



# FARM & RANCH CLUB FLASH

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## PRESIDENT'S PEN

**Jim Bradbury**

If you missed the meeting in June you didn't catch the quick preview of this month's guest speaker. Dustin Kinder will join us to discuss his work in Iraq for the Borlaug Institute creating agricultural markets. He is an extremely impressive speaker and has a unique story to tell. So if you do not have plans, please join us, if you have plans, see if you can change them.

Yes it's murderously hot. But it gives us something to talk about and bragging rights for several years about the summer of '09. This heat, the scarcity of water and the economy is taking a toll on animals. There are a lot of animals out there that people are either ignoring or have no ability to care for. Recently a horrendous example of neglect occurred in Parker County and just two months ago a similar event involving dozens of horses occurred in Sulphur Springs. Charges are pending on the East Texas case. This is a real risk and as the livestock community we need to be aware of animals that may be in trouble. If you see a questionable situation, don't ignore it.

In one of those "boy I wish I could do that" our own R. L. Feldt just got back from a chuck wagon cooking contest held in the cool mountains of Colorado. He was cooking on a historic wagon alongside many other old wagons in the contest. At a time where life seems to be pretty complicated, the thought of fresh biscuits, steak and cobbler from a hot Dutch oven steaming in the mountain air-makes it all work a little easier.

## July:

Kimberly Thomas

Tuesday, July 28, 2009

12 Noon

TSCRA Brand Room

1301 West 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Fort Worth

Fajitas - \$10.00

**Speaker =** Dustin Kinder  
Borlaug Institute for International Agriculture  
Iraq Team Borlaug North  
Team Leader, Ag Policy, Organization,  
Cooperative and Youth Programs Advisor  
TOPIC: "Growing People"

## CLUB NOTES:





## FARM & RANCH CLUB MINUTES

Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Museum, Brand Room

June 23, 2009

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### 29 MEMBERS AND GUESTS

**CALL TO ORDER:** Jim Bradbury

**INVOCATION:** Matt Brockman

### **WELCOME AND RECOGNITIONS:**

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

### **REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Dustin Kinder gave a brief update about his time spent in Iraq and agreed to return at the July meeting and discuss his travels in more detail.

Treasurer's Report from Rosalind Sullivan reported an ending balance of \$8,499.41

### **PROGRAM:**

Brianna Grigsby, a member of the Crowley FFA presented us with her speech for the Soil Conservation Prepared Public Speaking Event titled, The Mystery of Soil.

Some of the interesting facts that she discussed about soil were:

Its impact on the food we eat and the clothes we wear.

It is the base of life.

Every fiber for clothes is directly related to soil.

There are more organisms in one teaspoon of soil than there are people in the world.

Soil affects everything in our life.

Brianna will be competing in the upcoming State Championship in Dallas.

### **DOOR PRIZES:**

**Guest Drawing** – Dustin Kinder, free lunch

**Member Drawings:** Hannah – Aviation Coasters, Brent – Mouse Pad, Katrina – Knife, Gary – Lone Star gift bag, Seth – Bird CD

**ADJOURNED:** Jim Bradbury adjourned our meeting at 1:00PM

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