

Some "Pocket Pets" Under Close Scrutiny, Federal Movement **Prohibitions To Stop Monkeypox Outbreak**

Working in concert with federal and state agencies, Texas animal health officials are alerting pet owners and distributors to comply with the federal emergency order issued Wednesday, June 11th, prohibiting all sales, interstate movement and most intrastate movement of prairie dogs and several specific species of rodents. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued the embargo to prevent the potential spread of monkeypox, a foreign virus that may have infected more than 70 persons in Indiana, Wisconsin, Illinois and New Jersey. Health officials believe the virus was introduced into the U.S. by infected Gambian giant pouched rats imported from Africa in April for sale as companion animals. To date, no monkeypox cases in assessments. humans or animals have been confirmed in Texas.

underway, but federal and state human health and veterinary epidemiologists theorize imported the Gambian rats may have spread monkeypox to a group. Fields planted to an

of American prairie dogs that had been captured for the pet trade. The animals were distributed to new owners, mostly in northern states. By May, several persons had developed the rashes, fever and sores indicative of the disease," commented Dr. Bob Hillman, Texas' state veterinarian and head of the Texas Animal Health Commission

(TAHC), the state's regulatory agency for animal health. He noted that it is the first time monkeypox has diagnosed in the U.S.

"With the Gambian rats and prairie dogs now suspected in this disease outbreak, it complicates the eradication effort, and makes it even more important that everyone

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Cotton growers urged to keep failed fields clean

Cotton producers in the Permian boll Weevil Eradication zone reminded they will need to certify failed fields with their local Farm Service Agency office by July 15 if they wish to receive a credit for those acres on their boll weevil

To qualify for the credit, the fields must be free of all "Investigations are still cotton plants on July 15 and must be maintained in that condition for the rest of the growing season, said officials with the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation.

alternate crop after the cotton has failed are also eligible for the credit under the same conditions.

The credit is not available if hostable cotton is found in the field on or after the July 15 deadline.

foundation has The changed the way it will handle the trapping of failed cotton fields this growing season, said Charles Allen, program director. Failed fields will continue to be trapped at a level to ensure boll weevil detection until the threat of weevil populations

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McMeans Chosen Outstanding Regional Principal

The Texas Association of Secondary Schools Principals has singled out individuals from Region 14 for inclusion among the Outstanding Regional Principals and Assistant Principals for the 2002-2003 school year. Bart McMeans, principal of Wylie High School, Abilene, Texas, was the high school principal chosen from Region 15. He was recognized at the annual meeting of this organization in Austin Wednesday, June 11, 2-3. Bart is married to Vivian Fasol McMeans and is the father of three children -Zach, Mallory and Mollie all 7 years of age. Bart is a 1981 graduate of Borden High



Bart McMeans

school. He is the son of and Mickey McMeans of Post, formerly



MEMORIAL FLAG MISSING

If anyone has any information concerning the whereabouts of the United States flag that was placed at the Gail Cemetery on Memorial Day to Honor the Veterans, please contact Bertie Copeland at 756-4330 or the Borden County Courthouse at 756-4391. The flag is an honored symbol to all American Veteran's as well as American citizens.

No questions will be asked!

Please just return the flag!



Let Me Get My Hat! By Dennis Poole, Borden County CEA-Ag.

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Ranch Estate Planning

will hold a Ranch Estate estate tax rules. Planning Seminar on August 6 Dr. Hayenga is an excellent Center.

the basic tools of estate and lawyer. planning: Wills, Living Trusts, and Powers of Attorney. But per person. It includes seminar most of the time will be spent materials, lunch on Wednesday, on income and estate tax saving as well as refreshment breaks. plans for ranching families. For more information call Irrevocable trusts, generation Sharon at (979) 845-2226, Fax: skipping trusts, bypass trusts, (979) 847-9374 or email: sproperty

Estate taxes are a major community/separate property, problem for ranch owners-and special use valuation for Dr. Wayne ranches, partnerships and Hayenga, an Attorney with corporations will be discussed Texas Cooperative Extension, in the context of the gift and

and 7, 2003, in conjunction communicator. He delivers a with the Annual Beef Cattle top notch educational program Short Course which will be emphasizing key points with an held August 4-6. The seminar entertaining style illustrating will be held from 10:00 a.m. estate and income tax law until 4:30 p.m. on August 6, provisions with practical and on August 7 from 8:30 a.m. examples that make learning a until noon. It will be held at the pleasure. His teaching makes College Station Conference full use of his broad background and practical Topics covered will include experience as a farmer, banker,

Registration fee is \$100.00 ownership, wehring@tamu.edu.

Golf Tournament to Support South Plains 4-H Activities

program will host a one-day will be a 1:00 p.m. shotgun JUNIOR: golf tournament at the start. Sign up at your County Plainview Country Club. The Extension Office or call the Pro tournament is open to anyone Shop at the Plainview Country wishing to play golf. The Club (806) 296-6148.

The South Plains 4-H beginning at 11:30 a.m. There

format for the tournament will The golf tournament supports be a four-person scramble. The two important South Plains 4-H entry fee is \$50 per person activities. The Bob Benson (\$200 per team). Individuals Memorial 4-H Scholarship are welcome. Entries are due Bob Benson was a longtime August 4. Your entry fee county agent in the South covers the green fee, cart rental, Plains 4-H, District 2, (Hale Leadership. mulligans, lunch, beverages, County). Bob lost his battle and all the fun you can have. with cancer in August 1999, Trophies will be awarded to 1st, and a memorial educational 2nd, 3rd, and 4th teams. The scholarship was developed in tournament will include Bob's name for South Plains 4individual prizes for closest to H members. Fifty percent of the pin, longest drive, longest the proceeds will be used to putt, and door prizes. The field fund the scholarship. Fifty is limited to 96 golfers (24 percent of the proceeds will be teams). Lunch will be served used for The 4-H EXCELL

BORDEN COUNTY 4-H NEWS

race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts

Results of Garza County Shoot from TCU

Six Borden County Shooters possible 50 in the Sub-Jr. Girls traveled to Garza County to division. participate in the Garza County Participating in the Jr. 4-H Shoot. Participating in the Division was John Cowart, J. Sub Jr division was Brendan Ryan Gicklhorn and Austin Tarleton, Tyrell Massingill and Tarleton. These young men Raylea Underwood. These Sub- competed against approxi-Juniors. competed against mately 27 other shooters. approximately 43 in their Congratulations to each of and Tyrell. Raylea won a for District and buckle for 34 targets out of a competition.

division. This shoot was the you on a job well done! Good first competition for Brendan luck to each of you preparing

Summer Horse Project Results

The Borden County 4-H Horse Project held its County Horse Show and Final Point Night on Thursday, June 19, 2003. Twenty-seven participants and their families and friends enjoyed a hot dog supper during competition. Results are as follows:

PEE WEE LEAD:

- Caitlyn Douglass
- Shelby Comey
- Jake Comey

PEE WEE:

- Riley Smith
- Branson Smith
- 3. Flint Roberts
- Sean Tucker 4.

- Chance Taylor
- Chelsea Minnick
- Sharelle Gass

Scholarship, a travel fund for wonderful and safe summer! South Plains 4-H members who have qualified for National 4-H activities. EXCELL stands for EXperience, Citizenship, and Examples for Lifetime

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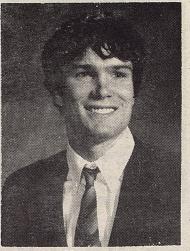
- Lacey Roberts 5. Bailey Anderson
- **Brice Smith**
- 7.
- Shelby Roberts Sydney Shipp
- 9. Mandi Hudson

SENIOR:

- Symeron Rinehart
- 2. Lacey Newton
- Caden Nowlain
- Logan Furlong
- Rowdy Clary
- Kylan Reynolds
- Kylia Culp 7.
- Kalli Poole
- 9. Brandi Hudson
- 10. Sunni Shipp
- Tanner Poole

Congratulations to all these participants! Thanks again to all the parents that offered their help and expertise in various ways. Have a

Dennis Graduates



Jeff Dennis

Jeff Dennis a 1999 Borden County High School received his Bachelor of Arts from Texas Christian University in a ceremony at the Fort Worth Coliseum on May 10, 2003. Jeff received Cum Laude honors, with a cumulative GPA of 3.659. He received his degree in Sociology, with a minor in Spanish.

While at TCU, Jeff was involved with the student newspaper. The Skiff, as well as intramural sports and Residence Hall Association. He also volunteered as a youth leader at First Presbyterian Church of Fort Worth during his time at TCU.

He plans to work as a musician for the next few years, doing writing work on the side, and hopes to begin a career in social work at a point when he is no longer touring as a musician.



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Courthouse News

WHEREAS, On this the 9th day of June, 2003 the Commissioners' court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Regular Session in the Commissioners Courtroom at the Courthouse in Gail, Texas, the following members of the Court being present, to-wit:

VAN L. YORK, County Judge, Presiding; DOUG ISAACS, Commissioner, 1; RANDY Prec. No. ADCOCK, Commissioner, Prec. No. 2; ERNEST REYES, Commissioner, Prec. No. 3; JOE BELEW, Commissioner, Prec. No. 4; HERRIDGE, JOYCE County Clerk, and Ex-Officio of the Commissioners Court.

Constituting a quorum when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda.

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court meetings of May 23, 2003 were read. Commissioner Isaacs made a motion to approve said minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

The current accounts were examined and Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve and pay said accounts. Commissioner Isaacs seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Wanted

Wanting to buy Small Ranch in Borden County 3 to 6 Sections Reasonably Priced Call Ron @ 806/792-2400 or 806794-3442

Wanted

Family Deer Lease for 4 members in Borden County Call Ron @ 806/792-2400 or 806/794-3442

PUBLIC HEARING

At 9:45 a.m. a Public Hearing was held for Borden County Water System. No interested persons attended.

PRECINCT NO. 1 MAINTANCE YARD.

Commissioner Isaacs made a motion to approve granting Poka Lambro permission to place an antenna at Precinct No. 1 maintenance yard for the Broadband Community Commissioner Network. Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COUNTY RETIREMENT PLAN

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to make no changes in the Borden County Retirement Plan for year 2004. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BORDEN COUNTY RADIO TOWER

A motion was made by Commissioner Belew to accept the proposal from

Phone 806.872-8335

Venture Communications for work to be done on Borden County Radio Tower upon judgment of Judge Van York and signature on proposal. Commissioner Isaacs seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BIDS

As advertised, bids for the purchase of a Pick-up to be used for the Borden County Office were Extension opened at 10:00 AM. Bids were received from Pierce GM Country, Lamesa; Gene Muleshoe Motor Company, he said. Inc. Muleshoe; Spaugh-Pierce Ford, Lamesa; Big Country Autoland, Inc., Snyder; Benny Boyd C-C-C-D-J, Lamesa. Commissioner Adcock made a motion to accept the bid from Pierce GM Country as the best bid. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

No new items presented. **ADJOURN**

Lamesa, Texas

Keep failed fields clean

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to eradication is past.

failed fields that have been remove the plants. planted in an alternate crop but that still have hostable Eradication Foundation is a cotton plants in them will be nonprofit, grower-initiated trapped as though they were and funded organization still cotton fields.

ensure that weevils could not Messer Ford in Lubbock; multiply in fields undetected,

Foundation personnel will monitor failed fields for cotton growth and will inform growers if hostable In addition, Allen said, cotton is found so they can

The Texas Boll Weevil dedicated to eliminating the The change was made to cotton boll weevil from the state in the most costeffective and environmentally responsible manner possible.

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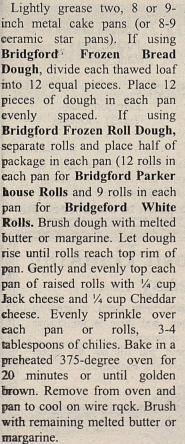
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Firecracker Rolls 2 loaves Bridgford Frozen

Bread Dough, thawed or 1 pkg. Bridgford White or 1 pkg. Bridgford Parkerhouse Rolls, thawed 1/4 cup melted butter or margarine 1/2 cup shredded Cheddar cheese 1/2 cup shredded Jack cheese

1/2 cup diced canned green chilies, drained

inch metal cake pans (or 8-9 ceramic star pans). If using Bridgford Frozen Bread Dough, divide each thawed loaf into 12 equal pieces. Place 12 pieces of dough in each pan evenly spaced. If using Bridgford Frozen Roll Dough, separate rolls and place half of package in each pan (12 rolls in each pan for Bridgford Parker house Rolls and 9 rolls in each pan for Bridgeford White Rolls. Brush dough with melted butter or margarine. Let dough rise until rolls reach top rim of pan. Gently and evenly top each pan of raised rolls with 1/4 cup Jack cheese and 1/4 cup Cheddar cheese. Evenly sprinkle over each pan or rolls, 3-4 tablespoons of chilies. Bake in a preheated 375-degree oven for 20 minutes or until golden brown. Remove from oven and pan to cool on wire rqck. Brush





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obey movement prohibitions. Several other species of foreign rodents also may harbor or be susceptible to the virus, so the federal embargo covers Gambian rats, tree squirrels, rope squirrels, dormice, brushtailed porcupines and striped mice, and prohibits the importation of all rodents from Africa."

"If you have owned on of these species of animals for several months, and it appears to be healthy, there is probably little risk that the animal has monkeypox. Likewise, we do not believe that the wild prairie dog population has been endangered," stressed Dr. Hillman. "However, do not release any of these captive species into the wild. If the animal has

been exposed to monkeypox carcasses." and is set free, it could our native species."

If you have a sick animal or state against foreign animal are apprehensive about disease," said Dr. Hillman. animals intrastate for veteri- Department of Health (TDH) nary care, but not for sale, and other state federal swap meets or any other distribution. As a biosecurity measure, dead prairie dogs or other susceptible species should be incinerated, so that free-ranging rodents will not have contact with the TAHC animal health inspec-

"The Texas Animal Health potentially spread the virus to Commission does not ordinarily regulate the health "In susceptible animals, issues of prairie dogs and monkeypox can cause eye exotic pet animals, but we are irritation, fever, and lesions. charged with protecting the retaining captive prairie dogs "In this case, monkeypox is or the other susceptible not only a danger to pets, but species, contact your private to owners, and to several of veterinary practitioner. The our wildlife species. We are federal embargo allows for providing any assistance and owners to transport their support possible to the Texas agencies that are working as a team, under the direction of the CDC, FDA and the U.S. Department of Agriculture," he said.

Dr. Hillman said that

tors and veterinarians have assisted the USDA by visiting pet dealers and distributors to trace the movement of prairie dogs and other susceptible species of animals. TAHC representatives also have issued several temporary hold orders, restricting animal movements while the disease investigation is being conducted.

"If you may think you have been exposed to monkeypox, contact our physician," said Dr. Hillman. "The TDH and CDC have developed human health guidelines and are working with physicians to ensure appropriate medical care for persons who may have been exposed to or infected with their foreign disease."

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