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THC accepting applications for Travel Trails Regional Program

The Texas Historical Commission (THC) is currently seeking applications for the third trail region to be incorporated into the agency's premier heritage tourism initiative, the Texas Travel Trails Regional Program (TTTRP). Tourism and preservation groups involved in their community's heritage tourism efforts are encouraged to call the THC for more information about this exciting

program. The deadline to apply is June 30.

The Texas Travel Trails were developed as scenic driving routes by Gov. John Connally and the Texas Department of Transportation in 1968. The TTTRP assists in the preservation, enhancement and marketing of heritage sites in all 10 exciting trail regions. These efforts generate tourism and stimulate local economies.

Every county in Texas is a part of one of the trail regions and long-term program goals are to revitalize tourism and preservation efforts in each. Currently active in the TTTRP are the Texas Forts Trail Region and the Texas Independence Trail Region.

For more information, contact: Kitty Henderson, Community Heritage Development Division, THC, 512-463-5755.

Complex

to come on by and take a look at the progress.

Brune thanked all who are and have been involved in all the progress and donations made so far.

The entertainment center is scheduled to be finished in June.

The line-up for the 2000 County Fair includes: The Emotions, Thursday, Sept. 14; Grupo Vida and Jaime y Los Chamacos, Friday, Sept. 15; Chris McDoux, Saturday, Sept. 16; and Sunday, Sept. 17, the Dujka Brothers and Red Ravens.

There will also be a hypnotist, clown, mechanical bull and other activities.

Brune stressed this is a multi-purpose facility and all the spaces are available for lease. Someone will be hired to do office work and also an on site, live on, mower, open and shut the gate kind of guy (administration and maintenance and operations). A double-wide trailer should be set up for the Fair office soon.

"We know we'll have problems this year, but it all comes with the progress of moving forward, especially after being in the same place for 20 years," Brune said.

Janak added, "It's a lot roomier, nothing will be jumbled together."

There's 75 acres of land to work

with, which includes VIP, regular and rodeo parking.

Brune said, "The Fair had a group of 12 or more to study the layout for over a year. It hadn't been for the 4-B passing, we would have been in a fix. 4-B provided sewer and water for the Fair grounds which also services Glidden."

Thanks to Brune, Janak and Orange for all the information.

Stay up to date with stories in the future on the progress of the Ag Complex and Fair Grounds as more interviews are scheduled with the group.

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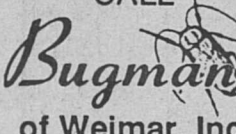
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Reducing fire risk in hay

By Benard Mitchell
 Colorado County Extension Agent

Now that we've had plenty of rain, putting up quality hay is going to be the order of the day for the next few weeks. Whether you plan to put it up in round bales or square bales, reducing fire risk is going to be very important.

Each year there are reports of hay barns burning, as well as of fires occurring in hay stored outside.

Fire is always a concern with hay, but it takes on even greater importance when an expensive barn is lost, in addition to the hay.

Fire in stored hay may occur from either external or internal causes.

Internally started fires are a result of hay going through an extreme heat. This heating is a direct result of micro-organism activity in stored hay with excessively high moisture levels. Even if excessive heating does not result in a fire, it will reduce forage quality.

Often times producers cut hay on one day and bale the next afternoon, especially with the type of hay conditioning equipment that we have today.

Just remember that hay put up in

round bales should not contain more than 18% moisture when placed inside a barn.

Small rectangular bales should contain no more than 20% moisture.

Hay that is suspected of being too wet should be stored outside for about three weeks until the danger of combustion due to heating is past.

New crop hay should never be placed against dry hay. Loose stacking in a well ventilated barn can help reduce the potential problems.

Be careful... make this a good producing and safe hay-growing season.

Pooches and a preventable health problem

The headline reads, "DOG ATTACKS, KILLS TODDLER."

The newspaper story described the fatal attack on an 11-month-old child by a family pet.

The child's grandmother, who witnessed the scene in the living room, was quoted as saying, "He (the dog) just walked up to the baby and just grabbed him." She went on to say that family members never imagined the animal would intentionally attack the boy.

Horrible? Yes. Unusual? No.

Almost 400,000 persons are bitten by dogs every year in Texas; 60% of those victims are children. More than half of all children will be victims of a dog bite by the time they reach age 12.

One-quarter of all persons bitten require medical care, and most bites are inflicted by dogs whose owners thought their dogs would never bite.

Studies show that most victims of fatal dog bites are the very young and the very old... those who are often least able to protect themselves.

In most cases, the dog was familiar to the family, frequently the family pet.

The chances of dying of a bite are much greater for babies than adults. Often, the infant is killed while asleep or in a crib. The dog does not have to be of a large or aggressive breed; a 6-week-old puppy mauled a 3-week-old baby while the father was asleep in the home in a small West Texas town.

Dog bites are a major, yet preventable, public health problem among children. No one knows why a normally friendly dog will act aggressively toward an infant who is too young to intentionally provoke an attack.

"Do dogs, as pack animals, view their human family as their pack and resist the intrusion of the new baby into their territory?" said Jane Mah-

low, DVM, director, Zoonosis Control Division of the Texas Department of Health (TDH). "Are the biting dogs displaying jealousy? Does the baby's crying and flailing of arms merely push the dog over the edge? No one can really say for sure."

People with a dog should:
 •Always supervise a young child around any dog, no matter how well known, friendly, or small the dog may be. A parent sleeping in the same room does not constitute supervision.

•Lavish extra attention on the dog when a new baby is brought home. All too often the family house dog is relegated to the backyard when the new baby arrives.

"A better alternative would be to encourage the dog to view the baby as a 'good thing' by petting and talking to the dog while holding the baby," recommended Mahlow. "Also, have somebody else carry the baby into the home for the first time. That way, when the dog jumps toward the mother who has been in the hospital, she can give her attention to the dog and not worry about the safety of the baby at that moment."

Parents can reduce the chances of older children being bitten if they teach them some basic safety tips:

- Never approach an unfamiliar dog;
- Never run from a dog or scream;
- Stay still when an unfamiliar dog comes up to you;
- If knocked over by a dog, roll into a ball and lie still;

•Do not stare a dog in the eyes because it may view that as threatening;

•Do not disturb a dog that is sleeping, eating or caring for puppies;

•Do not pet a dog without letting it see and sniff you first;

•Do not ride your bicycle or run past a dog;

•Do not tease a dog, pull its ears or tail or squeeze it to hard.

Almost half of the dog bites are provoked, regardless of whether the victim is a child or an adult. The mistake is made when people view provocation from a human viewpoint rather than from the animal's perspective.

It's important for new dog owners to understand:

- that canines are pack animals, and puppies should be trained to look to humans for leadership and to avoid competition with children;
- the need to socialize the puppy to many different types of people;
- the importance of puppy obedience class;
- that wrestling, tug-of-war, and "sicking" instills bad habits in a dog;
- the importance of spaying or castrating the dog (studies show that neutered animals are less likely to be aggressive); and
- the significance of teaching children how to properly behave around animals.

For more information, see the TDH Zoonosis Control Division Web site at <http://www.tdh.state.tx.us/zoonosis>.

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Market Report for May 25, 2000

Animals on hand: cattle, 1394; 271 cows tested.

No. of sellers: 217.

Packer cows: higher dressing utility and cutter cows, 40-45¢ per lb.; lower dressing utility & cutter cows, 35-39¢ per lb.; thin cows, 30-35¢.

Packer bulls: heavy weight bulls, 53-57¢; utility cutter bulls, 48-52¢.

Stock/Feeder - Calves/Yearlings
 Steers #1: 200-300 lbs., \$1.30-

1.40; 300-400 lbs., \$1.15-1.25; 400-500 lbs., \$1.00-1.11; 500-600 lbs., 92-99¢; 600-700 lbs., 85-90¢; 700-800 lbs., 77-83¢.

Steers #2: 200-300 lbs., \$1.15-1.28; 300-400 lbs., \$1.05-1.14; 400-500 lbs., 90-99¢; 500-600 lbs., 85-91¢; 600-700 lbs., 78-84¢; 700-800 lbs., 70-76¢.

Heifers #1: 200-300 lbs., \$1.18-1.28; 300-400 lbs., \$1.05-1.17; 400-500 lbs., 93¢-1.03; 500-600 lbs., 83-93¢; 600-700 lbs., 78-82¢; 700-800 lbs., 70-76¢.

Heifers #2: 200-300 lbs., \$1.05-1.16; 300-400 lbs., 93¢-1.04; 400-500 lbs., 83-92¢; 500-600 lbs., 76-82¢; 600-700 lbs., 72-77¢; 700-800 lbs., 64-69¢.

Good stocker cow/calf pairs, \$650-750 by the head; med. cow, calf pairs, \$575-640 by the head; common cow & calf pairs, \$500-570; good stocker cows & heifers, \$525-600; med. cows & heifers, \$430-515.

Police

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With the assistance of Investigator Schlauch and Sgt. Lattimore, Roshonda Evette Johnson was arrested for unlawfully carrying a weapon, processed and transported to the CDC for confinement.

Sgt. Lattimore and Officers Nelson and Krenke were dispatched to a large fight in the street on Norris St. As a result of the investigation, one citation for disorderly conduct-fighting was issued and two criminal trespass warnings were issued.

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•When a horseshoe is put up for good luck, the horns of the shoe should point up so the luck does not run out.

•A "bungalow", a one-story house, takes its name from the Indian word bangia, which means "from Bengal".

•Some believe that keeping an elderberry in the pocket protects against poison ivy.