact without fear of being penalized. We encourage all Texans to continue practicing social distancing and to take preventative actions to protect their health and the health of those around them."

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**Water Weekly**

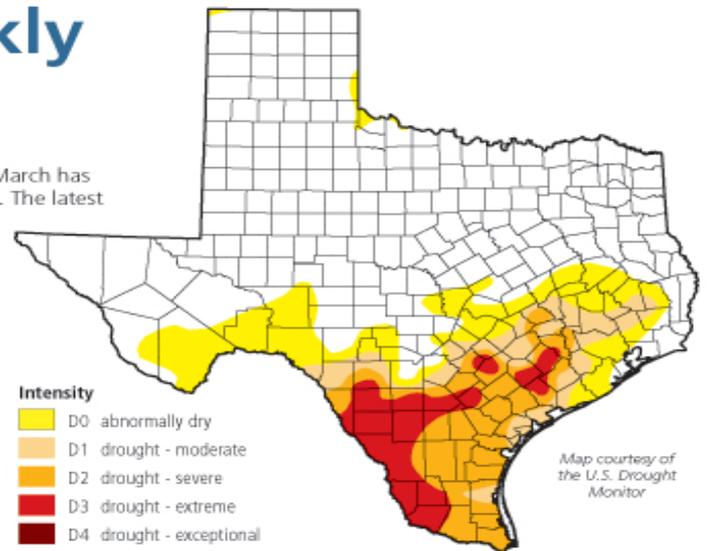
*For the week of 03/16/20*

**Water conditions**

Most of the rainfall Texas has received in March has fallen too far north to benefit South Texas. The latest drought map for conditions as of March 10 shows severe or worse drought now covers 15 percent of the state, up from 14 percent last week.

**Drought conditions**

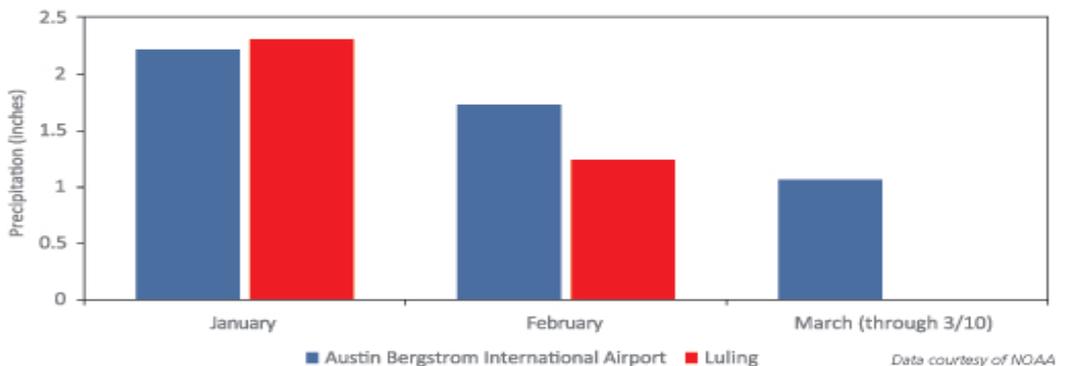
- ◆ 21% now
- ◆ 21% a week ago
- ◆ 35% three months ago
- ◆ 15% a year ago



Map courtesy of the U.S. Drought Monitor

**Austin and Luling precipitation**

Both Austin and Luling (35 miles south) began 2020 in moderate drought. Since then, Austin has received more than 90 percent of normal precipitation, lifting that area out of drought. Meanwhile, Luling has received only 65 percent of normal precipitation, dropping that area into extreme drought.



Data courtesy of NOAA

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