



ABILENE CHAMBER

DAILY BUSINESS BRIEF

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ABILENE CHAMBER AND MCMURRY UNIVERSITY CELEBRATE NATIONAL WOMEN'S ENTREPRENEURSHIP WEEK 2020

In partnership with McMurry University, the Gaia Storytelling Lab (Berlin, Germany) and Universidad Autonoma de Ciudad Juarez (Juarez, Mexico), the Abilene Chamber of Commerce is pleased to celebrate Women's Entrepreneurship Week with a virtual international video experience highlighting women entrepreneurs from across the world.

"Women's Entrepreneurship Week was one of the first events I launched when I came to McMurry University," said Dr. Duncan Pelly, Associate Professor of Entrepreneurship for McMurry University. "Our hope is that through this virtual platform we are able to give women entrepreneurs a platform to share their story, to hear from other women entrepreneurs from across the globe, and to empower more women to share their business story."

The virtual event will be held from Sept. 21- Nov. 13 on YouTube, with two videos premiering per week, and featuring four women entrepreneurs from Abilene, Texas.

[Read more.](#)

TRACING VIRUS' EFFECT ON TEXAS REVENUES

In the days and weeks following his July revision of the state's Certification Revenue Estimate (CRE), Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar met with lawmakers, industry groups and taxpayers to emphasize one undeniable truth — any revenue forecast made today carries with it an unprecedented amount of uncertainty.

Before each legislative session, the Texas Comptroller's office issues a Biennial Revenue Estimate (BRE) that projects the amount of revenue that will be available to lawmakers in the state's next two-year budget period. The Texas Constitution prohibits appropriations that exceed the Comptroller's estimate.

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TEXAS EMPLOYMENT ESTIMATE DEBUTS

The Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas' new Texas Weekly Employment Estimate (TWEE) is a timely tool to monitor evolving economic conditions while awaiting release of the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' establishment survey of employment. Most of the data used in the weekly estimate come from private high-frequency sources, providing daily and weekly

measurements based on things such as credit card transactions and cell phone mobility.

The TWEE contracted in July but showed considerable improvement in August (Chart 1). As daily new COVID-19 cases began increasing at the beginning of the summer—reaching new highs from early June to mid-July—jobs appear to have declined. However, COVID-19 cases have decreased markedly since the July highs, and employment growth has been steady.

The latest TWEE data should help the public anticipate what official releases will subsequently show.

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WHAT WE'RE READING

Cattle Market Transparency Act introduced in Senate

Bill implements USDA's recommendations, establishes regional negotiated cash minimums and equips producers with more market information.

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Abilene Influencers: Darrin Black

Born and raised in Oplin, Texas and a 1984 Clyde graduate, Darrin Black's Big Country roots run deep. After high school, Black jumped straight into the plumbing business and joined the Abilene Fire Department a few years later. Serving the fire department three days a week, and plumbing on his days off, Black worked to gain his master plumber license and in 1994 launched his own business: Black Plumbing.

[Read more.](#)

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

SEPT 29: FAST FORWARD SUMMIT 2020

On September 29 and 30, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation will host a two-day, future-looking summit to highlight the people, ideas, and innovations that are shaping our lives and businesses. [Register here.](#)

SEPT 30: CYBERSECURITY BASICS FOR FEDERAL CONTRACTORS

Join Northwest Texas PTAC, Senior Field Advisor Mark Snyder as he provides you with a general understanding of the basic cybersecurity requirements that the Department

of Defense has for all contractors and sub-contractors. You'll learn about the benefits of being prepared and the process for putting a cybersecurity plan in place. [Register here.](#)

OCT 1: BIG COUNTRY MANUFACTURING ALLIANCE AN ESSENTIAL PATHWAY TO A STRONGER ECONOMY

Students, educators and employers are invited to attend the Big Country Manufacturing Allians "An Essential Pathway to a Stronger economy" virtual event showcasing manufacturing career opportunities and the importance of the manufacturing sector to the Big Country, the state of Texas and the nation. [Register here.](#)

OCT 7: VOSB & SDVOSB—Application Mechanics

This is the second part of The Northwest Texas PTAC's Veteran Owned Small Business Certification webinar.

This first part covered the VOSB/SDVOSB certification program, the advantages, and qualifications. This second part will cover the hands on mechanics of applying for the certification. We'll go through the process screen by screen to show you how to navigate the certification system to the point of final submission of application. [Register here.](#)

OCT 8: GOVERNMENT, NON-PROFIT & SOCIAL SERVICES VIRTUAL CAREER FAIR

This Government, NonProfit & Social Services VIRTUAL Career Fair is brought to you by the West Central Texas Career Consortium. Participating in this event is an excellent way for your organization to gain visibility and maximize recruiting potential! Employers interested in participating in this event are encouraged to register online as early as possible. [Register here.](#)

OCT 14: DBE—DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM THROUGH TXDOT

Want to learn how to qualify your small business as a DBE with the Texas Department of Transportation?? Join the Northwest Texas PTAC as we present this informative webinar that begins with an overview of the program, talks about the advantages of being certified, discusses the qualifications for certification, and talks about the documentation needed to complete the application. [Register here.](#)

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