

37th Fiddlers Frolic Slated April 26-29

This will be the 37th year of the Texas State Championship Fiddler's Frolics. This Frolics will be held at the K of C Hall in Hallettsville, April 26-29.

It has grown into one of the world's largest fiddling contests. Where the best of the best fiddlers and guitar fiddler accompanist pickers compete for the Texas State Championship Title.

April 26, Thursday night, will kick off this years Frolics with a free admission to the jam session at the K of C Hall outside pavilion. The huge carnival will be in full action Wednesday through

Sunday. April 27, Friday night, will be Cajun and Bluegrass Fun Night at 7:30 p.m. featuring "Fiddling Frenchie Burke" and fun loving, joke telling bluegrass band "Hickory Hill" From 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. senior div. fiddling contest and anything goes with audience participation.

5 p.m. till the end Cajun food, crawfish, Cajun gumbo, red beans and rice, plus all other great Texas country style foods.

April 28, Saturday, 9 a.m. pee-wee contest, Forrest Craig freshman div., Gone to Texas National

Contest, Guitar Accompanist Contest, Texas Song Writers Serenade 1st songwriters contest starts at 9 a.m. under outside pavilion. 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Roast Beef Dinner with all the trimmings- 1 p.m. "Wilfred Chevis and Cajun Zadicco Band" admission free under the outside pavilion. 6 p.m. steak, pinto bean, gumbo, and sausage jack pot judging results.

Saturday night, Nashville CMT recording artist Rick Trevino and his band, and Rhythm of the Road Band 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m.

April 29, Sunday, 10 a.m. Texas Hall of Fame Inductee Carl Hop-

kins, Anthony Mature and Steve Williams.

11:30- Texas Fiddlers compete for the Texas State Championship Fiddlers Frolics official State Champion Fiddler. This will accrue at about 6 p.m.

Texas State Fiddlers Frolics Bar BBQ Cook Off Brisket, Chicken, Ribs, Sauce.

Free music by Rhythm of the Road under the outside pavilion.

11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. fried chicken dinner with all the trimmings. Fiddlers Frolics Family Entertainment at it's finest.

See www.fiddlersfrolics.com or www.fiddlersfrolics.org for more.

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Texas Crop Weather Report

Agricultural Summary
 Weather conditions across Texas were unsettled during the week.
 At the beginning of the week, conditions were mostly open with plenty of sunshine.
 By week's end, many producers were concerned as they experienced an unseasonable cold front.

There were even a few reports of hail in some areas. The extent of any damage from the cold front was still being assessed.
 Most areas of the state received light to moderate rainfall.
 The Upper Coast received the majority of rainfall with mostly 1.5 to 2.0 inches.

The Plains, Cross Timbers, and the Trans-Pecos area received mostly 0.01 to 0.10 inches of rainfall.
 The Edwards Plateau, Blacklands, and North East Texas received mostly 0.01 to 0.25 inches, as isolated showers brought as much as an inch to several sections.
 The remaining areas of the state received mostly 0.25 to 1.0 inches of rainfall.
 In most areas of the state, pastures were greening up and improvement was noticeable.
 Supplemental feeding continued to decline considerably across most areas of the state as forage growth increased.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report
 Ranges and pastures continued to green up with the warmer temperatures and adequate moisture nearly statewide.
 Weed problems began to in-crease, and producers were spraying accordingly.
 The progression of ryegrass in the Blacklands has taken some pressure off livestock producers in regards to supplemental feeding.
 Some producers in North East Texas still remained concerned about the high costs of fertilizer.
 The effects of last year's drought have prolonged the calving season for some live-stock producers in some areas.
 In South Texas, native range and pasture conditions continued to improve, providing for-age for livestock.
 There were some reports of producers not supplemental feeding livestock at all in South Texas as plenty of forage was available.
 Livestock body conditions continue to improve as the availability of high quality for-age increases.
 Statewide, range and pasture condition was mostly fair to good.

Turkey Hunters Getting A Jump On Season

Rio Grande turkey hunters in the northern parts of Texas will get a two-week jump on gobblers next spring following changes in hunting regulations adopted here April 5 by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission.

The alteration to the South Zone spring turkey season framework is among several changes to the 2007-08 Statewide Hunting and Fishing Proclamation.

"Two years ago, we simplified the season by combining the North and South Zones and added a week to the overall length," Mike Berger, TPWD Wildlife Division Director explained.

"After re-evaluating this move, we've opted to move the South Zone opening up to the Saturday nearest March 18 and leave the North Zone to open the Saturday nearest April 1. Both zones retain a 44-day season length."

In addition to the spring turkey season adjustment proposal, the commission also approved several changes designed to simplify and clarify hunting regulations and create greater flexibility for wildlife resource managers. The changes include:

Extending the statewide archery-only deer season by five days. Historically, the archery season has always closed the Sunday before the opening of the general white-tailed deer season.

The change eliminates the current five-day gap between the end of the archery season and the beginning of the general white-tailed deer season.

Implementing an archery-only open season for mule deer on Managed Land Deer Permit (MLD) properties.

The change allows archery-only hunting on MLDP properties during the statewide archery-only season.

Eliminating the "double tagging" requirement for antlerless mule deer. When the MLDP program was expanded to include mule deer, it was anticipated that the antlerless mule deer permits

would be eliminated. However, there were landowners who preferred to continue receiving the antlerless mule deer permit, and when using these permits, no tag from the hunting license will be required.

Adjusting the requirements for management plans for lesser prairie-chicken. The change reduces the number of required habitat management practices from five to three, and increases the allowable harvest quota to 10 percent of the estimated population.

The breeding behavior of lesser prairie-chickens and their large home ranges cause them to use habitat components that are typically provided by more than one landowner.

This variability can be problematic for both habitat management and permit issuance, especially when birds are spending only a small portion of their time on a given habitat component.

The changes allow biologists to issue permits on a more flexible and biologically specific basis.

Requiring taxidermists to maintain a wildlife resource document for two years following the time that each wildlife resource is retrieved by the owner or sold as unclaimed merchandise.

Creating a managed lands permit program that includes provisions for harvesting additional javelina above the daily bag limit on properties where surplus javelina populations have been identified as part of an overall wildlife management plan.

Field Crops Report
 Small Grains: Wheat continued to make good growth and development across most areas of the state, but concerns of freeze damage were prevalent across the state as temperatures dropped severely later in the week.

Insect pressure increased in both the Northern Low Plains and Blacklands as some producers experienced problems of powdery mildew and rust in fields.
 Statewide, wheat and oat condition was mostly fair to good.
 Cotton: Land preparations resumed in the Southern High Plains.

Corn: With excessive rainfall following planting, most of the corn crop in the Blacklands emerged and continues to show good signs of growth. Statewide, corn condition was mostly fair to good.

Sorghum: Producers in the Southern High Plains anticipate areas intended for planting to increase.

In the Blacklands, sorghum began to emerge, with some acres still to be planted.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crop Report
 Watering was ongoing for grape producers in the Trans-Pecos area. In the Edwards Plateau, peaches remained in good condition.

Pecans: Warm weather has allowed pecan trees to continue bud break in the Trans-Pecos area, and many producers have begun irrigating orchards.

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Heavyweight bulls	62-70	
Utility cutter bulls	58-61	
STEERS	#1	#2
200-300 lbs	165-200	136-160
300-400 lbs	142-162	122-138
400-500 lbs	132-148	117-130
500-600 lbs	118-131	106-117
600-700 lbs	110-120	100-109
700-800 lbs	96-108	88-95
HEIFERS	#1	#2
200-300 lbs	143-175	125-139
300-400 lbs	128-142	115-126
400-500 lbs	118-127	108-118
500-600 lbs	110-121	102-110
600-700 lbs	100-109	88-98
700-800 lbs	86-98	80-85
STOCKER COWS		
Good Stocker Cow/calf Pairs	770-950	
Medium Cow/calf Pairs	625-765	
Common Cow/calf Pairs	525-620	
Good Stocker Cows & Heifers	700-800	
Medium Stocker Cows & Heifers	475-675	

HOW TO CHOOSE A TOOTH BRUSH
 The average American spends nearly 1000 hours brushing teeth over a lifetime, so it's important to find a toothbrush that feels comfortable and works well. How do you decide which toothbrush will work best for you? In reality, almost any toothbrush you feel comfortable using works well. What is most important is to floss and brush your teeth correctly, and brush them long enough - at least two to three minutes, twice daily.

Here are some toothbrush selection guidelines from the American Dental Association:

- Any toothbrush you choose should have soft bristles - hard bristles can cause the gum tissue to pull back from the teeth and can lead to increased sensitivity.
- Select a toothbrush head size that can easily fit into your mouth and can brush one to two teeth at a time.
- Powered toothbrushes are better choices for anyone who needs assistance brushing teeth, including seniors, people with arthritis or limited mobility, anyone wearing braces, or people with misaligned or uneven teeth surfaces.
- Replace your toothbrush or toothbrush head (for a powered toothbrush) as soon as the bristles begin to look worn or frayed (usually every 3 months).
- For children, select toothbrushes with soft bristles, very small heads, and large handles (easier for children to grip).

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