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Extension Office hosting fruit conference, rain barrel workshop, well owner training

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NEW BRAUNFELS — The Comal County office of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in the coming weeks will host three events aimed at educating landowners on various aspects of caring for their property:

Well Owners Training

The Extension Office will partner with the Texas Well Owner Network to conduct training for homeowners seeking more information about the care and maintenance of their water wells.

The free training will be 1-5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 26, in the Garden Room of the New Braunfels Civic/Convention Center. Well owners seeking to have their water screened for bacteria and other toxins can bring a sample in an approved container (available from the Comal and Guadalupe county extension offices) and \$10 to cover the cost of the test.

Attendees can RSVP for the session at twon.tamu.edu/training or by calling 979-845-1461.

2017 Texas Fruit Conference

The annual Texas Fruit Conference is coming to New Braunfels for the second straight year. The conference, open to both commercial and recreational fruit growers, will be Oct. 2-3 at the New Braunfels Civic/Convention Center.

The program includes four main components – basic training for new fruit growers, pesticide CEU recertification, the future of fruit growing in Texas, and a fruit tasting.

Registration for the conference is \$75 per person through Sept. 28 and \$85 at the door on Oct. 2. Attendees can register online at agriliferegister.tamu.edu/productListingDetails/2363.

Rain Barrel Workshop

The Extension Office will conduct a make-and-take rain barrel workshop from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 7. The workshop will help attendees make their own rain barrels, which catch

rainwater and store it for future use.

Registration for the workshop is \$50 per person to cover the cost of their barrel, and \$40 for each subsequent barrel a participant would like to make. Cash or checks made out to the Comal Program Council should be paid by Sept. 29 to Janet Sweet at the Extension Office, 325 Resource Drive, New Braunfels.

“These events are part of our ongoing effort to help Comal County residents take the best care they can of their property,” said Troy Luepke, extension agent for agriculture and natural resources. “Whether they’re growing fruit trees, maintaining their water wells or wanting to conserve water while keeping their gardens green, the Extension Office is here to serve and educate.”

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