



FARM & RANCH CLUB FLASH

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PRESIDENT'S PEN

Jim Bradbury

It's time for us to select this year's recipient of the Bill King award. Ken Leiber has formed a committee to meet and consider the potential candidates for this award. If you have one or more suggestions, please contact Ken or a member of the Committee.

We are rounding out the summer with our August meeting. It was back to school week in my house this week and I can say that I think it was the best thing for all involved. As we head into the fall, hopefully we will see cooler temperatures and better markets for livestock and products.

You should have received a note that during the next month or so, the Cattle Raisers will be doing some construction on the ground floor and it will be easiest to enter from the South parking lot. I started wondering about those brands on the wall in the room where we meet. They are such a good reminder of why we gather and where we came from. If someone from the Cattle Raisers could tell us what the plans are for those brands, it would be interesting and appreciated. If we need to find another fitting place for them, maybe some of us can pull together and come up with a few options.

Thanks again to Kimberly for our great speaker last month. I hope that your weekend is filled with peace, boots, jeans and a nice sunset.

August:

Kimberly Thomas

Tuesday, August 25, 2009

12 Noon

TSCRA Brand Room

1301 West 7th Street, Fort Worth

Lasagna/Pasta - \$10.00

Speaker = Jennifer Barrow – Wildlife Biologist with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Her presentation will address the issues of wildlife management and how it coincides with farming and ranching in our area.

CLUB NOTES:

Nominations for the 2010 Bill King award are being accepted. Nominations can be given to Ken Leiber, John Merrill, David Gibbs, Shanna Weaver, and Nan Fidler.





FARM & RANCH CLUB MINUTES

Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Museum, Brand Room

July 28, 2009

40 MEMBERS AND GUESTS

CALL TO ORDER: Jim Bradbury

INVOCATION: Paul Burrough

WELCOME AND RECOGNITIONS:

Jim Bradbury welcomed members and guests to the July 2009 meeting.

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Brianna from the Crowley FFA thanked the club for letting her speak at the June meeting.

Darla and Mayna gave an update on the 60th Tarrant County Junior Livestock Show coming up on February 18th – 20th.

Treasurer's Report from Rosalind Sullivan reported an ending balance of \$8,500.91

PROGRAM:

Dustin Kinder gave an outstanding presentation about his experiences working with The Borloug Institute in the northern providence of Iraq. Dustin along with his 11 team member's assignment was to assess the status of the agriculture economy. They traveled extensively throughout the northern part of Iraq visiting with individual farmers and ranchers to see how they could help them improve their operation and the overall agriculture economy.

Their mission was to

- Respond to Army requests
- Provide real time advice
- Prepare short and long term recommendations
- Prepare a synthesis Report

Several of the programs that they helped implement were:

- Provided farmers with No Till Drills and educated them on their effect on reducing erosion
- Olive grove restoration project and created an olive oil extraction plant
- Improved bio security at poultry houses
- Feral hog eradication program
- Dredge sediment distribution

DOOR PRIZES:

Guest Drawing – Winston Fuller, free lunch

Member Drawings: Paul Burrough – Duck Print, Roman Aday – Lonestar gift bag, Nan Fidler – Wine Package, Kathy Wood – Duck Print, Billy Parker – Photo

ADJOURNED: Patrick Murray adjourned our meeting at 1:10PM
