

Upcoming Events

- April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 8: Green Thumb Series #2: Keeping your Plants Healthy!, Mauriceville Community Center.
- April 17: Beautiful Blue Blooms in Spring Presentation; 9:00 am, Orange County Court House
- April 20–22: Crawfish Festival; Mauriceville Crawfish Festival Grounds.
- April 24: Journey for Control; 9 am–11 am, Neighborhood Facilities Building, Orange.
- April 30: Canner Testing, 10 am–Noon, Farmer's Mercantile, Orange.
- May 8: Senior Citizen Rally Day; Getting' Hooked On Health; 9 am–1 pm; VFW Hall, Orange.
- May 14: Canner Testing, 1 pm–4 pm, Farmer's Mercantile, Orange
- Texas Master Gardeners: 2nd Thursday of each month; 6:00 pm @ The Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club -Open to Public
- Texas Master Naturalist: On even months the meeting is on the 3rd Thursday, 6:00 pm, Open to Public





Gettin' Hooked On Health

**43rd Annual
Senior Citizens Rally Day**

Tuesday, May 8, 2012

Veterans of Foreign War (VFW) Hall

North Highway 87, Orange

Bingo



Free Meal &
Health Fair

Schedule of Events

9 am to 11 am Health Fair

10 to 11:15 am Bingo

11 :15 to 11:45 am Guest Speaker

11:45 Invocation, Free Lunch & Entertainment

Senior Recognition Awards
will be Pesented

***Keeping Your Plants
Healthy!***

2nd Green Thumb Series

April 10-May 8

(8 CEU's offered)

See page 3 for details

Journey for Control

This interactive diabetes workshop focuses on Managing your Diabetes using the Diabetes Conversation Map Tool. "The *Conservation Map* Session personalizes the patients' management of diabetes because the sessions give them the opportunity to share their story and also learn from other people who are on the same journey for control of their diabetes."

Tuesday, April 24, 2012
Neighborhood Facilities Building
9 am—11 am
303 N. 8th St
Orange



Call Texas AgriLife Extension Office
to reserve your seat.
409-882-7010

Pressure Canner Check-Up

Improper pressure canning can result in severe illness or death, it is important that everyone understands the risks involved in using a pressure canner. We use guidelines for pressure canner testing that have been established by the National Center for Home Food Preservation (<http://nchfp.uga.edu/>).

Cost: \$10 per gauge

Paula Tacker

CEA-FCS

409-882-7010



April 30
10 am - Noon
Farmer's Mercantile

WELCOME TO



Keys to the Courthouse



Many county government services are specifically spelled out in state law. For example, counties were established to ensure that justice is administered uniformly and to maintain key public records. But the Texas legislature has granted counties limited authority to provide other discretionary services according to local needs. Over the years, the Texas legislature has expanded county regulatory authority so that counties can address local problems.

Provisions from the American Disability Act will be considered when planning educational programs and activities. Please notify the Orange County Extension Office 5 days prior to event at 409-882-7010 if you plan on attending an Extension educational program and need specialized service. Educational program serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, political beliefs or national origin. The Texas AgriLife Extension Service, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating.

*Green
Thumb
Series*



Keeping Your Plants Healthy!

2nd Series April 10-May 8 (8 CEU's offered)

6 pm to 8 pm

**Mauriceville Community Center
Off Cohenour Road Mauriceville**

- April 10: Weeds
- April 17: Beneficial Insects and Insect Pests
(Class held in Vidor)
- April 24: Other Health Challenges in the Environment
- May 1: Fungal Diseases on Plants
- May 8: Integrated Pest Management and Pesticide Uses



*\$30 per person per series covers
all classes and materials. Please
call the Extension office if you
are interested so we can plan for
the class materials.*

409-882-7010

*For additional information visit our website
Orange.agrilife.org*



Orange County Master Gardener's

Master Gardener Training Class:

The Green Thumb class on container gardening was held on March 20th. Gwen Borel and Annette McWhirter demonstrated the different ways to do container gardening in sea shells, old pots, watering cans and other various items. Each student was asked to pick plants from a large assortment provided. Students made two container gardens each. Every student was asked to discuss what plants they planted in their containers and why they chose particular plants. The container gardens were to be taken home for their pleasure. Everybody had such FUN!



Plant Sale:

Orange County Master Gardeners held the plant sale on Saturday, March 17th at their new location at Jewel Cormier Park with great success! The new location has our greenhouses and a covered pavilion. It was nice to have shade from the sun and a breeze wandering in to keep everyone comfortable. Master Gardener volunteers and Green Thumb volunteers worked with team effort to deliver knowledge and answer questions on the plants and their care. It was such a pleasure to see smiling, happy faces and all helping to load plants for customers. Several large plants in containers found new homes, herbs were sold to start herb gardens. Vegetable plants were happy to find homes to grow and produce a bountiful harvest.





Orange County 4-H To Make the Best Better



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“Purple Up! For Military Kids” Friday, April 13th

April marks the nation's “Month of the Military Child,” a time to honor youth impacted by deployment. In celebration, Texas Operation: Military Kids (OMK), part of the 4-H Youth Development program of Texas AgriLife Extension, invites you to join us for the 2nd annual “Purple Up! For Military Kids.”



We are encouraging everyone across the state of Texas to wear purple on Friday, April 13th, as a visible way to show support and thank military children for their strength and sacrifices. Purple is the color that symbolizes all branches of the military, as it is the combination of Army green, Coast Guard blue, Air Force blue, Marine red and Navy blue. OMK hopes everyone will take this opportunity to appreciate and celebrate these young heroes.

Be creative....the goal is for military youth to actually see the support of their community! Need some ideas to get you started?



Ask local, regional, and state officials to wear purple on April 13th

Spread the word by inviting newspaper and media outlets to feature a story about Purple Up! For Military Kids

Involve area schools, sports teams, youth organizations and clubs, after school programs, recreation departments



Engage the Chamber of Commerce, fraternal organizations, social clubs, and Rotary groups

Request local businesses to post a Purple Up! message on their roadside signs, and ask their employees to wear purple

As stores and restaurants to offer a discount to all patrons who wear purple



Invite coworkers, members of your spiritual community, exercise class, or golf league to join you in showing support for the military youth in your town

Brigid Mejia, Texas OMK Program Coordinator



4-H CLUB NEWS



****Any child involved in shooting sports must have a parent/adult with them when shooting.**

**Hearts
At
Home 4-H
Home School Club**

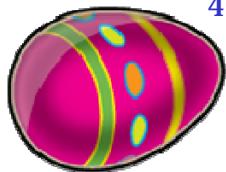
2nd Monday of each Month
2 pm

April 9 will be on Photography
Mauriceville Community Center

Club Manager

Julie Walker

409-659-7087



**TOP SHOTS
4-H RIFLE
SHOOTING SPORTS**

Meets at the
Senior Citizen Hall

Bridge City

Contact Club Manager

Gary Beall

409-670-3417



MIGHTY PIRATES 4-H

2nd Tuesday of each month
Raymond Gould Community Center Vidor

Club Manager Kathy Hester

409-790-8835

BROKEN SPOKE 4-H

Last Thursday of each month
7 pm

Borque's Home 140 Becky Circle in
Vidor

Club Manager Ann Bourque
409-553-2176



**CLAYBUSTERS 4-H SHOTGUN
SHOOTING SPORTS**

Monday, February 6 6 pm to 8 pm

Orange Gun Club

Club Manager Louis Bazan

409-718-5580

DUSTY TRAILS 4-H

3rd Monday of each month

6:30 pm

Mauriceville Community Center



4-H NEWS



Can ONE day Make a Difference? Yes it Can and you can do it!!!!

On Saturday, October 13, 2012 the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program will host the fourth annual *one day 4-H* event. Over the last three years more than 38,000 members and adults have stepped up, and out, into their communities and served more than 764,462 Texans in their time of need. Throughout the three events more than two million people have been exposed to the 4-H name and purpose through a positive demonstration of youth helping others, serving the community, and making our world a better place.

Many new members to 4-H, and even some old ones, have asked what is *one day 4-H*, and why is it called *one day 4-H*? This is 4-H's way of giving back through community service projects. For more than 105 years 4-H in Texas has been supported by the communities in which members live, *one day 4-H* is our opportunity to return that support. One day is all we need – to make a difference, to brighten someone's life, to save a life, and share a laugh! It is one day for a 4-H member in Texas to do what is needed in their community to make it better!



<http://www.facebook.com/OC4H.club>



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<http://orange.agrilife.org/>

**2012-2013 Texas 4-H/FFA
Steer Validation Tag Orders**

**Orders Must Be Received by April 20, 2012
at the
Orange County 4-H Office**

4-H CAMPS & CONTEST

2012 Texas 4-H Calf Roping and Break-A-Way School July 17-21

The Statewide Texas 4-H Calf Roping and Break-A-Way School will be held at the Tarleton State University Equine Arena in Stephenville, Texas. This event has been developed in order to encourage young people in 4-H to develop leadership ability and to exercise their abilities in working with younger members in roping activities in 4-H. The participation is open to all districts of the state with applications being received as first come first serve basis. Priority will be given to boys and girls 12 years of age and older.

The cost of the school will be \$380 for the week. Included in the cost will be; group insurance, meals, lodging, stall rent for one horse and will cover the cost of practice calves used in the teaching process. Most meals will be in the Tarleton State University Dining Hall. All Students will be house in the Tarleton State University Dormitories. Students will not be allowed to stay elsewhere.

Applications and additional information can be found at www.travis4h.com



2012 State 4-H Horse Show July 21—July 27

Youth horse enthusiasts have several opportunities to get involved with 4-H and FFA horse projects. No matter what your interest in horses may be, there is something for everyone! Raising horse projects teaches youngsters responsibility and commitment to a project. The time invested in riding, caring for, and training horses improves the quality of life for children.

For further information go to the website:

<http://animalscience.tamu.edu/academics/equine/state-4h-show/index.htm>



Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Games

State Games will be here before you know it! Mark your calendars for the 2012 Texas 4-H Shooting Sports State Games July 15-21, 2012 at the National Shooting Complex in San Antonio, TX. More information is COMING SOON on the website

1st Annual Texas 4-H Golf Challenge Camp *Want to learn more about golf?*



- ◆ This three day, two night camp will be hosted April 27 – 29, 2012 in College Station.
- ◆ Youth will have the opportunity to work with Texas A&M faculty and staff, as well as Golf Professionals in areas related to Turf Grass Management, Sports Nutrition, and Fundamentals of Golf.
- ◆ While learning fundamentals of golf, youth will also compete in different skill events for various prizes and awards.
- ◆ The cost to register is \$250, and includes two nights lodging, three meals, transportation to and from hotel, Texas A&M faculty teaching instruction, professional golf instruction, and all other expenses.

Registration is open February 1st through March 30th, and is limited to the first 30 youth registered.

District Rifle, Air Rifle & Air Pistol Contest

- ◆ Will be held at Fort Bend County Educational Building and Fairgrounds
- ◆ Entry/Registration for individuals online closes April 20. Must let 4-H office know you are participating
- ◆ Entry fee \$10
- ◆ Objective: To teach safe and responsible use of firearms including sound decision making, self-discipline and concentration.

For a complete set of rules go to:

<http://d94-h.tamu.edu/eventsandcontests/shooting-sports/#Shoot>

4-H CAMPS & CONTEST

Texas Brigades

Applications are now open for the 2012 Texas Brigades Wildlife Leadership Camps: see <http://agnews.tamu.edu/showstory.php?id=2308> for this week's news release announcing same, or the Brigades' website: www.texasbrigades.org for more information and dates of the respective camps. I personally invite you to visit one of the camps near you this summer. The offerings include Bobwhite, Buckskin, Bass, and Feathered Forces; pick whichever species turns you on.

If you stay for an hour, you'll be impressed. If you stay for a day, you'll be amazed. If you stay overnight, you'll be hooked.

If you know of an interested youth (ages 13-17) who might be interested, please forward this along to them.

If wildlife are important in your county, the 5-days will be especially useful for you— you'll not only receive the most intensive 5-day crash course on the species du jour, but it will also open up a network of wildlife professionals from across the state who can become a big asset to your future.

I hope to see you at a camp this summer.

Dale Rollins,
Professor & Extension Wildlife Specialist
Texas AgriLIFE Extension Service, San Angelo
325-653-4576



2012 District 9 4-H Roundup

May 4 & 5
Lone Star convention & Expo Center
Conroe Texas

All 4-H youth are invited to attend Roundup and have a fun filled weekend. Parents are also encouraged to participate.

This year we will be having the BBQ Cookoff for Junior/Intermediate Combined ages 8-13, Senior ages 14-18 and Open adults or adults/youth combinations.

Below is a list of the activities for the two days.

BBQ Cook-Off
Consumer Decision Making
4-H SET: Research Poster Contest
Educational Presentations/Public Speaking
Fashion Show
Fashion Story Board
Food Challenge
Food Show
Leaders 4 Life
Photography
Quiz Bowls
Share-The-Fun
Wildlife Skill-A-Thon

To learn more about Roundup go to:
<http://d94-h.tamu.edu/eventsandcontests/district-9-4-h-conference/> or contact the 4-H Office.

Check us out!
District 9 4-H and Youth Development
<http://d94-h.tamu.edu>

4-H NEWS

Texas 4-H Conference Center

Summer Programs 2012

Which camp is for you?

Horizons 2012



Camp for Youth 4th –8th grade

July 3-7 completed grades 4-8
Camp arrival 2:00—3:00 pm
Camp departure 10:00—11:00 am

Early registration, March 1—June 14 \$275
Late registration, June 15-23 \$289

Registration covers all meals, lodging, refreshments, health care services, facility and programming fees for the 4 night, 5 day event. Registrations accepted on a first come first served basis until the camp is filled. Youth are assigned to dormitories with other youth from their county; youth may request a dorm roommate during the registration process.

What is Horizons?

Horizons is a camp featuring six different 4-H project learning programs. Each participant will select from one of the six programs to be offered. These include: robotics, culinary arts, clothing & textiles, dog project, natural resources and creative leadership.



It will also include many of the fun activities you have come to enjoy at the 4-H Center, such as dancing, swimming and lots more. More than just camping, we strive to provide opportunities for young people to:

- Understand self and others.
- Live and work with a small group of peers, cooperatively making decisions that affect the group.
- Experience adventure and challenge not usually found in daily home life.
- Respect and enjoy nature and the outdoors.
- Apply knowledge, skills, and attitudes to real life situations.
- Make new friends.
- Have FUN!



County Camp 2012



County Camp allows counties to bring youth who have completed grades 2 thru 11 *

Session 1 — July 9-11, \$175 youth \$80 adult
Session 2 — July 11-14, \$225 youth \$105 adult

Camp arrival 2:00—3:00 pm
Camp departure 10:00—11:00 am

Early registration, March 1—June 14
Late registration, June 15-23 (additional 5%)

Registration covers all meals, lodging, refreshments, health care services, facility and programming fees. Registrations accepted on a first come first served basis until camp is filled. Counties are required to provide Adult Chaperones. County groups (youth and adult) are housed together, by gender. Special room requests should be noted on Registration.

What is County Camp?

A co-educational residential camp featuring traditional camp experiences such as kayaking, shooting sports, challenge course, environmental education, arts and crafts, dancing, swimming and lots more. * Upon arrival, participants are assigned to "activity groups" based on their age. More than just camping, we strive to provide opportunities for young people to:

- Understand self and others.
- Live and work with a small group of peers, cooperatively making decisions that affect the group.
- Experience adventure and challenge not usually found in daily home life.
- Respect and enjoy nature and the outdoors.
- Develop lifelong environmental issues.
- Apply knowledge, skills, and attitudes to real life situations.
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4-H NEWS



The week of a lifetime!

Summer Camp for children of wounded or disabled military families.

Camp Corral is a place where kids are free to be kids, apart from the day-to-day challenges they may face as children of wounded or disabled military families. Camp Corral is a special experience that will create lifetime memories for these kids – a full week with friends who can relate, packed with non-stop fun and all the camping can-do's they love:

swimming * hiking * target sports * ropes course * arts and crafts * dancing * kayaking * camp fire stories * dormitory life * water sports * meeting new friends

Thanks to the generosity of Golden Corral guests, Camp Corral is available at no cost other than transportation to and from camp.

Register at campcorral.org

Youth ages 8-15

Texas 4-H Conference Center

Summer Programs 2012

Which camp
is for you?

Mission Possible



**An Inclusive Camp for youth
with and without disabilities***

Camp dates: July 23, 2:00 pm—July 25 3:00 pm
Youth with special needs encouraged to apply

4-H and other youth serving as Mentors arrive on
July 22 at 2:00 pm

Early registration, March 1—June 14 \$175 per camper
Mentors, \$80
Late registration, June 15-23 (additional 5%)

Registration covers all meals, lodging, refreshments, health care services, facility and programming fees. Registrations accepted on a first come first served basis until camp is filled.

What is Mission Possible?

- A unique co-educational and INCLUSIVE residential camp featuring traditional camp experiences such as kayaking, shooting sports, challenge course, arts and crafts, environmental education, swimming, dancing, and lots more. Mission Possible strives to:
- Provide an inclusive, traditional 4-H camp environment for youth with and without disabilities.
- Raise awareness and educate 4-H members about the disability community.

Provide an opportunity for 4-H members to participate in a hands-on service learning activity and develop their leadership skills.

First time campers must apply by contacting the 4-H Center for an application. 4-H members wanting to serve as a Mentor, must apply before registering.



4-H NEWS

Prime Time 2012



4 days,
3 nights

Camp for Youth who have Completed 2nd - 8th grade

Session 1 — July 22-25—completed grades 5-8

Session 2 — July 25-28—completed grades 2-5

Camp arrival 2:00—3:00 pm
Camp departure 10:00—11:00 am

Early registration, March 1—June 14 \$225

Late registration, June 15-23 \$236

Registration covers all meals, lodging, refreshments, health care services, facility and programming fees for the 3 night, 4 day event. Registrations accepted on a first come first served basis until the camp is filled. Youth are assigned to dormitories with other youth from their county; youth may request a dorm roommate during the registration process.

What is Prime Time?

Prime Time is a co-educational residential camp featuring traditional camp experiences such as kayaking, shooting sports, challenge course, environmental education, arts and crafts, dancing, swimming and lots more. More than just camping, we strive to provide opportunities for young people to:

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Texas 4-H Conference Center

**Summer Programs
2012**

Register at texas4hcenter.tamu.edu
Youth Camps & Programs
[Register Now! link](#)

Tell me about the Texas 4-H Conference Center

The 4-H Conference Center is part of Texas AgriLife Extension, Texas A&M System and has been in the youth camping business since 1975! The Center is located on Lake Brownwood in the geographic center of the State.

Accredited by the American Camp Association (ACA), families are assured of a quality program and facility that meets rigorous standards.

Meals — a full time staff provides three wholesome, balanced meals each day. Lunch and Dinner include a self-serve salad bar, ensuring there's something for everyone.

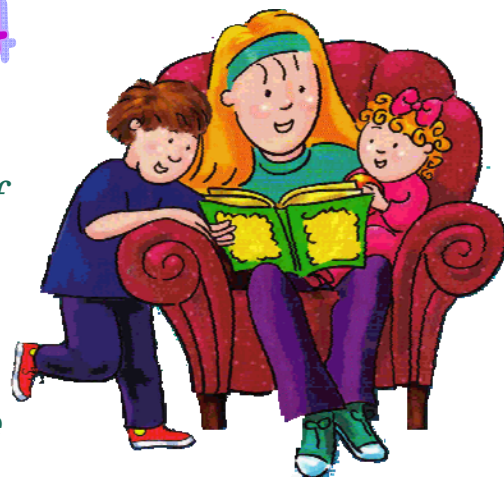
Staff — program coordinated by Youth Professionals of AgriLife Extension and college interns.

Health Care — nurse on duty 24/7. All medications are administered by the nurse.

Accommodations — youth are housed, by gender, in air-conditioned dormitories. Each dorm has its own restroom and shower facilities.

"I Have What It Takes to be Your Babysitter" Safe Sitter Training Ages 11 - 14

- *Familiarize teens with the responsibility of babysitting.*
- *Provide information to become capable, caring, trustworthy and responsible sitters.*
- *Teach skills and techniques needed to become competent babysitters (i.e. CPR).*
- *Help develop the confidence needed to handle situations that could happen when babysitting.*
- *Help teens develop a positive attitude about the care of children.*
- *Prepare teens in the business aspects of babysitting.*



July 23—24

9 am to 4 pm

Raymond Gould
Community Center
Vidor

Cost: \$40
(Scholarships Available)



Snack
and Lunch
Included

- Includes:
- Completion Card
 - Official Safe Sitter Handbook
 - Babysitter Kit

Call the Texas AgriLife Extension Office to Pre-register
409-882-7010



Telephone Learning Sessions

Date	Time	Topic
Miércoles, 4 de abril	12:00 pm	Las señales indicadoras del estrés del cuidador, con Edgar Rivas
Thursday, April 5th	2:00 pm	Silver Alert Program with Sam Allen, AMBER Alert Coordinator, Texas Department of Public Safety
Wednesday, April 11th	2:00 pm	Take Time Texas: The Texas Respite Coordination Center with Melanie Harrison, Aging Program Coordinator, Texas Association of Regional Councils
Miércoles, 18 de abril	12:00 pm	Vivir sin Sentimientos de Culpabilidad, Con Edgar Rivas
Thursday, April 19th	2:00 pm	"The Car Key Conversation" with Dr. Jamie Huysman, PsyD, LCSW, CAP, CFT
Tuesday, April 24th	10:00 am	Top Five Ways to Thrive as a Family Caregiver with Evalyn Greb, LCSW

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or call **866.390.6491 Toll Free**

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The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, Inc.



TEXAS
Department of Aging and Disability Services

Texas Superstars Presentation

As spring arrives it is time to enjoy our yards and make a trip to the garden center to buy new vegetable and landscape plants. Blueberries and bluebonnets have been seen blooming very early this year. Some other blue blooms to look for later in the spring and summer are the Brazilian Sky Flower and Vitex which also goes by the name Texas Lilac. Come to a presentation about these and other Texas Superstars that make your landscape beautiful virtually maintenance free.



April 17

9:00 am

**Orange County
Courthouse**

Youth Cooking Camp



Ages 8 to 13

**Come and learn food safety,
some new recipes,
and how to have fun in the kitchen!**

July 30 and July 31

9 am—4 pm

**Vidor Community Center
\$20 per child**



To register and for additional information contact Texas AgriLife Extension

409-882-7010

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Garden Dip

Ingredients:

1 pkg (8 oz) cream cheese, softened
2 tablespoons mayonnaise
1 teaspoon Adams Reserve Dill Weed
1 garlic clove, pressed
1 plum tomato, seeded and diced
1/4 cup diced green bell pepper
1 small carrot, finely grated (about 1/4 cup)
Salt and ground pepper to taste
1-2 tablespoons milk
1 large red bell pepper
Assorted vegetable dippers



Directions:

Combine cream cheese, mayonnaise, dill weed, and garlic; mix well. Dice tomato and green bell pepper. Grate carrot. Add vegetables to cream cheese mixture; mix well. Season to taste with salt and black pepper. Add 1-2 tablespoons milk to dip to adjust consistency.

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COOKING CONNECTION
AT HEB