October 2019

Horticulture

- Planting Trees in the Fall
  The fall season can be an excellent time to plant trees. During the spring, soils are cold and may be so wet that low oxygen levels inhibit root growth. The warm and moist soils normally associated with fall encourage root growth. Fall root growth means the tree becomes established months before a spring-planted tree and is better able to withstand summer stresses. The best time to plant trees in the fall is early September to late October.

- Time to Plant Spring-flower Bulbs
  Late September through October is an excellent time to plant spring-flowering bulbs such as crocus, tulips, and daffodils.

Agriculture

- Soil Testing – know the quality of your soil and identify any deficiencies so you can maximize the benefit, whether it’s in your hay field or farm land. As we go into fall, now’s the ideal time to test brome ground.
- Hay Testing – if you bail or use hay, it’s a good idea to test it so you know the nutritional value. This will help with the sale price if selling and additional nutritional needs of livestock if you’re feeding it.

We’re on the web at: www.butler.ksu.edu/agriculture/

Family Consumer Sciences

Slow vs Fast Cooking - What Works for You and Your Family!
Saturday, Oct. 5, 10 AM- 12 PM – Slow vs Fast Cooking- Led by Barb Roths from the Kansas State Extension Office. Learn about cooking with the slow cooker, the pressure cooker, and enjoy samples of recipes from both. The class will teach about food preparation safety, benefits of family meal times, and the pros & cons of both types of cooking. One lucky participant will win an Instant Pot of their own. This class will be limited in numbers, so registration is required.

Registration is open; you can sign up at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/slow-vs-fast-cooking-electric-pressure-cooker-instant-pot-tickets-70172548983?aff=ehomesaved

Call the Bradford Memorial Library at 316-321-3363 if you need assistance signing up.

4-H & Youth Development

October is swiftly approaching and for 4-H that means a new year! Now is the perfect time to join a local 4-H Club! We have 10 4-H Clubs across Butler County. Visit our website for information about how to join!

Upcoming 4-H Events:
- 4-H Enrollment Begins- October 1
- National 4-H Week- October 6-12- Clubs around the county will be practicing their leadership and citizenship skills in different ways in their communities.
- 4-H Expo- October 13- 1:30-4:00 pm- Come learn more about 4-H programming- Butler County Community Building- Open to the public!

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