



ABILENE CHAMBER

DAILY BUSINESS BRIEF

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Street, water repairs significant highlights of Thursday's Abilene City Council meeting

Street and bridge repairs will be a big part of Thursday's regular Abilene City Council meeting, which also will include potential approval of a major water project.

The council will vote to approve a bid with Bontke Brothers Construction for long-awaited pavement rehabilitation on Sayles Boulevard.

The up to \$4.5 million contract involves rehabilitation of Sayles, from Buffalo Gap Road to South Danville Drive, and will be paid for through remaining funds from the city's 2015 bond election.

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ALMOST ALL TEXAS BUSINESSES ARE ALLOWED TO OPEN AT 50% CAPACITY, GOV. GREG ABBOTT SAYS

Gov. Greg Abbott announced his third phase of reopening Texas businesses during the coronavirus pandemic, allowing virtually all of them to operate at 50 percent capacity.

Restaurants were already permitted to be open at 50 percent capacity. Abbott is allowing them to immediately increase their table size from six people to 10, and on June 12, they can ramp up their capacities to 75 percent.

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JUNE IS NATIONAL SAFETY MONTH

As many states move to reopen businesses affected during COVID-19, it's important to follow safety guidelines to keep your employees and customers safe. Take the time to review safety resources from the CDC when reopening your business.

[Learn more.](#)

JOBS INCREASE BY 2.5 MILLION IN MAY

The May numbers suggest an economic upturn may be at hand, [reports](#) CNBC.

The numbers: "Employment stunningly rose by 2.5 million in May and the jobless rate declined to 13.3% according to data Friday from the Labor Department that was far better than economists had been expecting."

Beating expectations: "Economists surveyed by Dow Jones had been expecting payrolls to drop by 8.333 million and the unemployment rate to rise to 19.5% from April's 14.7%."

A historic jump: "The May gain was by far the biggest one-month jobs gain in U.S. history since at least 1939."

WHAT WE'RE READING

Packers under investigation; What's the implications for us?

"What's going on with our nation's largest meatpackers? These headlines offer some insights, but what will the implications be for independent ranchers?"

[Read more.](#)

Short-Term Outlook for Texas Economy See Growth by End of Year

The Perryman Group's latest outlook calls for a significant drop in business activity this year, but a return to growth next year and even later this year. Job losses are expected to be concentrated in the spring and summer months with some improvement later in the year, so reported losses at some points in time will be even higher.

[Read more.](#)

You don't want to miss this upcoming event for your business.

6/9 MINI VIRTUAL WATER CONFERENCE: The importance of water from a science and storytelling perspective on June 9th at 10:00 am featuring Dr. Julie St. John Ph.D. (Texas Tech University): The Importance of Water: A Public Health Perspective; Dr. Emily Bailey Ph.D. (Texas Tech University): Farmers and Feces: A One Health Approach to Emerging Antibiotic Resistance; Dr. Paul Mason Ph.D. (McMurry University): It's a Bird, It's a Plane, It's Super Oxygen. [More info here.](#)

6/11 SBA WOMEN FEDERAL CONTRACTING CERTIFICATIONS & UPCOMING CHANGES SBA's Women Owned and Economically Disadvantage Women Owned Small Businesses (WOSB/EDWOSB) Federal Contracting Certification Program LIVE Webinar, June 11 at 10:00 a.m. (Central Standard Time). [Register here.](#)

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