

Extension News Release

1st Annual Upper AgriLife Gulf Coast Wildlife Expo – August 24th

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Texas A&M AgriLife Extension in Wharton and Matagorda County are excited to announce that we'll be hosting a Wildlife Expo in Bay City, Texas on Saturday, August 24th. The event will be held at the WCJC Bay City Campus at 4000 Ave. F, Bay City, Texas. County Extension Agents and Texas Parks and Wildlife officials have put together an agenda of topics and presenters that we think many will find interesting. Beginning at 9 a.m. Mr. Todd Pilcik, TPWD Private Lands Biologist will speak on white-tailed deer and waterfowl habitat management and the use of prescribed fire to enhance wildlife habitat. At 10 a.m. Dr. Azure Bevington with the Texas Coastal Exchange will present on the sale of carbon credits benefiting Texas marshes and prairies. Those attending will gain an understanding of the carbon sequestration capacity of coastal ecosystems and the premise of generating cash flow for landowners from the sale of carbon credits. Break time will be included to allow participants time to visit with our program sponsors and visit vendor booths. At 11 a.m. Dr. Charles Gilliland from the Texas A&M Real Estate Center will present on the current developments and trends in land use and land markets in Texas. We'll enjoy a catered lunch at noon, provided by our generous sponsors. At 1 p.m. participants will choose to attend one of two concurrent sessions: a deer necropsy demonstration OR a sausage making demonstration. It will most likely be hot out outside, so not to worry, these will all be indoor demonstrations and presentations! Dr. Bob Dittmar, TPWD State Wildlife Veterinarian will conduct a necropsy on a white-tailed deer to teach wildlife managers what it is that their managing, and he'll discuss current wildlife diseases in Texas. The sausage making demonstration will bring in some local talent to teach participants how to make their own wildlife sausage. Please RSVP no later than August 21, 2019 by calling the Matagorda County Extension Office at 979-245-4100. There is no fee to attend this program.