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Joe Leathers has been with the 6666 Ranch since '99, but took over as general manager in 2008. Leathers over sees the three divisions and three ranches that encompass 6666 Ranch.

"We have three divisions that I over see, we have the three ranches in Texas with one out of state," Leathers said. "We do cow-calf operations, stocker operations and custom feed our own cattle."

The ranch has also moved into the direct consumer industry, selling the beef produced on the ranches to the general public through their general store, 6666 Supply House. The ranch breeds performance horses for personal use and for contractual uses. The ranch was founded in 1870 by Samuel Burkburnett and remained in the same family until the great grand-daughter of the founder passed, and it went on to be purchased by Taylor Sheridan with a group of investors. Sheridan is most known for his television shows like Yellowstone and Tulsa King. But since the acquisition, Yellowstone has featured the Texas ranch on numerous occasions.

"The ranch spans from Guthrie, our main headquarters, and horse operations are housed from there," Leathers said. "We also have what we call the Dickson Creek Ranch that's south of Borger, and the Frisco Creek Division is between Gruver and Stratford."

The cattle division is a larger one with 5,000 plus cows

that are raised in-house until they go to the director consumer sells. The horse operation, with close to 30 stallions, does AI embryo transfers for customers with roughly 1,800 head of customer mares in the previous year alone. The ranch also breeds and grows performance horses for use in the ranch.

"Ranchers are the original environmental scientist," Leathers said. "We as ranchers know the land and the safest ways to work with it to keep it sustainable for years to come."

Utilization of the land in the local communities is priority for any rancher to continue bringing quality safe protein for the States and parts of the world as a whole.

"Ranching is a level of homeland security for the nation," Leathers said. "We provide the food, in more ways than one, to the nation and our local communities."

In today's times, there are more selective options for the protein that beef brings to the table. You see more with the years of plant based beef, or *'beyond meat's* that come into the market as a secondary option to those that don't want to make beef or meat a part of their diet. While there are benefits to both sides, the original source for protein packed beef was meat through the growth and sell of cattle from ranches across the state of Texas.

"There are alternate ways that can provide some of the similar proteins," Leathers said. "If someone doesn't want to add beef or meat to their diet and go with an alternate source, that's absolutely a personal decision. But I can say for us, the amount of science and testing done on that food source, we deliver a safe product. I can't name another industry that can provide that good of a product. But if someone wants to find another source and take it to the free market then by all means, but we will continue to provide the quality we have been." Being in business for over 150 years,

6666 ranches moved towards selling beef direct to consumers last December. They tested the quality of beef to make it ready to go to market.

"We started working towards this years ago," Leathers said. "We worked with the genetics of our cattle with science and testing to ensure that what we put out as the highest quality possible. So it's new to what we do, but it was years in the making."

The ranch went up for sale a few years back, but before being put up for sale, Sheridan had already approached Leathers about filming on the ranch with the show, and happened to be in the process of doing so when the knowledge of the ranch being up for sale was made aware. "Once it became public knowledge, Taylor's thought process was that he loved the ranching way of life," Leathers said. "He wanted to ensure that the ranch was going to continue being financially sustainable. There have

been rumors that with the investment group, somewhere in the mix China is involved in it and I can say that is completely incorrect. No relation there." Yellowstone has brought notoriety to the life of ranchers and large ranches.

"Taylor is true in wanting to carry on the ranching way of life," Leathers said. "While the Yellowstone ranch is not real, the show does bring in and introduce real world problems that ranchers and

ranches face today and those are things that most people are made aware of."

The producer and director of the biggest show on television at this time is shedding light on ranching troubles throughout today's world. Now that the ranch is featured in a television series, will we get to see Joe Leathers, the man behind this interview on the screen at any time. When asked about the idea, Leathers had one response.

"You know, it hasn't been brought up," Leathers joked. "How much of the ranch he'll continue to use isn't anything I'd know. But asking me to play a role may not sell well for him, but we'll see."

The main headquarters and general store in Guthrie is located at 1102 Dash For Cash Road. For direct consumer customers, visit their website [www.6666ranch.com](http://www.6666ranch.com)

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# Head, Heart, Hands, and Health, 4-H is More Than Meets The Eye



Hope Scribner placing 2nd at the 2023 Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo

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4-H has been a long standing organization in Texas, spanning back with involvement in Texas for over 90 years. Serving in more ways than just agricultural. Joan Gray-Soria, who has been the County Agent for Family and Community Health for over 24 years has overseen the growth and development of 4-H into the communities within Gray County.

“4-H has so much to offer, on all levels,” Gray-Soria said. “We do have the animal side of things with raising animals. But we also have so much more, we have clubs that teach leadership and developmental skills that you take with you throughout your life.”

The 4-H program encompasses both the Family and Community Health Issues and the Agriculture side, but they have nutrition and clothing projects and the showing of animals that kids raise.

“We of course have beef, swine, lamb and goat, which are the primary animals we raise for showing,” Gray-Soria said. “But we also have a few kids showing dogs, doing

small companion projects. We don’t currently have, but have had interests in doing some rabbit projects.”

More than just the traditional aspects of agriculture, 4-H also has a robotic programs and photography projects. At this current time, 4-H is working to build up a program that offers kids the opportunity to work around horses without having to own the animal themselves.

“We also have judging events that kids can get involved with,” Gray-Soria said. “In the FCH aspect we have the consumer decision making contests, which is essentially where there are four products on the table and they read a scenario and have to rank the four items from best to least and then present an explanation for their reasoning.”

Coming up in the spring, 4-H also has meat science with judging and after the major stock shows wrap, the organization will begin working on livestock judging. The meat science/meat judging events have began in February. Next up will be the fashion and interior design projects and their public speaking events that will begin in the spring.

“We have our shooting sports that will beginning soon,” Gray-Soria said. “Our archery will begin after spring

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break, and shot gun events will begin in April.”

In the year so far, 4-H has completed the consumer education project, food show and hosted the county stock show.

“We had a few kids go from our stock show onto the next level,” Gray-Soria said. “They completed some major stock shows and are still preparing for majors through mid-March.”

At the current moment, Gray-Soria is overseeing a program encouraging younger kids to eat more fruits and vegetables as part of a food nutrition program called ‘Color Me Healthy.’

“I am working with the four year old department at the community day care and at Lefors with the kindergarten class.” Gray-Soria said. “We learn about a fruit or a vegetable and then do a taste testing and show them fruits and vegetables they liked and can encourage them to continue eating more.”

Life skills for youth to take into adulthood is the ultimate goal. Whether that be food and nutrition or team work or public speaking. Teaching skills that grow with you as you become an adult.

“When you learn how to make a nutritious meal at a young age, that stays with you,” Gray-Soria said. “Or learning money management from one of the programs,

you take that into your future. Same with learning public speaking skills, or just speaking skills in an interview overall.”

4-H is a grassroots family orientated organization. Learning skills independently and with your family involved along side you.

“The skills we learn here, are the same importance as you learn on the athletic field,” Gray-Soria said. “There is so much more to offer with 4-H than just animals. There’s life skills to be learned, you learn that you don’t win every time and learn to grow from a lose to reach the point you want to.”

Gray-Soria’s main objective with 4-H is to continue growing students into well rounded adults, and more involvement.

“I love getting new members and letting them find out what they’re interested in and becoming so deeply involved,” Gray-Soria said. “A huge benefit is that the 4-H puts out two million dollars worth of scholarships that kids can get to go onto the next level of their life.”

For more information on 4-H or to enroll, visit [texas.4honline.com](http://texas.4honline.com) to register.

To stay up to date on all things 4-H is doing, follow their Facebook page Gray County Extension and 4-H or visit their website [gray.agrilife.org](http://gray.agrilife.org).



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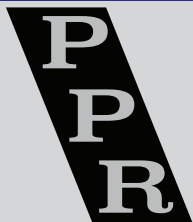
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## Spotlight on Youth in Agriculture: Gray County 4-H



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Hope Scribner with her 2nd place ribbon at the 2023 Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo



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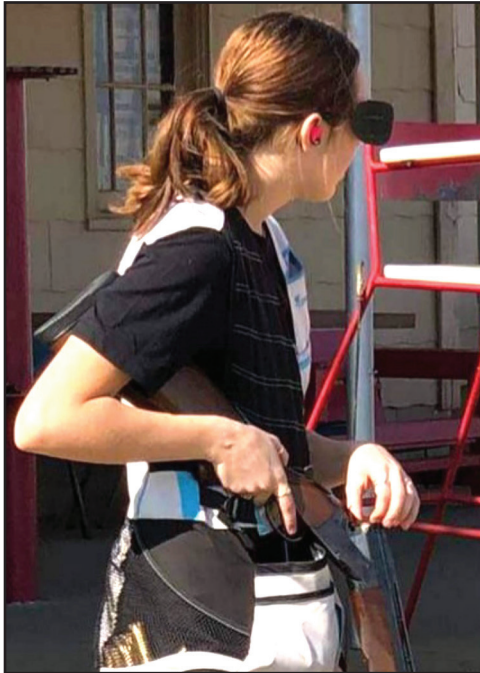


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# Alan Parker - Pampa's FFA Chapter Advisor



Photo submitted by Alan Parker

Alan Parker, Caryn Parker, Morgan Parker  
and Weston Parker

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Born and raised right here in Pampa, Alan Parker is Pampa High School's Agriculture Teacher and Future Farmers of America Chapter Advisor. Parker is a graduate of PHS. After graduation, Parker went on to do livestock judging for Frank Phillips College and Texas A&M University-Commerce for two years each.

Parker earned his degree in Agriculture Education from West Texas A&M and achieved his Masters in Animal Science from Sul Ross State.

With more than ten years of teaching experience, Parker has been educating students about the agricultural industry at PHS for a year and a half. As well, Pampa's FFA chapter has grown exponentially since Parker has been the chapter advisor. Since his involvement, there are a total of 35 active FFA members.

"Since I've been here, we have increased in the number of livestock showers," Parker said. "We have been more active in our career development and speaking development events."

Pampa's FFA members can look forward to year round events that cultivate their interpersonal skills. These events include the aforementioned career development, speaking

development, and leadership development courses. These will teach each member public speaking skills, teamwork, and instill confidence in themselves. As well, members can look forward to numerous agricultural-related trips that can expand their knowledge on livestock, farming, and technology.

Specific to the Pampa FFA chapter is livestock showing. As it is a tradition, FFA teaches members livestock responsibilities like maintaining animals, what to look for when judging, and raising animals to meet the breed standard.

As of now, the FFA members are heavily involved in the livestock show season. The members are preparing for their next stock show in San Antonio and they aim to finish the season at the Houston Stock show during spring break.

"I have students showing market steers, market sheep, market goats, market swine, breeding sheep, and breeding goats," Parker said.

With the copious amount of involvement from the members, Parker mentions that additional help will be needed soon to manage all the activities and responsibilities.

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Pampa FFA at the Gray County Jr. Livestock Swine Show

“We’re having more students involved and it’s getting to the point where we will need more help soon,” Parker said. “That’s a good problem to have.”

For students who are interested in joining Pampa’s FFA, Parker shares his keen advice.

“I firmly believe that FFA is one of the best organizations that a young high school student can get into,” Parker said. “Being a product of FFA myself, I remember getting to go on many trips and learning a lot.”

Parker notes the benefits the FFA has on its members.

“It’s really amazing to see students grow and reach their potential,” Parker said. “I had one student who would rarely talk and now she’s a district officer in the FFA.”

Pampa’s FFA often has numerous supervised agricultural experiences ranging from raising a market steer to growing a garden. There is something for everybody in the FFA.

Parker expresses his sincerest appreciation for the assistance he has received during the FFA program.

“I want to thank Superintendent Hugh Piatt for being super supportive,” Parker said. “I would also like to thank Mr. Jones and the administration at the high school for also being supportive and always willing to help me and the kids.”

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# Johnny Treichel - Division Director for Agriculture at Clarendon College



Johnny Treichel

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Clarendon College has a distinguished agricultural department that is heavily involved in the community. In addition to being the Division Director for Agriculture, Johnny Treichel is the coordinator for Clarendon College's Judging Program.

With 26 years of combined livestock coaching, judging, and overall instructing experience, Treichel does his best to make sure that every program under the agricultural demographic provides the highest quality of education to the students.

Clarendon College is one of the most ideal institutions in the panhandle area in which students can earn their Associate in Science and further pursue education in Agriculture, Agri-Business, or Agricultural Education. When students enroll for an agricultural education in Clarendon College, they can choose to participate in the Ranch & Feedlot Operation program, Ranch Horse & Rodeo program, Livestock Judging program, or Meat Judging pro-

gram. Within these programs, students can expect a very hands-on learning experience that will expose them to the entire agricultural industry. From trips to farms, ranches, processing plants, and feed plants, students learn about every facet of the industry.

"All of these programs spend as much time on the road as they do on campus," Treichel said.

Though he oversees the entire department, Treichel has direct involvement with Livestock Judging and Meat Judging programs. These programs travel around the nation to compete in stock shows, with the most recent competition being the American Meat Science Association South Plains contest in Hereford.

Treichel commends Clarendon College for its heavy involvement in the agricultural community.

"I think that Clarendon College has done a great job of understanding the role that agriculture plays in the community," Treichel said. "I think its impressive that the college has seen that need and allows a certain degree of focus into the direction of the agriculture department."

Treichel expresses his admiration for all those who help shape the agricultural department.

"We, in regards to the Ranch & Feedlot Operation and Judging programs, depend upon the farmer alumni and

producers that allow us to go to their places in order to give our students the education that they need," Treichel said.

As well, Treichel gives his thanks for the administration of Clarendon College for their involvement with the agricultural programs.

"I'd like to thank our administration and board of regents for their support," Treichel said. "I need to thank our faculty because our kids are traveling everywhere to compete. It would be impossible to do that without people willing to work with their schedules."

For more information about Clarendon College's agricultural department, call (806) 874-4843.



Clarendon College Meat Judging Program at the American Meat Science Association South Plains Contest

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## Spotlight on Youth in Agriculture: White Deer FFA



White Deer FFA members



FFA members speaking in front of the school board

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# Tye Chesser - Ranch & Feedlot Operations Director for Clarendon College



Jack A. Moreman and Tye Chesser

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Tye Chesser is the Ranch & Feedlot Operations Director for Clarendon College. With over a decade of agricultural experience and a degree in Agricultural and Extension Education from New Mexico State University, Chesser is preparing every student in the RFO program to have great success in the industry.

The RFO program, under the umbrella of the Workforce Education Program, is a one year certificate program in which students are exposed to the agricultural industry. As it is a highly-desired program in Clarendon College that has a max capacity of 28, students must apply and be hand selected to join the RFO program.

Chesser explains what students can expect when they are selected for the RFO program.

“It is a very hands on based program in which we are on the road for 65 percent of the two semesters,” Chesser said. “Of that time, we are either traveling, in the field, or with a guest speaker.”

Chesser, along with RFO Instructor, Austin Adams,

Photo submitted by Clarendon College

teach a plethora of essential classes that prepare students for a life of working in the agricultural industry. The RFO program has a class on ranch management in which students can learn to identify grasses, how to manage pastures, and how to rotate cattle.

As well, the animal reproduction class, instructed by Adams, teaches students about the reproduction side of beef. Other classes include learning about soil and water management and an agricultural records class that delves into the business side of the industry.

Chesser describes just how impressive the RFO program is.

“The thing that sets us apart more than anything else - it’s not the instruction that students are getting in the classroom - it’s the contacts they make while they’re in the program,” Chesser said.

With every trip the students take, every seminar they participate in and every guest speaker they meet, these are the contacts that will help them throughout their career.

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Chesser has prepared many trips and has invited many guest speakers to speak to the students in the future. Of the future trips students can expect are: Wheeler Land & Livestock, Keeling Cattle Feeder and the Texas Cattle Feeders Association. Of the future guest speakers include: Dr. R. Harry Anderson from Total Feeds Inc., Sara Abatti from Hi-Pro Feeds, and representatives from Nutrition Plus.

Chesser expresses his sincerest gratitude for all of those who have helped his students in the RFO program. When students start the program, they are given a computer. Though they do pay for a third of the cost, three main financial cooperators fund the rest of the cost. At the end of the program, students do get to keep the computer.

"I want to give a huge thank you to Texas Charter Schools Association, Working Ranch Cowboys Association, and Singleton Ranches in New Mexico," Chesser said.

For more information about the Clarendon College Ranch & Feedlot Operations program, contact 806-874-3571.

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# Meating Your Expectations: Clint & Sons



Josh Cook

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Located in White Deer is the remarkable meat processing plant and retail store, Clint & Sons. Since its establishment in 1936, this family-owned business has made their mark in the meat industry.

Josh Cook, Plant Manager for Clint & Sons processing sector, has been with the company for 22 years. From working as a meat cutter to moving up to sales and becoming the manager for the plant, Cook has gained a vast amount of knowledge of the company and industry.

Located on 115 West 3rd Avenue, Clint & Sons has a custom slaughter plant in which farmers and ranchers can bring in their animals to have them cut up to suit their needs.

As well, Clint & Sons also has a full service butcher

shop and meat store in which people can buy all types of meat. From wagyu to hamburger meat to beef jerky, there is a variety of food to choose from.

In the plant sector that Cook manages, meat such as beef, chicken, deer, or pork that has been already slaughtered is taken in and made into different consumables.

“With the meat that is brought in, we make beef jerky, sausage, ham, and bacon,” Cook said.

In addition, Clint & Sons brings in fresh meat from all around the panhandle area of Texas to be processed into other items.

“We are blessed to be in the part of the world where we are to have all major packers present in a two and a half hour radius from our location,” Cook said.

Even during the height of the covid pandemic, Clint & Sons did not slow down their business. The business was fortunately able to meet the high demand for meat, especially hamburger meat.

“There was never a time during that period where we didn't have meat,” Cook said. “People were coming from far away to buy hamburger meat because we were often the only place in the panhandle that had it.”

Cook's typical responsibilities include overseeing 30 people and insuring they have everything they need to do their job efficiently. With high demand and large output, each step of the process in the plant has very little room for error.

As of now, Clint & Sons is in full swing during stock show season. After children participate in these shows, the animals are typically taken here to be processed. As well, Clint & Sons is responsible for meat supply of national companies such as Allsup's.

“Depending on the week, we produce roughly 1000 pounds of jerky and 2500 pounds of barbecue,” Cook said.

Cook verbalizes his genuine admiration for those who have helped in his career at Clint & Sons.

“I learned a majority of what I know in the industry from the owners, Johnny and Joe Freeman. I've worked along side Justin Freeman for the last 22 years and learned from him too,” Cook said. “There are lots of people who have helped me along the way but these three people have helped me more than anyone else.”

For more information about Clint & Sons, contact them at (806) 883-7831. Visit their store located at 115 West 3rd Avenue, it is open from 8 am to 6 pm Monday through Friday and 8 am to 5 pm on Saturday.

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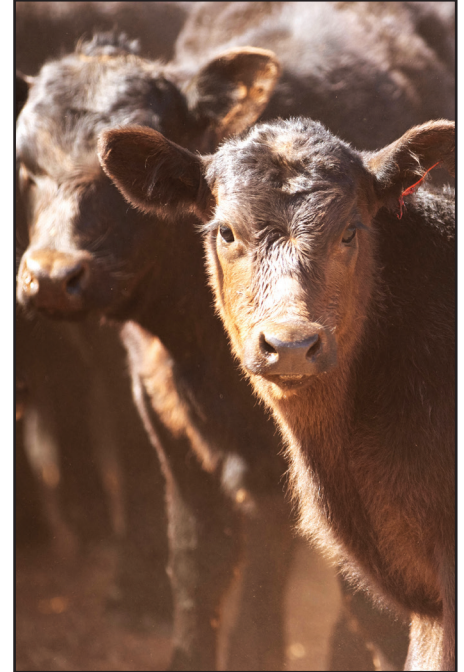
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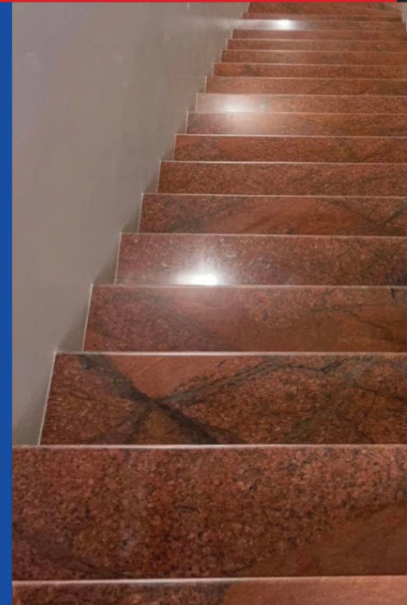
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# Over-the-counter livestock antibiotics will require prescription after June 11

AGRI LIFE EXTENSION EXPERTS ANSWER FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS TO PREPARE LIVESTOCK OWNERS

Don't wait. Get to know your local veterinarian now and establish a veterinarian-client-patient relationship if you expect to treat livestock in the future, as over-the-counter livestock antibiotics will soon require a prescription.

All of that will change on June 11, when these medically important antimicrobial drugs will require veterinary oversight.

The following experts answer some frequently asked questions to let livestock owners know what to expect:

— Tom Hairgrove, DVM, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension cattle veterinary specialist in the Texas A&M College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Department of Animal Science, Bryan-College Station.

— Joe Paschal, Ph.D., former AgriLife Extension livestock specialist, now representing industry as the executive vice president of the American Brahman Breeders As-

sociation, Corpus Christi.

— Billy Zanolini, Ph.D., assistant professor and 4-H and youth development specialist, Bryan-College Station.

## What is the new rule?

The Food and Drug Administration recommends manufacturers of medically important antimicrobial drugs that continue to be available over the counter and are approved for use in animals, both companion and food-producing, regardless of delivery mechanism, to voluntarily bring these products under veterinary oversight or prescription marketing status.

By June 11, labels of the remaining over-the-counter antibiotics for livestock use will be required to read: "Caution: Federal law restricts this drug to use by or on the order of a licensed veterinarian," and the purchaser must have a prescription or drug order to buy it.

## How does this differ from the Veterinary Feed Directive and why are the two confused?

Over-the-counter antibiotics used in animal feed were moved to Veterinary Feed Directive, VFD, in 2017, allowing closer veterinarian oversight of antimicrobial use in animal feeds. All over-the-counter antibiotics placed in the drinking water were moved to prescription status at the same time. This new rule concerns the few antibiotics that remained available over the counter in the form of injectables, intramammary tubes and boluses.

## What does medically important mean?

Medically important drugs are essential to human medicine and also used to treat animals.

## What antibiotics does this affect?

Prescription-only items will include injectable tylosin, injectable and intramammary penicillin, injectable and oral oxytetracycline, sulfadimethoxine and sulfamethazine, gentamicin, cephalixin and cephalixin benzathine intramammary tubes.

## How and where can these items be purchased after the rule goes into effect?

Individuals with veterinarian-client-patient relationships, VCPR, may purchase antibiotics directly from their veterinarian or from a distributor with the vet's prescription.

## What constitutes a VCPR?

Three requirements must be met:

(1) The veterinarian has assumed the responsibility for making clinical judgments regarding the health of the animal and the need for medical treatment, and the client has agreed to follow the veterinarian's instructions.

(2) The veterinarian has sufficient knowledge of the ani-

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mal to initiate at least a general or preliminary diagnosis of the animal's medical condition. This means that the veterinarian has recently seen and is personally acquainted with the keeping and care of the animal by examining the animal or by medically appropriate and timely visits to the premises where the animal is kept.

(3) The veterinarian is readily available or has arranged emergency coverage and follow-up evaluation in the event of adverse reactions or the failure of the treatment regimen.

### **What's your advice to livestock owners without a VCPR?**

Producers who already have a VCPR in place and purchase their animal health products through their veterinary office or through other distributors under an existing prescription system will likely notice little change. However, this may have significant impacts on how the livestock owners can access antibiotic therapy for their animals, so contact your local veterinarian as soon as possible.

### **Why shouldn't I go ahead and stock up on antibiotics now?**

Do not stock up on these products to avoid needing a prescription once this change takes effect. Animal health products are expensive, have expiration dates and are sensitive to storage time and conditions.



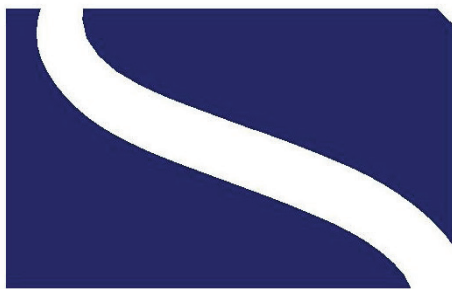
### **Are there any specific instructions that should be given to livestock show exhibitors?**

Livestock exhibitors, like all producers in animal agriculture, are responsible for understanding animal treatment regulations. For junior shows, students complete the "Quality Counts" quality-assurance curriculum that stresses the importance of VCPR.

### **What health/medical items can livestock owners continue to purchase over the counter?**

Most vaccines, dewormers, injectable and oral nutritional supplements, ionophores, pro/prebiotics and topical nonantibiotic treatments will not require a veterinary prescription. However, there are some exceptions. Always read the label.

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# Hutchinson County Historical Museum

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Clay Renick

Located in Borger, the Hutchinson County Historical Museum showcases the rich history of the town. From Paleontology to the Discovery of Oil, there are 66 permanent exhibits to inform tourists, students, and residents of the community about remarkable panhandle history.

Clay Renick, Director of the Hutchinson County Historical Museum, has been in his role since November 2012. Renick was born and raised in Borger. He graduated from Borger High in 1972 and enlisted in the U.S. Navy that year. He served for 4 years active duty and after his discharge from the Navy, he attended Texas Tech University and graduated with a Bachelors Degree in Design Communications with a minor emphasis in photography and illustration.

Renick has taken special care to construct each exhibit with the accuracy and dedication it deserves. The focus of the exhibits revolve historical time periods and topics such as Paleontology, the expedition of Francisco Velasquez de Coronado, and the first settlers of Hutchinson County.

Serving as the museum's Administrator is Deborah "D.D" Reece. She began her newest endeavor of working for the Museum in 2019. Reece has settled in and loved every minute of it since. She began her career as Registrar and has now moved on to Administrator. Every day Reece finds she learns new bits of fascinating and inspiring pieces of history about Borger and its surrounding areas.

Reece is responsible for the business side of the museum and ensures that everything is running as it should be.



Deborah "D.D" Reece

"D.D. does a phenomenal job. She honestly makes me look good," Renick chuckled.

Rosa Rangel is the Registrar for the museum. Rangel began working for the Borger Independent School District in 1992 for the Head Start Program where she began pursuing a degree in Education while continuing to work for BISD. In 1999 Rangel received an Associate in Arts Degree from Frank Phillips College and then a Bachelor of Science Degree in Interdisciplinary Studies from West Texas A&M University in 2001. Rangel has been with the museum since December 2020 and is responsible for the museum's collection. With nearly 60,000 pieces of historical items that are in the establishment, each one is carefully evaluated along with being given a unique identity number and title.

"Rosa's job is to maintain the museum's collection and she is fantastic at it," Renick said.

Rounding out the museum staff is



Rick Say

Rick Say. Say is a 1969 graduate of Borger High School. He attended Frank Phillips College and transferred to Texas Tech where he graduated with a Bachelor's degree in History and a minor in Political Science. He earned a master's degree in Education Administra-



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The Grand Hardware Store downstairs and the Grand Hotel upstairs, which later became the Hutchinson County Historical Museum.



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tion from West Texas State University. After 35 years as a teacher, tax appraiser and elementary school administrator, he retired. Say now works part-time at Hutchinson County Historical Museum where he often lends his hand to the many events the museum hosts.

"We call Rick the 'Educator'. Anytime we host educational events, he's in charge of it," Renick said.

Of the many wonderful exhibits on display in the museum, one such exhibit features the early history of ranching and farming in Hutchinson County. Some of the first settlers in Hutchinson County were free-range cattlemen, including Civil War veteran Thomas Sherman Bugbee, who settled in the county in 1876. Bugbee started the Quarter Circle T Ranch with approximately 1,800 head of cattle. As well, crop cultivation slowly expanded in Hutchinson County. By 1910, wheat was grown on about 1,900 acres and expanded to about 8,400 acres by 1920 and 16,500 acres by 1930. In 1926, discovery of oil in the county drastically changed the local economy, but agriculture remained successful.

The Hutchinson County Historical Museum often hosts educational events for the community. Every year, the Borger Independent School District sends 7th graders for a day of learning. With 100 students given a tour in the morning and 100 students given a tour in the afternoon, these children have the wonderful opportunity to learn about the history of their community.

In addition to the school field trips, the museum hosts a plethora of events for the whole community. Car shows, Quilt Shows, and even celebrating Borger's birthday are

just some of the events the community can look forward to every year.

Renick expresses his sincerest gratitude to those who have helped him and the museum.

"I'd like to thank my boss, Chris Prock, and all of the commissioners court for allowing us to do what we want to do at the museum," Renick said.

For more information about the Hutchinson County Historical Museum, call at (806) 273-0130. Visit the museum at 618 North Main Street, Borger, TX from Tuesday through Friday at 9:00am to 5:00pm and Saturday at 1:00pm to 4:00pm.

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## Hutchinson County Historical Museum



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