The 4-H kids have been busy the past month. We have attended shows in Odessa, Kerrville, and Fort Worth. I want to congratulate Blake Warren, Seth Shanklin, Kent Dunbar, Paco Ramirez, Rebecca Ramirez, Angela Morales, Ray Franco, and Alexis Flores for there hard work and showing they did at these past shows. We still have a few more shows to attend so lets keep up the hard work. I will list the shear dates for San Antonio and San Angelo below.

2/12/12– Shear Goats for San Antonio

2/13/12- Shear lambs for San Antonio

2/14/12– Departing for S.A. Early

2/15/12– Show starts 8 am , FW, FWX, SD, and Light Weight division Goats

2/16/12– Show starts at 8 am, MW and heavy weight division goats.

2/19/12- Shear Lambs for San Angelo

2/20/12– Depart for San Angelo

2/21/12- Show starts 8 a.m. all breeds

* The district Food, Clothing and Textiles show is coming up! If you are interested in this please give me a call.....

Remember if you have any questions please give me a call.

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Gardeners in most of the state can start seeds for warm-season annuals and perennials this month. In 4 to 8 weeks they should be ready for planting outdoors once the danger of frost has passed. Continue to fertilize cool season color plans to keep them vigorous and productive. Light applications of nutrients on a frequent basis are the key to stretching the bloom-show for as long as possible. Mowing season is coming soon. Now is a good time to get out the mower, string trimmer and other such equipment. Have any needed repairs or tune-ups done, and get blades sharpened to be ready for spring. Turn the compost pile and moisten the materials as needed. This will keep it going so you have that "black gold" on hand for spring planting. Start moving growing transplants outdoors a week or two prior to their planting date to get them accustomed to the outdoor conditions.

-Information provided by Texas Gardener Magazine.

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Well, February is here and flying by as fast as January did. Before we know it will be spring and most of us will be lambing and calving and fighting off the predators for another year. I wish I had a crystal ball and could tell you that this wet pattern was going to stay but I can't. Let's just keep praying for the best and prepare for the worst. This month I will be sending out some promotional pieces to advertise for our multicounty predator workshop in March. This program will be held at the Kerr wildlife area in Kerrville Texas on March 27th. We will have great speakers on hand to discuss predator issues as well as trapping demonstrations. After the catered lunch we will have an M-44 certification course for those that wish to obtain one. Contact me for additional information and be looking for this info in the mail. If you have any questions don't hesitate to call.

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