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Rain gardens, pasture management on tap from Extension Office

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NEW BRAUNFELS — Pasture management, soil health, rain gardens and maintaining water sources for wildlife are the topics on tap from the Comal County office of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and its neighboring partners.

First, the Caldwell County Extension Office is hosting a regional program on native pasture management and soil health from 9-noon Thursday, Sept. 19. The free program will feature three specialists from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and provide two hours of continuing education credits to commercial, noncommercial and private pesticide applicators. Comal County's Extension Office is helping sponsor the event.

The program will be in the Clark Library Annex council chambers, 217 S. Main St., Lockhart.

Closer to home, the Comal County Extension Office continues its Backyard Basics series with a look at rain gardens and water for wildlife. The program is from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 21, at the Extension Office, 325 Resource Drive, New Braunfels.

A rain garden is a way of collecting and treating stormwater through landscaping, while maintaining supplemental water sources for wildlife can help animal neighbors survive hot summers and droughts.

“Both of these programs will provide useful information about how Comal County residents can get the most out of their land, whether it’s a backyard garden or a pasture,” said Troy Luepke, extension agent for agriculture and natural resources. “Conserving our soil, water and wildlife are important parts of living in Comal County, and these programs will give residents the tools they need to do that.”

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