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Coke County on behalf of Coke County WSC Hal Spain, County Judge 40-2tc

...West of 98

(Continued from page 3) That phrase made its way into her article. I liked it so well that I ran with it. It is still my Twitter name today.

When read this pamphlet from 1910 (it gets even wilder once you read past the cover!), I think of the proud boosterism that was evident in those early town leaders. There was certainly some embellishment, but above all else, it was HOPEFUL. That's what I admired so much. That's why I gleefully adopted that moniker. In a world full of negativity and rural decline, hopeful boosterism helps us dream of what is possible.

If I can't or won't be the shameless booster of our local hopes and dreams, then who will be? What's the job of a town mayor even for?

Next week: the modern day role of the shameless frontier mayor and booster.

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...District track results

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1) Emily Jackson, Bronte; 2) Jocelyn Martinez, Blackwell; 3) Jaquelyn Saxton, Blackwell; 6) Jayla Corley, Robert Lee

Varsity 400 Meter Relay

1) Bronte; 2) Blackwell; 3) Robert Lee

Varsity 800 Meter Relay

1) Blackwell; 3) Robert Lee; 5) Bronte

Varsity 1600 Meter Relay

2) Blackwell; 3) Bronte

Varsity High Jump

1) Emily Jackson, Bronte; 2) Mackenzie Galicia, Robert Lee and Emalyn Bohensky, Bronte; 5) Morgan Sullivan, Bronte

JV Long Jump

1) Braylie Morris, Bronte; 3) Alyssa Landeros, Robert Lee

Varsity Long Jump

1) Emily Jackson, Bronte; 2) Jaquelyn Saxton, Blackwell; 6) Bernica Hancock, Robert Lee

Varsity Triple Jump

1) Emalyn Bohensky, Bronte; 2) Jaquelyn Saxton, Blackwell; 3) Kinley Cummings, Blackwell;

Varsity Pole Vault

1) Natalie Immel, Robert Lee; 5) Brynlea Wojtek, Blackwell; 6) Avery Glenn, Blackwell

JV Discus

3) Hannah Sullivan, Bronte;

5) Savannah Reyes, Robert Lee

Varsity Discus

1) Treyton McCullough, Bronte; 4) Maggie Immel, Robert Lee; 6) Mary Oviawe, Bronte

JV Shot Put

3) Hannah Sullivan, Bronte

Varsity Shot Put

5) Treyton McCullough, Bronte; 6) Mary Oviawe, Bronte

Spring conditions normalize for pastures, rangeland

By Shelby Shank TFB Field Editor

Things are looking up for farmers and ranchers this spring with recent rainfall and mild temperatures.

"This appears to be the beginning of a more normalized spring season. We've had wet weather conditions across a large part of the state," Tracy Tomascik, Texas Farm Bureau associate director of Commodity and Regulatory Activities, said. "The drought monitor indicates

that, as well, with only a few spots of exceptional or extreme dryness in Texas."

The drier areas of the state are primarily in the Hill Country West Texas.

The latest Water Weekly drought map from the Texas Water Development Board shows about a quarter of the state is suffering from drought conditions.

The National Weather Service, however, anticipates a large expansion of drought across the Panhandle and West and Central Texas by the end of June. The north central, east and coastal regions are expected to be drought free transitioning into summer.

Tomascik noted pastures across the state look good at this point in the year.

"That extra rain and relatively mild conditions throughout the winter have really helped those annual winter grasses," he said.

Recent wildfires in the Panhandle left over a million acres burned and left ranchers

without grazing acres.

"The wet weather that has come in after the fires didn't bring in a lot of moisture, but it really helped to kick start forage recovery of those pastures," Tomascik said. "Unfortunately, a lot of ground was lost, but with moisture and time, it will recover."

Forage in West Texas remains tight.

"They seasonally get rainfall in West Texas that allows farmers and ranchers to stockpile some grasses, but in general, it remains tight out there," he said.

With warm weather comes various pests that could impact livestock.

"This is a good opportunity for farmers and ranchers to reach out to their veterinarians and talk about control protocols to minimize the impact of the flies," Tomascik said. "It's also a perfect opportunity to review what you're doing from an animal health standpoint on minimizing internal parasites."

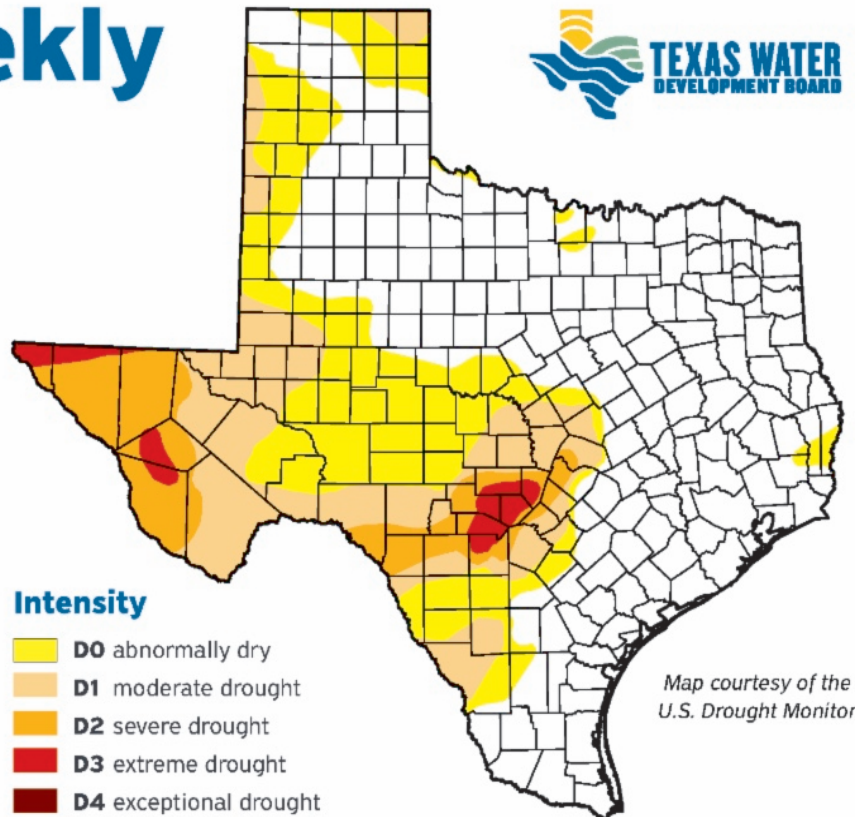
Water Weekly

For the week of 04/08/24



Water conditions

After a fourth consecutive week of drought expansion, the latest drought map for conditions as of April 2 shows a quarter of the state is impacted by drought. Drought contracted almost 20 percentage points in January but has been expanding slowly since reaching 21 percent in mid-February.



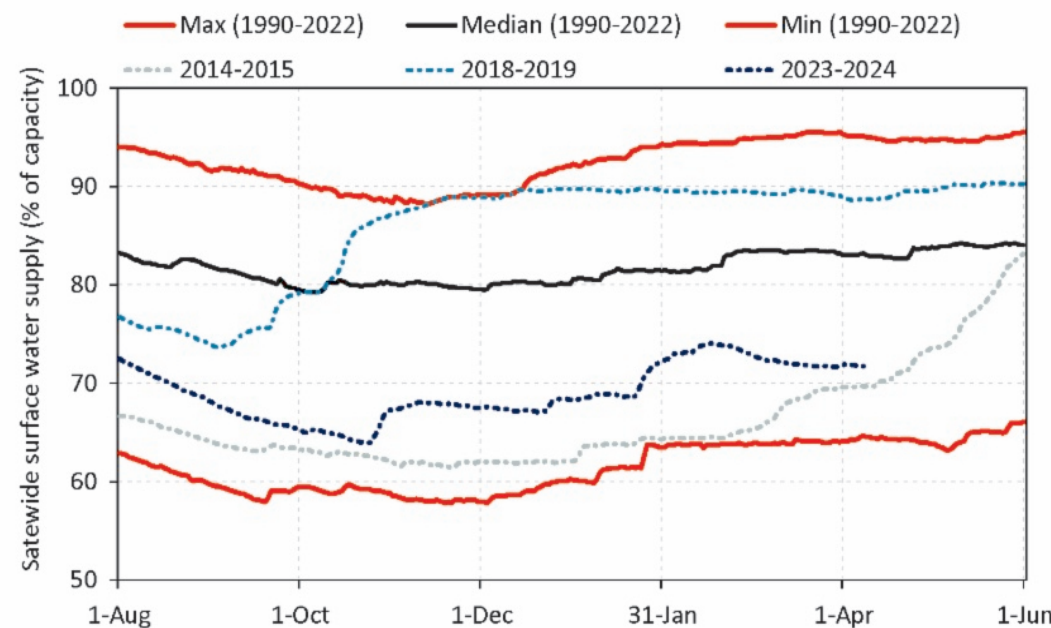
Map courtesy of the U.S. Drought Monitor

Drought conditions

- 25% now
- 24% a week ago
- 39% three months ago
- 67% a year ago

- Intensity**
- D0 abnormally dry
 - D1 moderate drought
 - D2 severe drought
 - D3 extreme drought
 - D4 exceptional drought

Water supply and El Niños update



An El Niño event during the winter of 2018-2019 brought a return to normal surface water supply storage conditions by early October. Recovery during the 2014-2015 El Niño was delayed until late May. Supplies in 2023-2024 continue to lag those in 2018-2019 and are approaching those in 2014-2015.

Data courtesy of Water Data for Texas

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