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Robert Lee ISD will hold a public meeting to discuss the upcoming May 6, 2023 Bond Election. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 5, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the RLISD Cafetorium.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 116 of the Texas Local Government Code, the Commissioners' Court of Coke County, Texas, will accept sealed competitive requests for proposals (RFP's) with regards to **Depository** contracts. All bid proposals are to be received at the office of the County Treasurer, located in the Coke County Courthouse, 13 E. 7th Street, Robert Lee, Texas, no later than 10:00 am, Tuesday, May 2, 2023. Bids will be opened and examined, and action taken concerning the **Managing Depository(s)** for Coke County at the regular meeting of the Commissioners' Court on Monday, May 8, 2023, beginning at 9:00 am. Information or concerning the requirements and/or eligibility are available by contacting the County Treasurer's Office at (325) 453-2713. Notice is hereby given that Coke County will select the most qualified applicant(s) that offer the most favorable terms and conditions suitable for handling of county funds.

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Feral hogs continue paths of destruction

By Emmy Powell TFB Communications Specialist Feral hogs have been an ongoing challenge for farmers and ranchers across the state for

Controlling Bureau's (TFB) priority issues for the 88th Texas Legislature.

And TFB members like Buddy Earles, a South Texas rancher, stressed the need for control efforts and explained the severe damage the hogs cause.

population. It's gotten extremely explosive," Earles said in an interview Texas Farm Bureau Radio Network. "A lot of people think that by hunting and trapping, we will be able to control the numbers, but we need to get around 75 to 80% killed just to keep the numbers where they're at. Warfarin is one of the new tools that we can use to control them."

"We need to be able to start

getting control of this hog

The Environmental Protection Agency approved a label for warfarin, but there is currently no label for its use in Texas. But Texas A&M AgriLife Extension is supposed to field trial the toxicant this summer and determine how it can be used as another control method.

The destructive animals have been a problem on the ranch since he took over it in 2009, and Earles said the issue gets worse each year. Earles has used traps and brought in hunters to control

But it hasn't been enough.

Earles noted the impact feral hogs have on both farmers and ranchers. There are an estimated 6.9 million feral hogs in the United States. Texas is home to about 2.6 million of them.

They continue to destroy property and crops.

He spoke with State Rep. Ryan Guillen, District 31, in February Leadership during TFB's Conference and visits to the

"He was extremely concerned, was trying to get more information on how to control them and then we were talking about the new warfarin that they're talking about using that it should be one of our new tools that will help us in bringing the numbers down, get a better control on the feral hog problem," Earles said.

Speaking with his district's state representative helps the state lawmaker better understand the impact feral hogs have on agriculture.

Use caution with sick birds, animals amid bird flu outbreak

By Jessica Domel TFB Multimedia Reporter The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) urges those who come into contact with sick or dead birds, skunks and the invasive racoons to take basic precautions species is one of Texas Farm to prevent the spread of highly pathogenic influenza avian (HPAI).

HPAI is a highly-contagious disease that has led to the deaths of 58.65 million birds, including domestic poultry and wild birds, in 49 states.

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And now, the disease has been found in a striped skunk in

It was the first case of HPAI in a mammal in the state.

According to TPWD, the skunk that tested positive was found in Carson County, which is east of Amarillo in the Panhandle.

HPAI can spread easily between animals through direct contact and through indirect contact with items in the environment, like feeders and waterers used by an infected bird.

Waterfowl, like ducks and geese, may carry and spread HPAI but not become sick or show any symptoms of the disease.

Current data reveals mammals are most likely infected with **HPAI** consuming the carcasses of infected animals.

TPWD says transmission of the disease from mammal-tomammal doesn't appear sustainable.

foxes, bobcats, Racoons, opossums, mountain lions and black bears are also susceptible to HPAI.

Symptoms include: incoordination and stumbling, tremors, seizures, lack of fear of humans, lethargy, coughing and sneezing, or sudden death.

People who find wild animals exhibiting these symptoms are encouraged to contact their local TPWD wildlife biologist.

TPWD urges rehabilitators to use caution and consider quarantining any animals that exhibit HPAI

The public should take basic protective measures, wearing gloves and face masks and hand washing, when coming into contact with HPAI susceptible species.

The transmission of HPAI from birds to people is



considered low.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), one person in the United States has tested positive for

CDC reports that person was in Colorado. The individual had direct exposure to poultry and was involved in the depopulating of a poultry flock with H5N1 bird flu.

The person reported to be fatigued for a few days, was treated with an antiviral drug and has since recovered.

CDC says people who have recreational job-related or exposure to infected birds are at a higher risk for infection and should take precautions.

To date, HPAI has been found in at least 148 mammals across the United States.

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