

...Hay Scam

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The Better Business Bureau (BBB) says scams come in different guises, but the premises are usually the same. Overpaying for an item—equipment, hay, feed and others—is not a common practice.

Reports can also be made to the BBB at www.BBB.org.

The Better Business Bureau (BBB) urges people to be suspicious of overpayments and offers the following tips to help be aware of scams:

Don't send money to someone you've never met.

Don't click on links or open attachments in unsolicited emails.

Don't believe everything you see.

Don't buy online unless the transaction is secure.

Be extremely cautious when dealing with anyone you've met online.

Never share personally identifiable information.

Don't be pressured to act immediately.

Use secure, traceable transactions when making payments for goods and services.

Whenever possible, work with

local businesses that have proper identification, licensing and insurance.

Be cautious about what you share on social media and consider only connecting with people you already know.

The BBB offers a scam tracker to allow people to investigate illegal schemes or fraud.

The Texas Department of Agriculture offers a hay hotline for Texans looking to buy or sell hay.

AFBF launches book publishing effort for children

The American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture has launched Feeding Minds Press, a new publishing company focused on books for children about agriculture. Foundation education outreach director Julia Recko says the goal is to provide an accurate portrayal of agriculture.

"Feedings Minds Press is a new publishing company that the American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture has created with the goal of creating accurate and engaging books about agriculture," Recko said. "The press will really focus on picture books ages 1-8, for now, but we will expand as we see the

need."

Recko said it's becoming tougher to find books that meet the Foundation's criteria to be considered an accurate agricultural book.

"We know that there was a need for these books in schools, and we really understand the value of children's books and the powerful tools stories are to help students understand where their food comes from," Recko said. "So, we decided to take the plunge ourselves and to publish our own books that fit into our own criteria, that met our guidelines and that we knew are going to be great stories to help students learn."

The first book, called Right This Very Minute, will be published in January 2019.

"It's going to be a 32-page picture book, which will be geared to grades K-3rd, and it will follow children through an entire day of meals and snacks,

and each one will emphasize how critical farmers and agriculture are to our society," she said. "We hope that through these snapshots of a variety of types of farming readers can gain an understanding and appreciation for the unique challenges that going into feeding the world."

Feeding Minds Press is searching for manuscripts for accurate agricultural children's books. Open submissions will be accepted from March 1, 2018, until March 31, 2018.



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