



Come by First National Bank (FNB) and see the 4-H and Friends quilt on display. The Colorado County 4-H program donated the quilt to the Creative Homemaking Department of the Colorado County Fair. The quilt is a hand quilted queen size traditional nine-square patch pattern. The quilt along with the youth (primary, junior and senior) quilt and reserve champions baked confections and produce will be in the silent auction on Thursday Sept. 13 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Home Economics/Fine Arts Building on the fairgrounds. The Creative Homemaking catalog is available at FNB and the Golden Goose Designs. Picture with the quilt is Sheila Valigura, left, representing FNB and Beverly Tuck, right, Creative Homemaking Department chairman. For more information, call Silent Auction Chairman, Mary Parr at 758-4515 or call the Extension office at 732-2530.

County Fair Poster Contest Entries Due August 17

Students in grades K-12 who are residents of Colorado County or attend school within the county, are invited to participate in the Colorado County Fair Poster Contest.

Contestants can create their designs on a full or half-size poster board. The poster design should reflect some aspect of fair activities such as the livestock

show, home economics show, parade, rodeo, carnival, clowns, queen's pageant, tractor pull, etc. The words, "Colorado County Fair; September 13-16, 2007; Columbus, Texas", must appear on the front of the poster.

Contestants are encouraged to use bright and bold colors so their posters will help "sell" the fair.

Stencils may be used for lettering, but no other tracing or computer generated graphics are allowed. Students should put their name, address, phone number, school name and grade level for fall 2007 on the back of their entry.

Posters are due in the County Extension Office, 316 Spring Street in Columbus by 5 p.m.,

Friday, August 17, 2007. Winning posters will be kept through the fair. Others may be picked up at the Extension office after August 24, 2007.

Additional information on the poster contest is available by calling contest chairman Deborah Petrosky at 979-732-3564 or fair director Pamela at 732-2705.

Various County Fair Deadlines Approaching

Entries must be submitted in the Colorado County Extension Office between the dates of August 14, 2007 through August 31, 2007.

No entries will be accepted prior to August 14 2007. Entries submitted between September 1, 2007 and September 7, 2007 will be assessed a late fee of \$50.00 per exhibit.

However, no entries will be accepted after September 7, 2007. Three (3) letters inviting individuals to attend the Fair must accompany all entries.

Letters must be in sealed, addressed, stamped envelopes. Send entry forms to or for entry cards, contact:

Colorado County Extension Service, 316 Spring Street, Columbus, TX 78934. (979) 732-2082

Fair Clean Up: All 4-H, FFA and Jr. FFA members who plan to exhibit livestock or poultry at the Colorado County Fair must aid in cleaning the fairgrounds on the scheduled workdays.

Scheduled workdays for the 2007 year are September 8, 2007 at 8:00 a.m. and September 16 at 8:00 a.m. Any exhibitor failing to do so will have a \$50.00 fee deducted from his/her sale check.

At the September 8, 2007 workday exhibitors are required to be there at the 8:00 a.m. roll call and when to stay until official roll call when exhibitor packets are handed out

All Pen of Three Heifers: All Pen of Three Heifers including fourth heifer will be weighed at the Colorado County Fair Ag Complex Grounds on Tuesday, September 4, 2007 from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Exhibitor must designate the three head that will show at official weigh-in. Heifers must come from the same lot. No mixing of 2 different pens will be allowed.

Pen of Three Heifers must be palpated by a veterinarian or certified technician and it is encouraged that the heifer be 60 days safe with calf at official

check-in. All heifers will be tested for brucellosis.

Mandatory interview will be conducted on Saturday, September 8, 2007 at the Ag Complex Colorado County Fairgrounds at 6:00 p.m.

All entrants are required to participate in the interview to be eligible to show in the Pen of Three Heifers.

The interview score will not influence the final placing of the pens. Exhibitors will draw for interview times at final weigh in on Tuesday, September 4, 2007.

Record books are mandatory and must be completed and submitted to the committee chairperson on Saturday, September 8, 2007 at the Ag Complex Colorado County Fairgrounds at 1:00 p.m. to be used during the interview process.

Exhibitor will not be allowed to show in the Pen of Three Heifers if completed record book is not turned in. Record book scores will not influence final placing of pens.

Record books will be kept by the committee and scored prior to show. Record books will be on public display during the fair and will be returned to the exhibitor at the conclusion of the fair.

Fryer Rabbit Validation: Bunnies may be produced from does that the exhibitor owns or purchased through any other source. Each exhibitor must purchase a minimum of 5 bunnies.

If exhibitor wishes to buy more than 5, order must be in quantity of 5. There will be a \$5.00 validation fee for a pen of 5 bunnies and an additional \$5.00 if a second pen is validated. Limit of 2 pens.

Bunnies raised or purchased

Try A BLT Salad For A Quick Meal

Particularly after a long day at work, oftentimes the easiest recipes are the ones you most enjoy. Such is the case with the "BLT Salad" from Mimi Luebbe's "BLT" from Mimi Luebbe's "The Heirloom Tomato Cookbook" (Chronicle).

Perfect for those days when time is not on your side or you just feel like whipping a delicious meal up in a few minutes, the "BLT Salad" is both delicious and easy.

BLT SALAD
Serves 4

- 2 large heirloom tomatoes, sliced
- 1 avocado, peeled, pitted and diced
- 1 cup Buttermilk Dressing
- 8 slices bacon, cooked until crisp, then crumbled

Leaves from 1 head butter lettuce
Suggested Wine Pairing: Syrah or Merlot
Divide the butter lettuce leaves among four salad plates.
Top with the tomato slices,

sprinkle with the avocado, and drizzle each plate with 1/4 cup buttermilk dressing. Top each plate with buttered bacon.

BUTTERMILK DRESSING

- Makes 2 Cups
- 1/4 cup red win vinegar
- 1 egg yolk
- 1 small shallot, coarsely chopped

- 1 cup virgin olive oil
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 2 tablespoons minced fresh flat-leaf parsley
- 1 teaspoon minced fresh thyme

Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
In a blender or food processor, blend the red wine vinegar, egg yolk and shallot.

With the machine running, gradually add the olive oil to emulsify.

Add the buttermilk, parsley, and thyme and pulse to combine. Season with salt and pepper. Cover and refrigerate leftover dressing for up to three days.

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