

"We've already had a lot of contractors volunteer to help build it when the time comes," Yankie says.

"Businesses in Weatherford have contributed large sums, and the outpouring of support from the community has been so inspiring," Van Rite says. "It really shows just what a community can do when they come together."

**...Ag literacy program**  
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The free book that will be provided by TFB is How to Grow a Monster. The short book highlights how siblings problem solve to grow a garden. The book inspires readers how to overcome challenges and use their creativity. It also includes accurate, educational information about zucchinis.

"Not only does the program bring agriculture into the classroom, but it provides teachers with fun and free resources to incorporate the topic in their lessons," Bartels said. "Zucchini is a crop that's grown by Texas farmers, and it's also grown in many home gardens. This book and the activities will help students make the connection between agriculture and the food they eat."

In addition to discovering more about zucchini, students will learn how to start a garden.

TFB will make available free resources, including an educator's guide.

The Ag Literacy Week Book Program is open to Texas public, private or homeschool educators who teach kindergarten through fifth grade.

Sign up closes Feb. 1.

Teachers will receive their copy of the book and an educator's guide in the mail in March.

Teachers are also asked to share photos on social media with the hashtag #ReadAgBooksTX2024 as they read the books to their class during the week of March 18-22.

Teachers who tag TFB on social media and use the hashtag will be entered into a drawing. Only public posts will count toward the drawing.

For more information and to sign up, visit the Ag Literacy Week Book Program section on the Ag in the Classroom webpage at [texasfarmbureau.org/aitc](http://texasfarmbureau.org/aitc).

Contact Bartels with questions at [edoutreach@txfb.org](mailto:edoutreach@txfb.org) or call 254-751-2569.

**On This Day  
in Texas History  
December 15, 1834**

On this day in 1834, Robert Hamilton, a native of Scotland, settled in the Red River area of Texas. Hamilton, a wealthy merchant, was one of the five men sent by Pecan Point and vicinity, or the Red River District, to the Convention of 1836 at Washington-on-the-Brazos. He was probably the wealthiest man to sign the Texas Declaration of Independence. Because of his financial experience, wealth, and extensive connections, Hamilton was appointed, with George C. Childress, on March

19, 1836, to go to Washington, D.C., to seek recognition of the independence of Texas and establishment of commercial relations with the United States.

**CWD detected in  
Coleman County deer**

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) received confirmation of a case of chronic wasting disease (CWD) in Coleman County, marking the first detection in the county.

A two-year-old whitetail buck harvested by a hunter on a low-fenced property tested positive through sampling conducted voluntarily to assist with the state's CWD surveillance.

The sample was collected by a TPWD Wildlife Biologist as part of the statewide surveillance effort. Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory initially analyzed the samples, and the National Veterinary Services Laboratory in Iowa confirmed the CWD detection.

CWD has an incubation period that can span years, so the first indication of the disease in a herd is often found through surveillance testing rather than observed clinical signs. Early detection and proactive monitoring improve the state's response time to the detection of CWD and can greatly reduce the risk of further disease spread.

TPWD encourages hunters to voluntary test hunter-harvested deer in the area between Coleman and Cross Plains. For more information about voluntary sampling contact your local TPWD biologist. The Department will establish CWD containment and surveillance zones in the area but they may not be implemented until 2024.

CWD is a fatal neurological disease found in certain cervids including deer, elk, moose and other members of the deer family. This slow, progressive disease may not produce visible signs in susceptible species for several years after infection. As the disease process continues, animals with CWD may show changes in behavior and

appearance. Clinical signs may include progressive weight loss, stumbling or tremors with a lack of coordination, loss of appetite, teeth grinding, abnormal head posture and/or drooping ears, and excessive thirst, salivation or urination.

In Texas, the disease was first discovered in 2012 in free-ranging mule deer along a remote area of the Hueco Mountains near the Texas-New Mexico border. CWD has since been detected in Texas captive and free-ranging cervids,

including white-tailed deer, mule deer, red deer and elk.

For more information on previous detections in Texas and CWD best management practices for hunters and landowners, visit TPWD's CWD page.

**NOTICE OF DEADLINE TO FILE APPLICATIONS FOR  
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durante el siguiente horario:)

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(Fecha Inicio) (Fecha Límite)

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(Horario de la Oficina)

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Robert Lee, TX 76945

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