



JASPER COUNTY EXTENSION NEWSLETTER FALL 2019



ANNUAL JASPER COUNTY HAY SHOW WINNERS



From left to right: Speaker, Dr. Bobby Lane; 3rd Place, Rodger McCurry; 2nd Place, Austin Whitehead; People's Choice Award, 1st Place & Overall Grand Champion, Danny Hughes; 1st Place, Glynn White; First Place & Overall Reserve Champion Garrett Aranda; 2nd Place Richard Vaughn. Not pictured are 2nd Place ,Justin Kent and 3rd Place, Dean Gentz.

Congratulations to this year's winners at the Jasper County Hay Show, held at the Kirbyville Church of Christ, in Kirbyville. Our Guest Speaker this year was Doctor Bobby Lane, Professor of Agriculture, Sam Houston State University. Awards were given in three different categories: Bahia, Bermuda, and

Mixed Grasses. A People's Choice Award was given, based on the votes of the attendees of the show.

**WE CONGRATULATE ALL OF THE WINNERS, AND
THANK ALL OF THE PRODUCERS WHO PARTICI-
PATED THIS YEAR!**

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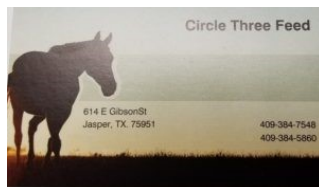
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*Jasper County
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GRASS-FED BEEF CONFERENCE



Thursday, November 14, 2019



SPEAKER

Dr. Ron Gill

Extension Livestock Specialist

6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Jasper County Courthouse Annex

271 E. Lamar St, Jasper, TX 75951

Cost is \$10 per person - includes meal

RSVP BY November 8th

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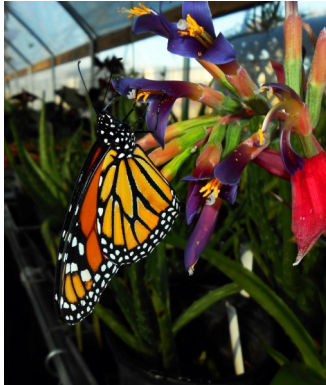
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NEW MASTER GARDENERS CLASSES STARTING IN JANUARY

Master Gardeners are members of the local community who take an active interest in their lawns, trees, shrubs, flowers and gardens. They are enthusiastic, willing to learn and to help others, and able to communicate with diverse groups of people.

A new class is starting in January! If you would like to be a part of this wonderful, active group, call our office TODAY at 409-384-3721 to get your name on the list. You'll be glad you did.



Through the Texas Master Naturalist volunteer program, you can help children and adults in your community learn about Texas' natural resources, inspire them to a new appreciation of their environment, and insure that others will be able to enjoy the natural Texas for years to come.

Come and join this wonderful, active group to help people appreciate their natural environment, while you enhance your own knowledge and skills. Contact our office at 409-384-3721 for more information

LONGLEAF RIDGE MASTER NATURALISTS ARE A BUSY GROUP!

JASPER FARMERS MARKET

10th Annual

HOLIDAY MARKET

Saturday, November 16, 2019

9 A.M. TO 2 P.M.

TRACTOR SUPPLY PARKING LOT

Intersection of Hwy 96 & 190

in Jasper



- Farm-fresh vegetables
- Homemade jams & jellies
- Honey & bakery items
- Handcrafted gifts
- Bath & body care products
- Holiday decorations
- Charity sales & fundraisers
- Kids activities
- Food vendor



WE WELCOME

NEW VENDORS !!

Bakers, canners, craftspeople

booth space is only \$10

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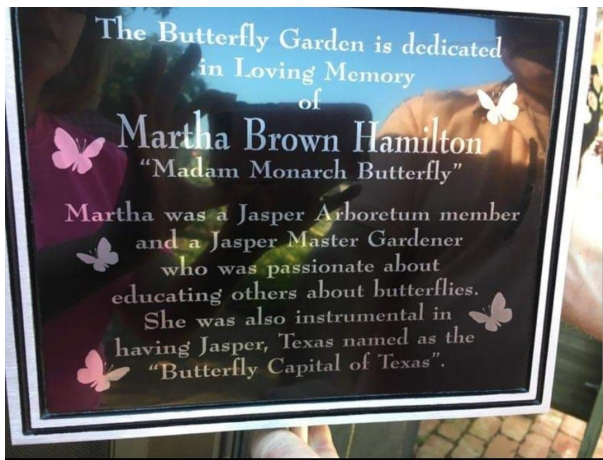
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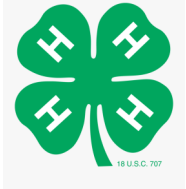
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*In Loving Memory
Of Our Own Madame Butterfly
Martha Hamilton*



Congratulations!



NEWS



**Congratulations to Kyra Young
for winning the Jasper County
Gold Star Award in 4-H**

Our Veterinary Program that
was Scheduled for
September 19th, had to be
postponed because of local
flooding, so it was held on
October 14th at the
Jasper/Newton Electric Co-op
in Kirbyville.

We had a great crowd and
appreciate everyone
who attended.

**VETERINARY
PROGRAM**



Our thanks to Leah Drake and Hunter Burchett
of the Kirbyville Veterinary Clinic for a great
program!



4th Annual Winter Bash



Steers*Heifers*Lambs*Goats*Swine

**Where: Jasper Jr. Livestock Foundation Facilities
in Jasper, TX off HWY 777 (next to Jasper airport)**

When: December 7, 2019

Entry Fee: \$25.00

Showmanship: \$5.00 @ Gate

Cattle Check-In: 7-8:30AM

Cattle Show Starts: 9AM

(Judge Ricky Thompson)



Lamb and Goat Check-In: 12 P.M.

Lamb Show Starts 1: 30 P.M.

(Judge David Wright)

***Generators welcomed**

***Concession Stand on Site**

Swine Check-In: 3:00 P.M.

Swine Show Starts: 4:30 P.M.

(Judge David Wright)

Steers: Show by weight and division (American, English and Exotic)

Heifers: Show by age and division (American, English and Exotic)

Lamb, Goat & Swine: Show by weight

****Awards will be Buckles, Banners, Tiles and donated items such as cattle combs, halters and pig quirks**

Questions please call Brock Fry at 409-384-3721 or email bafry@ag.tamu.edu

Public invited to water quality meetings in Woodville, Jasper

NOVEMBER 21, 2019

TEXAS WATER RESOURCES INSTITUTE/

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



Contact: Michael Schramm, 979-458-9191, michael.schramm@ag.tamu.edu

WOODVILLE/JASPER – The Texas Water Resources Institute, or TWRI, in collaboration with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality will host two meetings Nov. 21 in Woodville and Jasper for anyone interested in joining a partnership to improve and protect water quality in the Sandy and Wolf creeks.

The first meeting will be at 1 p.m. at 201 Veteran's Way in Woodville. The second meeting will be at 3:30 pm at the Jasper County Courthouse Annex, 271 E. Lamar St. in Jasper.

TWRI is part of Texas A&M AgriLife Research, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Texas A&M University.

The meeting is the first in a series with local stakeholders to address water quality impairments in Sandy Creek and Wolf Creek.

Dr. Lucas Gregory, TWRI senior research scientist, College Station, said both water bodies fail to meet state water quality standards for contact recreation. The elevated levels of bacteria, such as E. coli, which are found in human and animal waste, may indicate increased health risk for people who swim or play in the stream.

Gregory said through a project it manages, TWRI will work with local landowners, agricultural producers, residents and other stakeholders to develop a plan comprised of strategies to reduce bacteria and other pollutants in the local waterways.

"At the meeting, we will discuss relevant water quality data then present an overview of partnership structures, strategies and examples of different approaches for addressing water quality issues," he said.

Michael Schramm, TWRI research specialist, College Station, said organizing a watershed partnership with interested stakeholders are the meetings' main purpose.

"The goal of the partnership is to develop a plan for improving water quality and reducing bacteria levels in the creeks," he said. "Getting local involvement from interested individuals and developing a voluntary plan of action is the first step to successfully improving and protecting water quality."

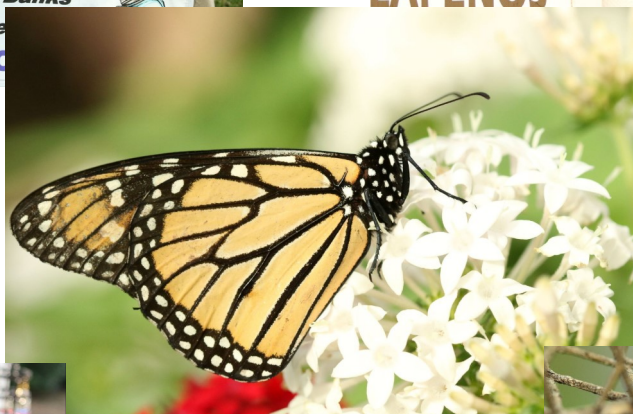
For more information, visit the project website at <https://twri.tamu.edu/neches/lower-neches> or contact Schramm at michael.schramm@ag.tamu.edu.



IF YOU MISSED THE FALL/BUTTERFLY FEST, YOU MISSED A GOOD TIME!



Fall Festival





CHEWY PUMPKIN COOKIES

If you need a dessert recipe, these cookies are easy and delicious!

INGREDIENTS:

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|------------------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| • 1/2 cup brown sugar | * | 1/2 Cup sugar |
| • 1 1/2 cup pureed pumpkin | * | 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract |
| • 1 1/2 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice | * | 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon |
| • 1/4 teaspoon baking powder | * | 1/2 teaspoon baking soda |
| • 1 1/2 Cup flour | * | 12 Cup cinnamon baking chips |

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1) Preheat oven to 350 degrees
- 2) Spray 2 baking sheets with non-stick baking spray; set aside.
- 3) In a medium size bowl, mix together sugars, pumpkin puree, and vanilla extract until smooth.
- 4) Add in spices, baking powder, and baking soda
- 5) Slowly add in flour to mixture and continue to mix on low speed. Do not over-mix flour.
- 6) Fold in cinnamon baking chips.
- 7) Scoop dough on a baking sheet, and bake for 12—14 minutes. Cookies will not be chewy if left in oven for a longer time.





It's Time To Plant Your Texas Wildflowers

Texas wildflower lovers should know that now is the time to plant their favorite varieties for blooms in spring, said Joseph Johnson, program manager for the Gardens at Texas A&M University.

Planting in the fall - before the start of the rainy season—will give your wildflowers time to germinate and gain a good root system before going dormant during the winter.

“It is good to use a wildflower mix with several different species to ensure year-round interests and not just blooms for the spring,” he said. “This will give you an array of colors, but also an opportunity to see what does especially well in your wildflower area for the next year. If you let your flowers go to seed, you could see them again and again from year to year.”

Soil prep is essential—Preparing your soil is key to gaining an array of wildflowers worth taking the family’s photo in. Ensure soil-seed contact by tilling and tamping the seeds into the soil. Water the area lightly following planting to settle the seeds into the

soil.

“If you are partial to bluebonnets, consider planting them in full sun with good drainage,” he said, “Otherwise, an area with a minimum of six hours of sunlight should be sufficient.” Don’t over-water, and don’t over fertilize, he added. A little bit of care goes a long way for the state flower.

Scatter your seeds—Spread your seeds over your prepped soil according to the instructions of your selected seed mix, or spread them thicker for a more full meadow. Once your seeds are in place, take a walk around the area to compress the seeds into the ground for good germination. Don’t bury or cover them though. The seeds need good exposure to the sun.

Enjoy the blooms—Because of the fall planting, the seed should not require too much care and watering. Blooms should begin to appear in early spring, depending on the weather, and with a good seed variety, may continue into summer.

