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New Texas Swine-Feeding Law Effective September 1; Intended to Protect Against Foot-and-Mouth Disease

Texas pigs that are fed wastefood are going on a meat-free diet, when a new Texas law goes into effect September 1 that prohibits feeding to swine any wastefood that may contain meat or any type of meat scraps. Furthermore, it will be against the law to provide these products for feeding swine.

"This new law not only affects swine producers in Texas who feed wastefood containing meat and meat scraps, but it will also change the way food processors, restaurants, schools, hospitals and other establishments dispose of food scraps, if they have allowed them to be picked up for wastefood feeding," said Dr. Linda Logan, Texas' state veterinarian and head of the Texas Animal Health Commission, the state's livestock health regulatory agency. She said only fruits, vegetables, dairy products and bakery goods are allowable food items.

"The state legislature's move to ban meat and meat scraps for swine feeding stemmed from the global spread of foot-and-mouth disease (FMD), the world's most costly and highly contagious livestock disease," said Dr. Logan.

"Since January 2000, more than 34 countries have battled FMD outbreaks. The virus is most often introduced into a country by imported infected animals or in uncooked meat products derived from infected animals." (The virus can remain viable in uncooked meat products for long periods of time.)

She noted that the FMD virus does not affect human or horse health. The virus causes blisters and sores in and around the mouth, teats and hooves of cloven-hooved animals, such as sheep, domestic and wild pigs, cattle, camels, and deer. Affected animals lose body condition and even after sores heal, the virus can remain and can be spread, causing new outbreaks. To eradicate the disease, affected and exposed animals are slaughtered, then buried or burned to prevent spread.

After September 1, no meat scraps will be allowed in waste foods fed to swine. Allowable wastefoods will be restricted to fruits, vegetables and bakery products, will not have to be cooked. "Wastefood feeding permits and inspections will continue to be required to ensure livestock health," said Dr. Logan.

In early August, the TAHC

had more than 611 swine producers registered to feed wastefood. Of these, more than 69 percent currently feed wastefood containing meat or meat scraps, which, under current TAHC and USDA, animal health inspectors check wastefood feeding complexes for regulatory compliance every 30 to 45 days.

On August 22, the 12 governor-appointed TAHC commissioners will propose revised wastefood feeding regulations that conform to the new Texas law. The regulations will include the following long-standing provisions already in place:

1. TAHC may require testing of all swine for livestock disease prior to issuing producers a permit to feed wastefood to swine.
2. Annual surveys will be conducted by a TAHC or USDA representative to determine disease risk on each registered location.
3. Feral (wild) swine may not be fed at registered wastefood feeding locations.

"Despite the best efforts by federal agencies to inspect incoming luggage, mail and shipments of goods, some contaminated meat items



Third grade teacher, Mrs. McMeans called in the troops to help prepare for the new school year. Helping her get books, clean bulletin boards and arrange desks, were four of her grand children, Matthew, Macy, RoChelle and Micah McMeans.

Meet The Coyotes 2001!



Friday, Aug. 24th, - 6:00 p.m.

Scrimmage against Dawson

Practice Field

Immediately following the scrimmage, all the High School students will be introduced.

Everyone is asked to bring either Homemade-Ice cream, or brownies, cookies & goodies to enjoy.

Don't forget to bring your lawn chairs and enjoy watching the Coyote scrimmage.

could reach the U.S.," said Dr. Logan. "We need a fire wall between potentially contaminated products and wastefood-fed pigs."

In Great Britain, animals health workers have slaughtered more than 3.7 million animals on more than

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Texas Stories
A showcase of the Texas Spirit

Tumbleweed Smith
Part owner of Texas



The Folklife Festival is what it used to be

I go to the Folklife Festival in San Antonio every couple of years to do interviews and see what's new. I have a bunch of friends in the "Back 40" section of the complex and hang out there.

That area hasn't changed much during the 30 years the festival has been going. Bill Brett is still there making ropes out of horsehair. Rowdy Pate is there working with rawhide. Delbert Brewster does his scrimshaw on cowhorns and antlers. Jim Stevens is decorating black powder rifles. And cowboy Williams is there talking about his hot dogs.

These people take a week out of their lives every year and go to San Antonio and spend very long days in the hot sun demonstrating their crafts. For them, the friendships developed over the thirty years have become like family and they go for the annual reunion.

They go because they want to. And because they've done it for thirty years and it's become a habit for them. They wouldn't dare miss a chance to go to the festival.

I enjoy visiting with my friends at the festival. But I don't see many new faces. I see some who are children or grandchildren of some of the original exhibitors. But I don't see many who are there on their own, just starting out in the folklife business. And that's a shame.

Young people need to be learning their cultural heritage and pioneer crafts if this type of demonstrating is to continue.

I certainly hand it to the people who have gone down

there year after year. I was an ambassador, master of ceremonies and storyteller at the festival for the first ten years, but became tired of the eat and the crowds, got busy doing other things and stopped being a participant.

The festival is held on the grounds of the Institute of Texan Cultures, which is a part of the University of Texas at San Antonio. The festival was started in 1972 by Henderson Shuffler, an Odessa newspaperman who became director of the Institute. His idea was to bring representatives of every ethnic group in Texas and demonstrate their foods, games, dances and crafts.

Forty countries are represented among the ten thousand participants who come from 100 cities and towns all over the state. The festival draws seventh thousand visitors every year.

Sausage is the most popular food item. The New Braunfels Wurstfest people annually bring eight thousand pounds of sausage to the festival.

School Menu

Week of:

August 27th - 31st

MONDAY: Corn Dog, salad, macaroni & cheese, fruit & milk **Breakfast:** Cinnamon toast, juice & milk

TUESDAY: Steak fingers, potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, fruit & milk. **Breakfast:** Eggs & ham, fruit juice & milk.

WEDNESDAY: Lasagna, carrots, green peas, garlic toast, fruit & milk **Breakfast:** French toast sticks, juice & milk.

THURSDAY: Meat & Gravy, potatoes, corn, hot rolls, ice cream & milk. **Breakfast:** Pancakes, ham, fruit juice & milk.

FRIDAY: Steak sandwich, tater tots, salad cup, cookies, & milk.

Breakfast: Hot pockets, juice & milk.

Participants pay their own way to San Antonio, but they stay free of charge in hotels and motels around the city. They are given a small food allowance. The first festival in 1972 was funded by grants and donations, but since then it has been completely self sustaining. The sale of tickets, food and beverages brings in millions of dollars during the four-day event each year. Proceeds support the festival's educational programs.

The first festival was held in September but the date was changed to August because of rain. It was later changed to June because of heat.

Thank You!

I would like to thank my friends and neighbors for their calls and prayers during my hospital stay and after returning home. Your thoughtfulness was so dearly appreciated. Also, I would like to say a special thank you to Kent Holmes, Mike Valentine and Shawna Kempf for the wonderful care they gave me while being transported from Lamesa to Lubbock. Their kindness was so comforting to us.



Thank you so much!
Christeen Ledbetter



Breaking Free Women's Bible Study

By Beth Moore

First Baptist Church - Gail

Begins, Sunday, Sept. 9th 4:45 p.m.

All ladies welcome!

Sign up by calling Hayley 756-4417 or

Debra 756-4364

Cost: \$12.95 for book

Deadline, Friday, August 31st,

Dear Borden Co. Friends,

We would like to express our Sincere Thanks to everyone for all your kind actions, words, and prayers concerning Cody's wreck. A Special Thank-you to Danny and Cam Stone for your immediate help and to the wonderful BC EMS staff who helped to save a precious life. To all of you who came to the hospital and/or called, thanks so much for the concern and support. We are so grateful to live in this community of such exceptional people. Please continue to pray for Jenna and her family. She is still in UMC Hospital. **God will move** through your prayers.



In His Love,
Jibber & Cindy
Cody & Caden
Doug, Wytona,
Jenna & Dakota Neff

(Any blood donated in Jenna's name at the Blood Bank in UMC will be credited to her medical expenses. We would appreciate your willingness to help not only her but others who need blood).

Thank you again,

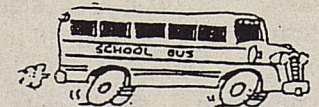
School has Started!

Be careful and Watch Out
for the Children!

Moore-Rains Insurance

Frances Rains Stephens

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806/428-3335



BACK TO SCHOOL

Shoes for Orphan Souls

The children collected money and new shoes to be sent to children at Buckner's Children's Home during their VBS. If you would like to donate money or new shoes for this project, collection will continue until September 1st. Sizes from birth to 18-years of age are needed. Contact Bro. Randy at 806-756-4363 or bring them by the church anytime. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Thank You!

Words cannot express our feelings for the love shown us during the illness and passing of our "Kat". This is a great community to live in. Mother loved her home and friends in Borden County. Special thanks to Rev. Ken Peterson and Rev. Marvin Gregory, for the spiritual guidance. Carter's tribute and the O'Donnell community choir left a song in our hearts. We were overwhelmed with the beautiful flowers, food, memorials, cards and concern. To our church family and friends, we love you all.

The Family of Katherine Stephens

Marie Teeters

Steve & Carolyn Stephens & family

Pam & Larry Reeder & family

Bobby Jane & Gordon Gass & family

James & Evelyn Teeter & family

Edward & Billie Teeter & family

May Stephens

Annie Lou Tune & family



John 3:16

BORDEN COUNTY ISD BID REQUEST

The Superintendent's Office, on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District will receive bids on the district employee health insurance coverage for the 2001-2002 school year.

Proposals shall be addressed to Jimmy Thomas; Borden County Independent School District; Box 95; Gail, Texas 79738, and shall be delivered in a sealed envelope marked "Employee Health Insurance Bid". Proposals will be received up to but no later than 12:00 noon on Friday, September 14, 2001. Bids will be opened and read as they are received. Proposals will be tabulated, researched, and selected by the Board of Trustees or its designee as appropriate. Bids received after the specified date will not be considered.

The Borden County ISD Board of Trustees or its designee reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposed bids, to waive any and all technicalities, and to accept the proposal that will best serve the needs of the District.

Questions regarding bid specifications and additional information shall be directed to Jimmy Thomas by writing the above address; by e-mail to jthomas@esc17.net; or by calling 806/756-4313. Transmissions by fax may be sent to 806/756-4310.

Renewals of Registered Brands

Every ten years Texas livestock producers are required by law to renew their brands and earmarks if they intend to continue using them. This is in accordance with Article 144.044 of the Agriculture Code. There is a six-month period (August 30, 2001 through February 28, 2002) in which to register these brands and marks and the location on the animals which are currently being used. All brands that have not been renewed will become "void" on March 1, 2002 and available for the general public.

The recording fee will be \$11.00 per brand per location.

The Clerks Office will begin the process of renewals of brands on Thursday, August 30, 2001 and will continue through February 28, 2002.

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NOTICE OF TAX ROLLBACK ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION DEL IMPUESTO ROLLBACK)

To the registered voters of Borden County Independent School District, Texas:
(A los votantes registrados del Borden County Independent School District, Texas:)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on September 7, 2001, for voting in a Tax Rollback election.

(Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abriren desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 7 de septiembre de 2001 para votar en la Eleccion para Impuesto Rollback)

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES
(DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

Plains Community Center
Community Of Plains (#1)

Borden County Courthouse
South Gail (#2A)

Precint 2 House
Vealmoor (#2B)

Murphy Election House
Murphy (#3A)

Fairview Election House
Fairview (#3B)

County Show Barn
North Gail (#4A)

Don and Jacquelyn Wills' Home
Snelling (#4B)

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at
(La votacion en adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a vienes en)

the office of the Superintendent - Borden County School

between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. beginning on August 21, 2001
(entre las 8 de la mañana y las 5 de la tarde empezando el 21 de agosto, 2001)

and ending on September 3, 2001.
(y terminando el 3 de septiembre, 2001)

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan enviarse a:)

Barbara York
(Name of Early Voting Clerk)
(Nombre del Secretario de la Votacion En Adelantada)
P.O. Box 95
(Address) (Direccion)
Gail, Texas 79738
City (Ciudad) (Zip Code) (Zona Postal)

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el)
August 31, 2001
(31 de agosto, 2001)

Issued this the 7th day of August, 2001
(Emitada este dia 7 de agosto, 2001)

Randy Alcock
Signature of Presiding Officer (Firma del oficial que Preside)



Thank You!

The Family of Jo Hensley wishes to express our appreciation and gratitude for the many beautiful flowers, cards, prayers, food and other acts of kindness shown during the loss of our loved one.



Rusty & Mary Hensley & Family
Kenny & Carla Hensley & Family
Randy & Donnell Hensley & Family
Bill & Lesa Enlow & Family

A Tribute to Mema Jo

Mema Jo, the best the world's ever known,
Always smiling and laughing about the happiness the day had shown.

She was a caregiver, a compassionate listener, and a friend,
who was there to pick us up when we'd fall,
A sweet loving lady who will be greatly missed by all.

Black-eyed peas, Denver biscuits, and chocolate cake,
Those are some of our favorites that she loved to make.

Finding a bargain was something she couldn't resist.
And gifts for the grandkids were always at the top of her list.

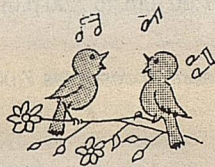
A stick of gum, a safety pin, a tissue or a treat,
She had what you needed in the purse she kept so neat.

She always kept her house dusted and clean,
She would sweep and mop until that floor would gleam.

But now Mema, it's time for you to rest,
For us, you've done your best.

All your chores are through,
Now in heaven your reward is due.

Written in Loving Memory of Mema
by her granddaughters



New Texas Swine-Feeding Law

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9,000 farms to stop a FMD outbreak that is thought to have started in late February when contaminated, imported meat products were fed to British swine. Several TAHC veterinarians and a number of other U.S. regulatory, university and private practicing veterinarians have worked month-long stints on the disease eradication effort in Great Britain, through US Department of Agriculture funding.

"We've not had a FMD outbreak in the U.S. since 1929, so our national corps of veterinarians haven't seen FMD field cases, unless they've worked in other countries," said Dr. Logan. "Moreover, fighting FMD in

another country is like fighting a forest fire. You want to stamp it out to protect your own trees."

In case "firewalls" don't hold, Dr. Logan states that the TAHC is now a part of the state's emergency management system, thus enabling the TAHC to call draw on the manpower and resources of more than 30 state and local agencies, in the event of a foreign animal disease outbreak. The TAHC has had two simulated exercises to test preparedness; the first in late 2000. I late June 2001, more than 22 agencies, that are part of the Texas emergency management council participated in a simulated

FMD outbreak in College Station.

For more information about wastefood feeding requirements, regulations, or emergency preparedness, contact the Texas Animal Health commission at 1-800-550-8242.

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COUNTY OF BORDEN STATE OF TEXAS

LEGAL NOTICE

The Commissioners' Court of Borden County will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget for Borden County for 2002 beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, August 27, 2001 at the Courthouse in Gail, Texas.

A summary of the proposed Borden County budget is as follows:

Jury Fund - \$600.00
General Fund - \$794,166.00
Road & Bridge Fund - \$599,165.00
Permanent Improvement Fund - \$12,000.00

This proposed budget does include a 5% cost of living salary or wage increase for County employees and elected officials.

Elected Officials Salaries for 2002 will be:

County Commissioners	\$17,662.00	
County Judge	\$23,483.00	+ \$10,000.00 State Support
County/District Clerk	\$23,483.00	
Sheriff/Tax Assessor	\$25,600.00	
County Treasurer	\$23,483.00	
Justice of the Peace	\$ 6,945.00	

Any interested persons is invited to attend and present oral or written comments. The proposed budget may be examined at the office of the County Clerk or the County Judge.

The proposed tax rate for 2001 is .44 per \$100.00, same as previous year.

BY ORDER OF THE BORDEN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT
Van L. York, County Judge
Borden County

50-198
(Rev. 5-000)

Notice of Vote on Tax Rate

The Borden County Commissioners' Court

conducted a public hearing on a proposal
to increase the total tax revenues of the

Borden County

from properties on the tax roll in the preceding

year by 43 percent

on August 22, 2001 at 10:00 a.m.

The Borden County Commissioners' Court

is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that
will result in that tax increase at a public
meeting to be held

on August 27, 2001 at 10:00 a.m.

at Borden County Courthouse