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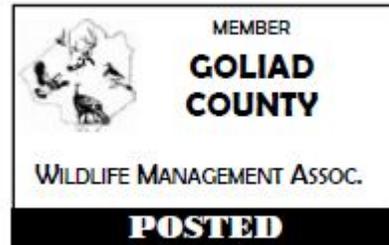
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| <b>5/10 SWCD Brush Workshop</b>      | <b>Refugio</b>         | <b>5 CEU(s)</b> |
| <b>5/25 WMA Field Day</b>            | <b>JWMHB</b>           | <b>1 CEU(s)</b> |
| <b>5/30 Grassfed Beef Conference</b> | <b>College Station</b> | <b>\$275</b>    |
| <b>8/5 Beef Cattle Short Course</b>  | <b>College Station</b> | <b>\$210</b>    |

**Soil & Water Conservation District**

**Brush Field Day**

**May 10 \$30 5 CEUS**

**Refugio Community Center**



**Field Day**

**May 25**

**JWMHB**

**8:30 am**

The Goliad and Victoria Soil and Water Conservation Districts have joined together to host a Brush Control Workshop, Friday, May 10 at the Refugio Community Center. The workshop will start with registration at 7:00 a.m., where 5 CEU(s) will be offered for \$30 if pre-registered or \$40 at the door.

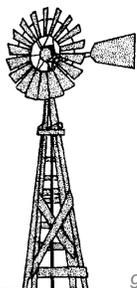
The meeting will start out with a welcome from the chairman of each district, James Fuller and Stephen Diebel. Then we will hear talks on laws and regulations from our TDA inspector, Melissa Barton. The Nature Conservancy and the Coastal Bend Prescribed Burn Association will also be on hand. Clay Neel with Vidauri Ranch and David Crow with Parks Ranch will discuss pest features concerning both integrated pest management and the economics. We will also hear a drift management presentation with Andy Biery from Daniels Flying Service. Finally Dr. Megan Clayton of AgriLife will talk to Plant Physiology of Brush as Related to Treatment. To RSVP please call 361-645-2350 ext 3 or

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The Goliad County Wildlife Management Association has partnered with the Goliad County Soil and Water Conservation District for our annual Spring Field Day, Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at the Julie Wimberly Memorial Homemaking Building. The tour will start with registration at 8:30 a.m. located at 935 South US 183 at the Goliad County Fairgrounds. We will have coffee and kolaches while we wait for all participants to arrive. The field day should conclude shortly before noon. The theme of this year's program will be beekeeping and its importance in pollination. Cary Voss, certified beekeeper from Victoria will be conducting the program and will have live bees available for viewing. But we will also hear talks from our wildlife biologist, Meagan Lesak, TPWD and the Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute efforts on establishing Native grasses by Mr. Doug Jobes. We will be offering 1 hour of CEU(s) for your Private, Non Commercial or Commercial applicator license. There is no cost for the program, thanks to this year's sponsor, the Goliad County Soil and Water Conservation District. Also thanks also to planning efforts of the WMA for this year's field day.

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## Grassfed Conference

May 30-31

College Station



Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service is pleased to announce the seventh conference focused on grassfed beef production.

Consumer interest in natural, grassfed and organic beef continues to rise. If you'd like to learn more about grassfed beef production and how it's different, mark your calendar for May 30-31, 2019 to be in College Station for this year's Grassfed Beef Conference.

Extension is excited about the interest among participants and the outstanding lineup of speakers that will come together for this information-sharing opportunity. Here's a chance to learn more about beef production... from pasture to plate.

## BCSC

Aug 5-7

College Station



The Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course (BCSC) is the largest beef educational event in the country. It is a three day seminar that represents the culmination of knowledge from industry leaders and experts. Each year more than 1,300 beef producers and enthusiasts attend the BCSC to expand their knowledge of the beef cattle industry and join in the discussion of the most current issues facing the producer. This industry gathering features the popular Cattleman's College, a general session with the nation's leading beef cattle experts, seminars, workshops and hands-on demonstrations. You can register starting May 1 online or by mail. Monday night includes the famous Aggie Prime Rib Dinner.

## African Swine Fever

African Swine Fever (ASF) has been in the news recently as a result of an outbreak in China. It is a major health threat to swine production in many countries, but fortunately it is not in the US. ASF is a highly contagious viral disease that causes death in domestic and wild pigs of all ages. Symptoms include high fever; decreased appetite and weakness; red, blotchy skin or skin lesions; diarrhea and vomiting; and coughing and difficulty in breathing. Mortality rate is as high as 100% within 2-10 days. ASF is spread from hog to hog via body fluids and some ticks as well as feeding uncooked leftovers or by travelling from an infected farm to an uninfected one. ASF is not a threat to human health and cannot be transmitted from pigs to humans and it is not a food safety issue for people. Symptoms are similar to classical swine fever so accurate diagnosis is important.

ASF was first identified in Africa in the 1920s. In 1957 it was found in Portugal after pigs were fed leftovers from airplanes from a nearby airport containing infected pork. Smaller outbreaks have occurred in other European and Caribbean countries since then. In 2007 it was

reported in the Republic of Georgia and then China in 2018. In 2019 it has been reported in Mongolia, Vietnam and Japan (in March). Since there is no treatment or vaccine for ASF, the only option to reduce its spread is depopulation of sick or infected animals.

China has culled over 1,000,000 pigs in an effort to control their ASF outbreak.

The US pork industry is a powerhouse with its' 2018 inventory of 73 million head producing 20 billion pounds of pork. But it is well behind No. 1 ranked China with 433 million and the No.2 European Union's 150 million head of pigs . But Texas isn't as well known for hog production. In 2018 it ranked 18th (out of 50 states) with an inventory of about one million head, the majority located in the Panhandle, well behind No. 1 ranked Iowa with an inventory of 23 million head. An ASF outbreak, however accidental or unintentional, would devastate the US swine herd and pork production. If you travel internationally, don't bring pork products back unless you declare them!

## PECAN NUT CASEBEARER

PNC are showing up already even after the cold cool start to spring. We have heard reports of PNC collections in pheromone traps as early as April 17 in DeWitt Co. Scouting and/or spraying should occur as soon as you read this newsletter.



### Treatment Recommendations

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension commercial insecticide recommendations for PNC as well as other major pests can be found in our commercial guide at the following website;

<http://www.texasinsects.org/tree-crops>

### PNC Forecast Model

For anyone using pheromone traps the PNC Forecast model can provide you information on the status of egg lay and treatment dates.

<http://pecanipm.tamu.edu>

The recommended scouting and treatment time are the dates between 25 and 50 percent completion of egg lay.

### PNC Development

As a general rule, eggs take 3 – 5 days to mature, going from white when first laid, to spotted then almost reddish prior to hatch. After larval emergence there will be one to two days of feeding in a secondary leaf bud before nut entry.

**July 14-17, 2019**

**TPGA Annual Conference**

**Embassy Suites**

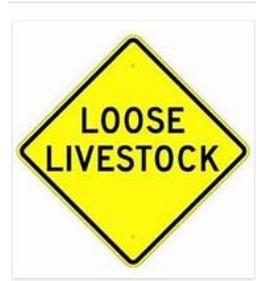
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## LOOSE LIVESTOCK



Since my last newsletter we have been getting a lot of feedback on our "loose livestock" article. Due to the interest we will be hosting an educational program sometime in the month of **August** for more information. So be looking for that. Below are selected segments of that article in case you missed it.

When livestock get out and away from their enclosures, they can represent a significant traffic or safety hazard. Below are some common myths of loose livestock laws.

**Myth:** I don't brand my cattle so as if one were to get out on the roads and get struck by a car I won't be held liable.

Whether an animal owner may be held liable for cattle out on the highway depends on a number of factors, including where the collision occurred and the facts surrounding the cattle being out. If cattle are out in an open range area, the owner would not be liable if a collision occurs; but if cattle are out in a closed range area, then the owner can be liable if he or she "permitted" or "knowingly permitted" the cattle to run at large. Courts looking at this consider a number of facts such as how often the cattle had been out before, the quality of the fences, whether a gate was left open, how long the cattle had been out, what knowledge the owner had of them being out, etc.

**Myth:** Goliad Co is a closed ranged county.

Our county attorney has researched whether or not Goliad County is an open range or a closed ranged county. And it is his opinion that the county conducted precinct votes, and within precincts landowners could remain open range if adjacent property owners agreed. Examples of this are still evident today in each precinct (Duke Bridge Road, Precinct 1; Clip Road, Precinct 2; Oilfield Rd, Precinct 3 and Abrameit Rd and Franke Rd in Precinct 4). However there maybe more as the votes were recorded but locations were not. These votes occurred in the early 1900's.

The difference here is that if you live in an open range section of the county it is your neighbor's responsibility to fence out your livestock. In a closed range section of the county it is the livestock owner's responsibility to fence in their livestock.

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## AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES INFORMATION

If you need any special accommodation, please contact Brian Yanta at 361-645-8204 10 days prior so we can consider your request.

If you have any special dietary needs, please contact Brian Yanta at 361-645-8204 10 days prior to the event.

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I hope you find this information useful. If I can assist you in any way please contact me!



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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian D. Yanta".

