

April 2013

Upcoming Events

- April 6: Orange County Master Gardeners Plant Sale, Master Gardener Green House at Cormier Park on 1442 in Orangefield, 8 am—12 pm
- April 9, 16, 23, 30: Agriculture in April, Mauriceville Community Center (except for 4/16 @ Foskey Veterinary Clinic), 6:00 pm
- May 7: Senior Citizens Rally Day, VFW Hall, 9 am—1 pm
- May 7, 14, 21, 28: Green Thumb Series: Keeping Plants Healthy, Mauriceville Community Center, 6 pm—8 pm
- May 22, 29: Certified Food Managers Course, Mauriceville Community Center, 9 am—4 pm
- 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, 6:30 pm, Open to Public,



Mardi Gras! 44th Annual 

Senior Citizens Rally Day

"It's Mardi Gras Time!"

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Veterans of Foreign War (VFW) Hall

North Highway 87, Orange

Free Health Fair 9 a.m. till 1 p.m.

 **Lions Eye Bank of Texas**
WANTS all your old/unused
eye glasses

Bingo 

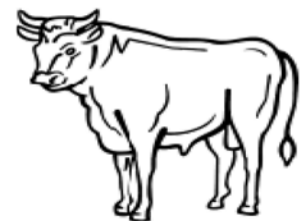
Senior Recognition Awards
will be Presented

Free Meal

**Agriculture
in April**

**Classes begin
April 9, 2013**

**See page 4
for more information**



**Livestock
&
Bees**

Plant Sale



SATURDAY

April 6, 2013

8:00AM to 12:00PM

8235 FM 1442

**Jewel Cormier Park
Orangefield, Texas**

A large selection of quality plants will be for sale including herbs, vines, annuals, perennials, shrubs, trees, tropicals, houseplants and many other types to numerous to list will be available.

For more information visit the website:
<http://txmg.org/orange>

Keys to the Courthouse

Counties play a major role in the administration of *justice* in Texas. Each county's justice system is based on the county's size. If counties need special help to investigate criminal matters they can call upon the Texas Rangers. These are the components of county law enforcement.

If you think of the judicial system as having a pyramid shape, the **justice of the peace courts** would be the base. Justices of the peace have the authority to judge minor *civil* cases, to impose small fines (not more than \$200) for misdemeanors, and to hold preliminary hearings on more serious crimes. The justice of the peace court can function as a *small claims* court in disputes involving less than \$10,000. A justice of the peace can be a coroner, issue warrants, conduct investigations and preliminary hearings, and perform marriages. Periodic training is required to hold this office and the justice does not have to be an attorney.

The next level in the pyramid is the **county court**. The county judge presides over the county court. In rural areas, he or she is a judge in *criminal* (*misdemeanor* cases only), civil, *probate* and mental competency cases. County court has jurisdiction in civil cases involving small amounts of money.

In more populated counties, the state legislature has created **county courts-at-law** to relieve the county constitutional courts. In these counties, civil and criminal jurisdictions are transferred to the county courts-at-law. The courts-at-law judges must be licensed attorneys and are helped by the county clerk.

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 A&M AgriLife Extension Service, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating.

Certified Food Manager Two-Day Certification Course

May 22 & 29, 2013
(Mauriceville Community Center)

or
August 6 & 13, 2013
(To be Determined)

9 am to 4 pm

This hands-on food safety course will equip you with the latest in

- Food safety principles & practices
- Prepare you for the National Certified Food Manager Examination

\$125 per person includes

- 2-day course
- national certification examination,
- course book & all course materials

Must Pre-Register by going to the website below, print out the form, and mail to the address on the form before class date.

<http://foodsafety.tamu.edu/>

May Class deadline April 30, 2013 / August class deadline: July 23, 2013

Prepare for the National ANSI Certified Professional Food Manager Exam by taking one of our courses. All courses are taught by Instructors accredited by the Texas Department of State Health Services and have completed additional requirements from the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

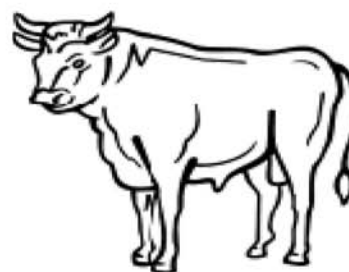
For additional information or questions call

Orange County Extension Office at

409-882-7010



Agriculture in April



Livestock & Bees

Call the Texas A&M
AgriLife Extension
Office if you are
interested so we can
plan for the class
materials.
409-882-7010.

Mark your calendars!

- **Tuesday 4/9/13:** Bovine Reproduction- Synchronizing your cattle and breeding methods.
- **Tuesday 4/16/13:** General Health and Disease Issues for Cattle, Horses, and Livestock Animals in Southeast Texas.
- **Tuesday 4/23/13:** Beekeeping and Honey Production.
- **Tuesday 4/30/13:** What Makes my Home a Farm?... Understanding Purposes and Requirements for Agricultural Land Exemptions.

Mauriceville
Community Center
(4/16/13 at Foskey
Veterinary clinic)

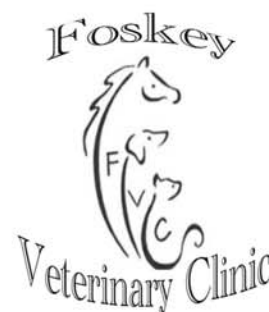
6:00 pm

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Orange County 4-H To Make the Best Better



*Marie Kenney, BSA, County Extension Agent 4-H/Youth Development
makenney@ag.tamu.edu 409-882-7010*

CLAYBUSTERS SHOTGUN SHOOTING SPORTS New Club Manager

**Wayne Walker, Club Manager
988-6003**

**NEW 4-H RIFLE CLUB
contact Wayne Walker for
more information**



**MIGHTY PIRATES
2nd Tuesday of each month**

**April 9 at 7 pm
Vidor Community Center**

**Kathy Hester, Club Manager
790-8835**

DUSTY TRAILS 2nd Monday of each month

**April 8 at 7 pm
Mauriceville Community Center**

**Jessica Mayfield, Club Manager
886-5906**



4-H CAMP NEWS

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LET'S GO CAMPING! 2013

FUN, ADVENTURE, AND FRIENDS

Texas 4-H Conference Center, Brownwood, TX

Be part of the fun this summer with your friends at the Texas 4-H Conference Center! Sign up and experience hands-on adventures on Lake Brownwood!

To register, go to: Texas4Hcenter.tamu.edu

- All camp enrollment is based on grade completed in the spring, 2013.
- 4-H membership is NOT required to participate in any camp.
- Registration program allows for:
 - pre-ordering of t-shirts
 - sending messages to friends encouraging them to sign up for same camp.
 - pay a deposit by June 13th or full amount for July camps.
 - discount fee if you register for July camps before June 13th!

CAMP (Grade Completed)	ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE	REGISTRATION FEE (Youth/Adult)
Horizons Grades 4-8	June 4th - 2 pm June 8th - 10:30 am	\$275 / \$130
County Camp I	July 1st - 2 pm July 3rd - 11 am	\$175 / \$80
Mission Possible Mentor Training	July 7th - 2 pm July 8th - 2 pm	\$80
Mission Possible	July 8th - 2 pm July 10th - 10 am	\$175 / \$80
County Camp II	July 8th - 2 pm July 10th - 11 am	\$175 / \$80
County Camp III	July 10th - 2 pm July 13th - 2 pm	\$225 / \$105
Camp Corral	July 14th - 2 pm July 19th - 11 am	military youth only
Prime Time I Grades 5th - 8th	July 21st - 2 pm July 24th - 10 am	\$225 / \$105
Prime Time II Grades 2nd - 5th	July 24th - 2 pm July 27th 10 am	\$225 / \$105



4-H SHOOTING SPORTS NEWS

Garza County 4-H Shotgun Sports

Trap Shoot

Saturday April 20, 2013

Monk Palmer's 22P Gun Club

9 Miles West of Post on U.S. Highway
380 Post, Texas

Early Registration \$15 plus \$5 per round

Early Registration ends Monday April 15,
2013

Late Registration \$25 plus \$5 per round

Day of shoot registration begins at
8am—Shoot begins Promptly at 9 am

R.V. Hookup Available, Concessions will
be available. Bring Lawn Chairs.

For more information Call Ray Mason
806-781-8022

1st thru 4th Place buckles will be given in
each age division



Montgomery County 4-H

Invitational Whiz Bang

April 27, 2013

Creekwood Shooting Sports

12824 Hwy 105 West Conroe, TX

936-588-3793

www.creekwoodshootingsports.com

Day of shoot registration begins at 7 am

Registration can be found at
www.mc4hst.org under Whizbang tab
click on registration.

Registration deadline is April 22, 2013

After that date, a late fee of \$25 will be
assessed and shooters will be registered
on an as available basis only. All en-
trants' registration forms and payment
must be postmarked or received in the
registration office on or before April 22
to avoid a late fee of \$25.

One meal ticket per registered shooter

Concessions on the grounds will be
open for breakfast and lunch

4-H SHOOTING SPORTS NEWS

KERR 4-H

Skeet and Trap Club 2013 Invitational
Friday May 31 through Sunday, June 2, 2013



Online registration available through I-Clays

Signup URL:

https://www.iclays.com/cgi-bin/tournament_signup.cgi?tournament_id=2313&nsca_id=0

You will receive an email confirming your registration. You will receive another email confirming when your payment has been received.

Deadline for I-clays registration—May 10, 2013

Payment by credit card (Visa, MC or Discover), Cashier's Check, Personal Check, or Money Order.

Early Entries & Payments must be received in the registration office by May 10, 2013

HOA Trophy plus \$100 VISA/Master Card Gift card

Contact information:

K.C. Cunningham, Event Coordinator or Lindsey Foster, Registration Secretary

830-257-6568 or email: kerr.registration@yahoo.com

**It's not too late
to join
Orange County
Claybusters Shooting Sports**

4-H EQUINE NEWS

Texas 4-H Equine Ambassador Program, *Derrick Burton, d-burton@ag.tamu.edu*

Are you a horse enthusiast? Do you consider yourself a leader among your peers? Do you want to be a part of something bigger than yourself? Do you want to take your 4-H horse project to the next level? Accept the challenge and apply to become a Texas 4-H Equine Ambassador!

The Texas 4-H Equine Ambassador program is designed as an in depth learning experience for selected youth to represent the equine industry in Texas. The 2013 training will be held in Gainesville on August 11-15. Training includes a short-course experience in the most heavily populated horse industry area of Texas. During this five-day training, more than 30 hours of rigorous instruction by industry professionals, university faculty, Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Specialist, and County Extension Agents cover topics such as leadership, career development, horse care and training philosophies and Horse Industry advocacy.



The online application will be active between March 1 and April 30. The link will be posted on the program's page linked below. An "Ambassador Packet" containing eligibility requirements, details about the training, application process can be downloaded from this page as well. Limited space is available, so take the time to submit a quality application, and then get back to horsing around! <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/equine>.

Texas 4-H Horse Validation Opened March 1st on 4-H Connect

Teri Antilley, tjantilley@ag.tamu.edu.



The 2013 Texas 4-H Horse Validation Process started March 1st on 4-H Connect and runs through April 15th at a cost of \$10 per horse. From April 16th to May 1st the cost increases to \$20 per horse. Validation is required for all horses that may be entered into either district or state horse shows. For those horses validated last year in 4-H Connect, you will need to re-activate and pay for validation. New horses you will need to provide photos of each side, and front, as well as a pdf copy of registration papers (if registered). For more information and to download instructions for validating horse, go to this link: <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/academics/equine/state-4h-show>.

4-H GOLF NEWS

Back by **POPULAR DEMAND!**

4-H Golf Challenge *CAMP!*

Camp includes:

- Golf Instruction from local Golf professionals focusing on Golf Fundamentals
- Expert instruction in the areas of:
 - Turf Grass Management
 - Sports Nutrition

Information:

- April 26- 28, 2013
- 3 days, 2 nights
- College Station, Texas
- Registration: March 1 - April 17 (4-H Connect)
- **Limited** to the first 30 youth (Intermediate & Senior)
- Registration fee \$225 (includes hotel stay, meals, transportation, professional instruction & a t-shirt)
- Additional hotel rooms will be available for parents and volunteers at the College Station Hawthorn at a reduced rate of \$93 /night

Call 979.846.9800 (DEADLINE FOR THIS RATE: APRIL 5)

Contact:

Kyle Merten at KJMerten@ag.tamu.edu or 979.845.6533

Also Visit:

<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/youth/golf/index.php>

Schedule to be announced in early March



4-H NEWS



HELP US GROW 4-H OUT HERE

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL 4-H CLUBS:

\$1

PLEASE ADD
ONE DOLLAR
AT CHECKOUT



DONATE MAY 8TH - MAY 19TH

100% of the proceeds from the sale of paper clovers will be split among state and county 4-H programs and National 4-H Council. To learn about the TSC and 4-H partnership, please visit Tractorsupply.com/4-H.



4-H LIVESTOCK NEWS



2013-2014 Texas 4-H/FFA Steer tag Orders

due in 4-H Office no later than

Tuesday, April 17, 2013 by 5 pm.

Tag orders by April 17 are \$8 per tag

Late tags (April 24-June 24, 2013)
will be \$20 per tag.

4-H NEWS

MASH CAMP

Courtney Dodd, cfdodd@ag.tamu.edu

Are you a young person interested in the career fields of safety, health, or medicine? Then you need to attend the 3rd annual MASH Camp hosted by the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program on June 24-26, 2013 at Texas A&M University in College Station.

This career focused camp allows for youth to work side-by-side with professionals in the area of medical, athletic, and emergency first-responders in hands-on activities to experience the day-to-day life of learning and doing. Registration for this camp is limited and more information as well as registration dates will be released in mid-March. For more information visit the Texas 4-H Healthy Lifestyles website at http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/healthy_lifestyles



*Green
Thumb
Series*



Keeping Your Plants Healthy!

May 7, May 14, May 21, May 28

6 pm to 8 pm

**Mauriceville Community Center
Off Cohenour Road-Mauriceville**

Topics:

Weeds

Beneficial Insects and Insect Pests

Other Health Challenges in the Environment

Fungal Diseases on Plants

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*



Time to Clean the Scene

Your refrigerator is an important appliance! Make it the focus of your spring cleaning! Take steps to clean and sanitize refrigerator surfaces:

Reduce risk of food borne illness --



- First, throw away perishable foods in your refrigerator that should no longer be eaten. Refer to the [cold storage chart](#).
- Remove refrigerator drawers and clean them with hot water and soap in the kitchen sink.
- Clean other interior refrigerator surfaces with hot water and soap, then rinse with water. Wipe dry with a clean cloth.
- After cleaning, use a diluted bleach and water solution (1 T liquid bleach to 1 Gal water) on shelves, drawers and other interior surfaces of the refrigerator.
- Clean the refrigerator's condenser coil with a brush or vacuum cleaner to remove dirt and lint. This can help your refrigerator operate more efficiently.

Clean • Separate • Cook • Chill

The non-profit Partnership for Food Safety Education saves and improves public health through research-based, actionable, consumer food safety initiatives that reduce foodborne illness

The Five Minute Parent

Fun & Fast Activities for You and Your Little Ones

Adventures in Art

Add vibrant color to everything in your life!

Rocky Colors:

Materials:

- ♦ Rocks in various shapes and sizes
- ♦ Acrylic paints
- ♦ Paintbrush

Directions:

Gather different shapes and sizes of rocks from your neighborhood and paint funny faces on them, or wild and colorful designs. Rocky Colors make cute and creative paperweight gifts.

Creative Faces:

Materials:

- ♦ Washable, non-toxic paints
- ♦ Paintbrush

Directions:

Dip the paintbrush into the paint and draw designs on your face! Simple designs and pictures, such as a lady bug or a smiley face, work best. Be careful not to get paint near your eyes or mouth. This is a big hit at birthday parties!

***Excerpt from the book "The Five Minute Parent" by Deborah Shelton

Nutritious Snacks

For Kids!!

Fruitsicles

Ingredients:

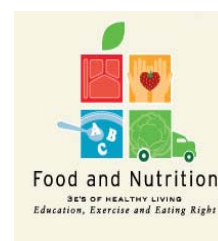
- ♦ 3 cups 100% fruit juice (apple, orange, grape, etc.)
- ♦ 1 cup canned fruit in natural juices (cocktail, pears, peaches, apricots, etc.)

Equipment:

- ♦ Measuring cups
- ♦ Food mill or grinder, blender, food processor
- ♦ Disposable 5-ounce cups (5-ounce size, 8 each)
- ♦ Popsicle sticks (8 each)
- ♦ Plastic wrap

Directions:

1. Pour juice and canned fruit into blender, food mill, or processor
2. Mix juice and fruit together and pour 4 ounces (1/2 cup) into paper cups
3. Cover with plastic wrap, slit a hole in center of wrap, and insert popsicle stick into hole
4. Freeze until hard
5. Tear away cup to eat
6. Serve one paper cup per child



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Mexican Beans

Ingredients:

- ♦ Seasoning Blend (onions, green pepper, celery, bits of red pepper, , fajita seasoning works too)
- ♦ 2 cans Pinto Beans (substitute 1 can each of Ranch Style Plain and Ranch Style Jalapenos for more spice)
- ♦ Crushed tomatoes (Great Value brand from Walmart is 28 oz and perfect consistency)
- ♦ Extra green peppers if desired

Directions:

Combine:

- ♦ Blob of olive oil about 4" wide in pan/pot
- ♦ 1 cup of seasoning blend
- ♦ 1/3 cup green peppers (optional)
- ♦ Crushed tomatoes
- ♦ 2 cans of beans, drained

Stir the mix completely then add:

- ♦ 1 tsp chili powder
- ♦ 1/2 tsp garlic salt
- ♦ 1/4 tsp cumin

Mix well and simmer.

Let set overnight in fridge to make the flavor even better.

