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JANUARY 2009

MADISONVILLE FFA - - Ag Issues Team 2009



Bedias Creek Soil & Water Conservation District

had the pleasure of having
The Madisonville FFA – Ag Issues Team,
instructed by Lynita Foster; give their
presentation of:

LIGHTS ON OR LIGHTS OFF

at one of the District Board Meetings.



The TEAM was very well research in each point of view; well articulated in their expression of those points and gave a wonderful informative presentation. This controversial issue was upper most on the minds of many in this area; the TEAM chose a volatile issue and presented both sides well. We are delighted to see that our young people are taking such an interest in their community. We are watching closely to share the pride in this TEAM'S future accomplishments.



2009 Soil Stewardship Public Speaking Contest for local FFA Chapters.

The theme for this year's contest is "DIG IT! The Secrets of Soil". The objective of the annual soil stewardship public speaking contest is to provide an opportunity for FFA students to actively participate in a community awareness program which emphasizes that local communities, the state and nation cannot take soil, water and related renewable natural resources for granted, and that everyday human activities can affect these resources either positively or negatively. Local FFA students participating in the program will have the opportunity to graduate in participation to the area level. At the area level a \$500 scholarship is awarded by the Association of Texas Soil & Water Conservation Districts to the area winner. Both the area winner and second place contestant are eligible to move on to the state contest which takes place during the FFA state convention. A \$1,000. Scholarship is awarded to the state winner. For more than 50 years, the National Association of Conservation District has sponsored a national program to encourage Americans to focus on stewardship. The program relies on locally-led conservation districts (Bedias Creek SWCD) to share and promote stewardship and conservation activities. While the program encourages good stewardship year round, Stewardship Week is officially celebrated from the last Sunday in April to the first Sunday in May in the United States. The annual soil stewardship public speaking contest program is a partnership between the Texas FFA, the Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association of Texas, the Texas State Soil & Water Conservation Board, the Association of Texas Soil & Water Conservation Districts and locally led soil and water conservation districts like Bedias Creek Soil & Water Conservation District #428.

Training Seminar at Oscar Gutierrez Vineyard and Ranch: Another outreach of information and education for our youth to provide hands-on knowledge about career possibilities; how conservation practices are implemented and the mission to assist landowners and operators.



CONSERVATION "Planner" CHECK LIST

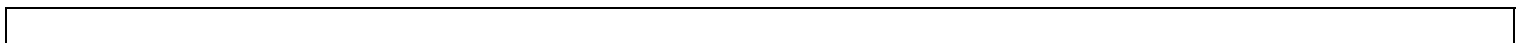
JANUARY: Woodland harvest (dry sites), Tree planting, Conduct prescribed burning, Plan & install water facilities & fencing for livestock, Soil test for warm season grass production, Consider economics of electric fence vs. non-electric fence, Monitor & adjust grazing plans, Assess hay inventory & standing forage reserves, Monitor forage quality & livestock body condition, Determine supplemental protein & energy needs by utilizing the Nutritional Balance Analyzer (NUTBAL) decisions support system, and Prepare & check fireguards.

FEBRUARY: Begin seeding warm season pasture and range planting, Woodland harvest (dry sites), Tree Planting, Conduct prescribed burning, Continue browse survey for wildlife mgt., Compile deer harvest data, Disk quail/dove food strips, Balance livestock requirements-forage & supplementation, Determine supplemental protein & energy needs by utilizing the Nutritional Balance Analyzer decisions support system, Build ponds.

MARCH: Woodland harvest (dry sites), Plant warm season grasses on roads in forest regions, Foliar spray weeds in pastures at 2 to 6 leaf stage, Drain greentree reservoirs, Continue pasture & range plantings, Begin pond fertilization, Wrap up burning program prior to initial green-up, Prepare fencing & water for new grazing season, Plan & implement grazing systems & rotate accordingly, De-worm cattle.

Contact your Bedias Creek Soil & Water Conservation District and the Natural Resources Conservation Service for more detailed information on recommended monthly management activities. Look for calendar updates on the next newsletter.

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Every year Bedia Creek SWCD submits the top three Conservation Posters and top three Conservation Essays from the 8 schools in our district (Madison, Leon and northern ¼ of Grimes Counties) to the Texas Conservation Awards Program. These entrees will participate in the Area IV Conservation Contest competition. The top three Area IV Poster & Essay winners will be submitted to the State Conservation Poster & Essay Contest competition. Check out the *April 2009 Bulletin* (or our web site) for the individual school winners and the Over All Winners for the Bedia Creek SWCD who was entered in the Area IV competition.

16th ANNUAL CLOVER FORAGE FIELD DAY

....will be held on Wednesday *April 29, 2009*. Registration will begin at 8:15 am and the meeting will conclude at approximately 3:00 pm. **Please mark your calendars!** If you would be interested in being a *Sponsor* for this year's event please contact our office (936) 348-2666 x 3. Your Company's Exhibit could be a great addition to the educational outreach of this field day. We look forward to seeing you there! Check out the District Web Site for last year's highlights. More information will be updated on our web site: <http://www.bedias-walker.tx.nacdnet.org/>