

Farm Bureau NEWS

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It's annual meeting time!

Members of the Brazos County Farm Bureau will join together Oct. 1, at 6:30 p.m. for the 2009 annual meeting.

"This is an opportunity for members to gather and map a course for agriculture in Brazos County for the coming year," said Brazos CFB President Norval Sells. "Not only will we adopt policies to guide our organization in 2010, we will elect officers and directors to lead our efforts in representing our industry."

The meeting will be held at the Brazos Center in Bryan beginning at 6:30 p.m. A buffet meal will be served prior to the meeting. Dinner tickets are \$5 and children under 12 years of age eat free. You will need to make your reservation and pay by Sept. 25.

The dinner will be a catered buffet by J. Cody's, and the entertainment will be provided by Roger and Roy, our local DJs from radio station KORA 98.3. Roger and Roy have been a very popular broadcasting team since 2006. Their careers go back over 30 years. Both claim to be native Texans, but that is debatable.

Away from the microphone, Roger is a lay pastor for the First Presbyterian Church in Calvert. He and his wife, Laurie, are the proud parents of four daughters. Roy has two grandsons who are bonafide—certified by God—Texas natives! He loves romantic walks on the beach, candlelight dinners, puppies, children, flowers and butterflies. Roy believes the heat index was invented by meteorologists jealous of the wind chill factor.

You will not want to miss out on the drawings to be held for gift cards and special prizes. Along with the drawings, remember the drawing for a 42" HD TV for existing members who introduce others to the Brazos County Farm Bureau organization. Just let your friends know what a great organization the Brazos County Farm Bureau is and when they come into our offices, they need to let us know you sent them. Your name will go in the box for the TV drawing that will be held at the Annual Meeting/Dinner. Our secretaries will be happy to help you with any questions, or come by the office for details. The number to call is 979-776-8789.



Reminder: We have a branch office

We would like to remind you that we have a Brazos County Farm Bureau branch office located on Wellborn Rd. (Wellborn/Rock Prairie). You will see the friendly faces of agent Kelly Dickson, and his assistants Debbie Dickson and Ashley Linson. The number for the branch office is 979-693-4100.

Annual Brazos County Farm Bureau Meeting and Banquet

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

How many attending: _____

Please RSVP on or before Sept. 25, 2009 by 5 p.m. Call 979-776-8789.

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Youth awarded scholarships

Pioneer Scholarship

Johny Yezak, received a \$2,000 Pioneer Scholarship. He is the son of the late Leslie Yezak and Dana Yezak. John is a graduate of Brazos Christian School. He has made plans to attend East Texas Baptist University, majoring in kinesiology. He would like to follow in his father's footsteps and be an athletic trainer and coach.



Brazos County Scholarship

Jakob Wager and Skyler Wendler each received a \$750 Brazos County Farm Bureau scholarship.

Jakob is the son of Jason and Tracy Wager. He graduated from Bryan High School and plans to attend Sam Houston State University, pursuing a pharmaceutical degree.



Skyler is the daughter of Jason and Sandy Wendler. She graduated from Bryan High School and has made plans to attend Blinn College and transfer to a university or culinary institution and major in food and nutrition.



Visit the Brazos County Farm Bureau website @ brazoscfb.org and the Texas Farm Bureau website @ www.txfb.org to access up-to-date information as well as benefits of being a Farm Bureau member.

You are invited to the Brazos County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting
When: Oct. 1, 2009 6:30 p.m.
Where: Brazos Center Buffet Meal by J. Cody's
RSVP to (979) 776-8789 by Sept. 25

81st offers disappointments/achievements

Although Texas Farm Bureau's goals for true eminent domain reform and repeal of the Trans-Texas Corridor were not realized, agriculture was successful in several other areas during the 81st legislative session.

"One of Farm Bureau's goals this session was to prevent any major changes in state water policy," said Brazos County President Norval Sells. "Several water bills were thwarted, including two that would have given more control over groundwater conservation districts to the Texas Water Development Board."

Legislators also scrutinized the property tax appraisal process and a couple of key changes were adopted. "Most importantly, the fundamental tax considerations agriculture enjoys—property tax agriculture use valuation and sales tax exemption for inputs—were maintained," Sells said.

Other legislative victories for agriculture:

- The Texas Department of Agriculture successfully underwent Sunset review and won approval for continued operation through 2021.
- Recommendations were adopted to improve the operations of the Prescribed Burn Board, Agricultural Finance Authority and the Boll Weevil Eradication Program.
- A Right to Farm Provision of the Texas Agriculture Code was amended that now says local governments cannot restrict producers from using normally accepted livestock management practices.