

Upcoming Events

- July 4: Independence Day Holiday—Office Closed
- July 2 & 9: Certified Food Managers Class; Orange County Convention and Expo Center; 9 am—4 pm
- Aug 20, 27, Sept 3, 10: Making your Landscape and Lawn Beautiful; 6:00 pm—8:00 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,



Orange County Claybusters

8th Annual Fundraiser

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"Dove Hunt Warm UP"

Saturday, August 24, 2013



Join us at the Orange Gun Club.

Team of 5/\$500, bbq lunch will be provided for participants.

Awards will be given to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place team members along with a youth and adult H.O.A. award.

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HAPPY
INDEPENDENCE
DAY!!

Private Pesticide Applicator's Training

Appointments Only!!

Tuesday's

8:30 AM

\$50

(Covers all study materials)

409-882-7010



The private applicator license is required to use or supervise the use of restricted or state limited pesticides on your property. Education is provided by the Extension Department. Testing is separated and handled by the Texas Department of Agriculture. Call the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension office to schedule your training!

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.

In order to work, the court system needs citizens to take their turn serving as jurors. A jury is a group of people who listen to a court case. The jury may decide which person in a dispute is right concerning disputed facts. It also may decide whether a person committed the crime of which he or she is accused. A juror must be at least 18 years old, a U.S. citizen, a resident of the county, and able to understand English. He or she cannot have any handicap that would get in the way of jury duty and must never have been found guilty of a major crime.



Names of potential jurors are taken from lists of registered voters and driver's license holders. A person on these lists is likely to be called to jury duty about once every 3 years. Potential jurors are mailed letters that tell them to appear at the court. Anyone who gets a jury duty notice must report. Only a few reasons can excuse a person from jury duty. The jurors who serve are often paid a small daily fee.



The attorneys in each case are permitted a role in choosing the people who will sit on the jury. Each attorney tries to choose jurors who might favor the person for whom he or she is working. Voir dire is the system used by judges and attorneys to determine which potential jurors will actually serve so that there is an impartial jury representing a cross section of the community.

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.



44th Annual Senior Citizens Rally Day

"It's Mardi Gras Time!"

Wrap-up

The 2013 44th Annual Rally Day was such a success! It took place from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm at the VFW Hall on Hwy 87 on May 7, 2013. Over 350 people attended not including the 85 vendors and over 25 volunteers. The day began with a health fair and BINGO, followed by Beth Roche as our MC. The theme this year was Mardi Gras and all 40 vendors had amazingly decorated booths that matched the theme. Southeast Texas Hospice won the best decorated booth.

Dr. Castellanos, Board Certified Cardiologist offered a presentation on heart disease and answered questions from the participants.

Nominations were received for outstanding community service and one man and one woman is selected each year. The 2013 Female Citizen of the Year Carol Bishop was selected for her service. Carol has a heart that truly cares for others. She volunteers weekly at her church in West Orange running the audio visual equipment, making copies, helping with the weekly bulletin, cleaning, and much more. She went through the Texas AgriLife Extension Master Wellness Program and she has been teaching individuals and groups healthy lifestyle choices and how to live successfully with Diabetes. She has a passion for teaching and sharing what she knows with all who are interested.



Carol Bishop



Ruben Stringer

The 2013 Male Citizen of the Year, Ruben Stringer was selected for his service. Mr. Stringer is a man on a mission. He is very instrumental in the Soil and Water Conservation, his church, and is still teaching Agricultural classes each day all while in his 70's. He is a very special person to his students and all who know and work with him. He has been a mentor, role model and a true friend to each and every individual he has been associated with since coming to Orange County in 1958.

Several special awards were given by Commissioner Banken. He awarded the person who "Traveled the Farthest" to AJ Mott from West Vally, Utah ; "The Most Grand children" to Lillie Moses who has 48 grandchildren; "The Most Years Attended" to Margie Farley who has attended for the past 18 years, and "The Oldest Senior Citizen in Attendance" to Inez Turner who is currently 104 years old.



Inez Turner

The free lunch was Gumbo, potato salad, and banana pudding catered by Robert's in Orange and served by the Kiwanis Club of Orange and other volunteers. The Gumbo was a tasty way to tie up the Mardi Gras theme and enjoy lunch together and the left over food was donated to a local soup kitchen.

The finale that topped off the successful event was entertainment by Britt Godwin and Huey Buxton. I know everyone left ready to hear them sing again with a smile on their face and a swing in their step.



Online Food Safety Course Options

www.servsafe.com

Certified Food Manager Certification:

The Texas Foodguard course is for Texas managers only. This can be taken online by those that are unable to attend the Certified Food Manager class that the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Agent is holding. This can be found at the following address:

<https://www.servsafe.com/ss/catalog/ProductList.aspx?SCID=51&RCID=46&NRAEFProd=1>

TEXAS FOODGUARD

FOODGUARD® TEXAS ONLINE COURSE AND CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION

The FoodGuard® Texas Online Course and Certificate Examination contains the online training and the FoodGuard Texas Certificate Examination to meet standards for managers in the state of Texas.



Texas FoodGuard® Online Course and Exam

Your Price: \$100.00
ADD TO SHOPPING CART

The Texas FoodGuard® Online Course and Certification Examination Bundle contains the online training and the FoodGuard Texas Certification Examination to meet standards for managers in the state of Texas.

Food Handler Course:

The ServSafe Texas Starters Online Course is for Texas food handlers only. This course covers five key areas: Basic Food Safety, Personal Hygiene, Cross-Contamination & Allergens, Time and Temperature, and Cleaning and Sanitation. This course is required for those that are handling food including the Farmers Market vendors. The address for this course is:

<http://www.servsafe.com/ss/catalog/productDetail.aspx?ID=1713>

SERVSAFE TEXAS STARTERS ONLINE COURSE



State Version: Texas
Language: English/Spanish
Exam Type: Online Assessment Included
Food Code: 2009 FDA Food Code
Product Sku: SSECT5TX

The ServSafe Texas Starters Online Course is accredited by the Texas Department of State Health Services. This program is accepted in all Texas jurisdictions.

If a Texas Starters permit is required, simply print a copy of the Certification of Achievement to provide to the local health department to purchase the food handler permit.



Orange County 4-H To Make the Best Better



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CLAYBUSTERS SHOTGUN SHOOTING SPORTS

Claybusters are planning to be a club all year long and have shooting every week or once a month.

New Club Manager

John Bilbo, Club Manager

779-1115

MIGHTY PIRATES

**2nd Tuesday of each month
during the school year**

Club meets at the

Vidor Community Center

Kathy Hester, Club Manager

790-8835



DUSTY TRAILS

**Meets the 2nd Monday of each month
during the school year**

Club meets at the

Mauriceville Community Center

4-H Office 882-7010

4-H NEWS

GOOD LUCK
to all our
Claybuster 4-H'ers
at the
Texas 4-H Shooting Sports
State Games July 15-20



Congratulations!!!!



TOTAL Sponsored Claybusters 4-H at the
Ducks Unlimited Shoot held in June

Nicholas Dean won Youth Highest Overall with a 96

Wyatt Neely won a AR15 in the raffle.

4-H NEWS



Orange County Claybusters

8th Annual Fundraiser

Raffle Tickets \$5 each



Purchase your \$5 ticket(s) from any of the 4-H Claybuster shooting team members. All profits go to sending our local 4-H shooters to the State Competition in San Antonio, Texas. Raffle prizes range from a hunting rifle to a YETI ice chest. Drawing will be held after the "Dove Hunt Warm Up" awards.



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Fabulous BBQ Lunch with drink will be available for \$5

For additional information contact

John Bilbo 409-779-1115 or jcbilbo@outlook.com

SKEET

TRAP

5-STAND

4-H NEWS

**Orange County Livestock Show Association
Tag-In for October 18 & 19 show will be**



JULY 20

8 am to Noon

at OCLSA Barn

\$25 per Entry

(No Refunds)

Roaster \$2 each

Roasters will arrive August 9

Pickup at Vidor Ag Building 4pm to 6pm only



Rabbit Entry Form

\$25 Entry fee per Meat Pen

(No Refunds)

Entries must be postmarked by

September 19

Applications available through OCLSA or Orange County 4-H office

Tommy Harrington-Chairman 409.504.5210

Eddie Miller-Rabbit Show Chairman 409.284.2427

4-H NEWS

Tractor Supply Paper Clover Results



Thanks to our partners at Tractor Supply Company and Del's **\$509,039 was raised** in just twelve short days in support of 4-H! This success would not be possible without all of your dedication and hard work with the local store and its team members. Don't forget to stop by your TSC or Del's store to tell them how meaningful this support is to your 4-H program.

The top 5 states for the amounts of funds raised are:

1. Texas	\$52,067
2. Tennessee	\$38,172
3. New York	\$34,341
4. Pennsylvania	\$32,000
5. Michigan	\$31,072



Livestock Judging

We have a team forming with a few slots left to complete the team. If you are interested in Livestock Judging, please call the 4-H Office as soon as possible 882.7010.



Livestock Judging Description/Objectives:

To increase knowledge of livestock evaluation and selection techniques

To better understand breeding concepts and use of analytical tools such as EPDs

To employ decision making skills

To create a sense of team work

To learn to make individual decisions and support them with oral statements

4-H NEWS

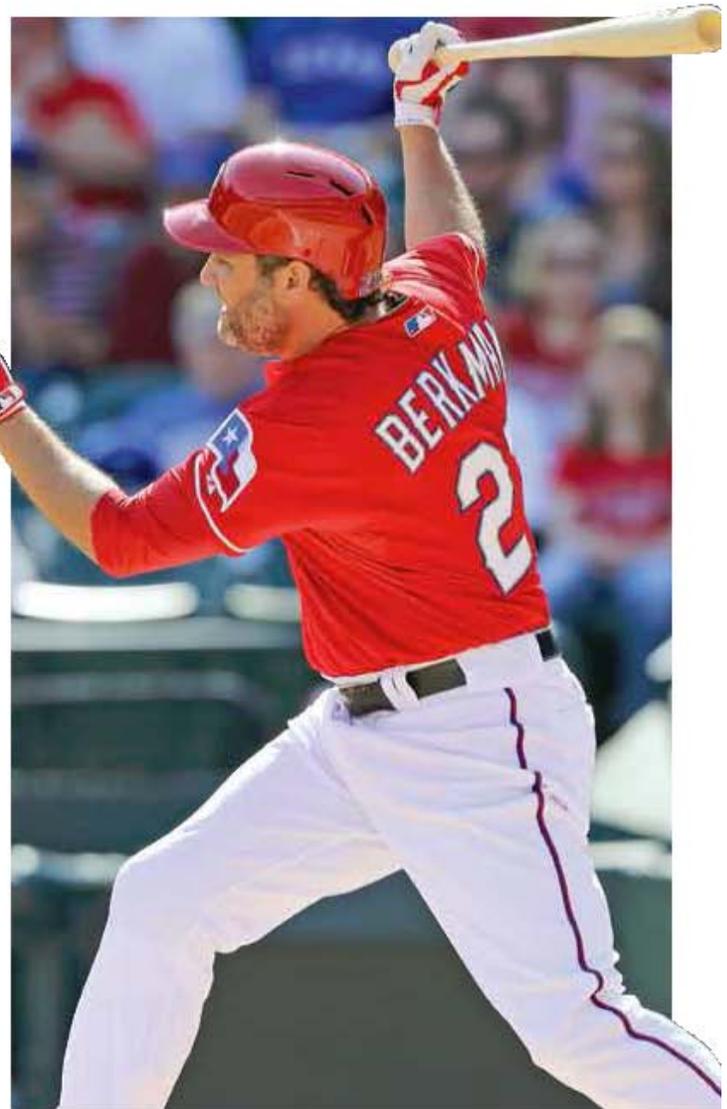
**TEXAS 4-H
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
FOUNDATION BIG LEAGUE EVENT**

at Rangers Ballpark in Arlington

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
7:05 PM**



vs.



**15% DISCOUNT FOR 4-H FAMILIES & FRIENDS AT
ALL TEXAS LA QUINTA HOTELS**

Use the "TX4H" booking code.

Closest location to the ballpark:

825 N Watson Rd. Arlington, TX 76011

817-640-4142

To view seating diagram, visit: texasrangers.com

TEXAS 4-H DAY | *Saturday, September 28, 2013*

Please indicate the quantity you would like to purchase.

All You Can Eat Porch (Reg. \$88) _____ x \$51 = Total \$ _____

Lexus Club Terrace (Reg. \$66) _____ x \$30 = Total \$ _____

Upper Reserved (Reg. \$22) _____ x \$18 = Total \$ _____

Service Fee \$ 3.00

GRAND TOTAL \$ _____

For every advance ticket purchased, a \$3 donation will be made to the Texas 4-H Youth Programs and Education fund.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

County & Member Name: _____

Phone: (D) _____ (E) _____

E-mail: _____

Payment Method: (Checks payable to Texas Rangers)

Check #: _____ Visa MC Amex Disc Diners

Card #: _____ Exp: _____

4-H NEWS

***Vidor FFA Booster Club Summer Spectacular
Prospect Show***

July 27, 2013

Mauriceville Fairgrounds off Highway 62 in Mauriceville

Show order will be Steers then Heifers

Check in starts at 6:30 a.m.

Show starts 9:00 a.m.

Rules:

Steers shown by weight and breed

Heifers shown by age and breed

Judge: Kyle Phillips

**Please make checks payable to Vidor FFA Booster club
PO box 1375 Vidor, Texas 77670-1375**

Overall Grand Champions
Belt Buckles

Concession Stand
Will be provided

Showmanship
Belt Buckles for Sr. and
Jr. showmanship in each
division

Overall Reserve Champions
Belt Buckles

Generators are welcome

Steer and Heifer Classes

American, English and Exotic

Heifer Age Classes:

Class 1- 0-6 months

Class 2- 7-12 months

Class 3- 13-18 months

Class 4- 19-24 months

Class 5- 24 months and up

Questions about the show contact

Vidor FFA Advisor

Tim Singleton

(409) 951-8932

Or

Tommy Harrington

(409) 504-5210

Embroidered Garment bags for Breed Champions

Come join us in this Bovine Blowout

***Entry fee is \$20.00
Per animal***

Entry form for Vidor FFA Booster Club Prospect Show July 27, 2013

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

4-H Club/ FFA Chapter: _____

Breed/ Species: _____ **Weight:** _____

***Entry fees will be
accepted the day of the
show!!***

*Green
Thumb
Series*



TEXAS A&M
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Making Your Landscape and Lawn Beautiful

Tuesdays

Aug 20, Aug 27, Sept 3, Sept 10

6 pm to 8 pm

Call the Extension office for location!

Topics:

Soil and Plant Nutrition

Fertilizers and Soil Testing

Lawn Care and EarthKind Landscaping

Landscape Design



\$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***



The Importance of Watersheds to People

Watersheds are **Wetlands**

important to people as *Vital components of watersheds*

well as to other living things. People depend on watersheds. Wetlands can be defined in many

ways. The ecological definition of wetlands is very broad, including both areas that are periodically or permanently covered with fresh or salt water and areas where the soil is saturated with water seasonally or all the time. In both cases, availability of water is high, and some elements of terrestrial and aquatic habitats are combined.

upon watersheds for their water supply, recreation, food and fiber, industrial uses and beauty. They also depend upon the watersheds for the ecological benefits to themselves and the other living things they support. All of these things are influenced by both the **beneficial** or **harmful** things that take place in the watershed.

Adverse effects

Preserving and protecting our watersheds can help us avoid serious problems. However, that protection must take place in the tiny watersheds at the headwaters in order to have an impact downstream.

Contamination

Some contamination of watersheds is from natural sources. The upper reaches of the Brazos and Red Rivers, for example, are quite salty because of natural salt deposits in their watersheds. Other types of contamination come from human-induced sources. Sewage, industrial wastes, acid precipitation, agricultural chemicals and wastes, and toxic materials from homes and lawns all contribute to the pollution or contaminant load in watersheds. Control of these, too, requires care at the source in all the tiny upstream watersheds.

Wetlands are among the vital components of watersheds. Wetlands can be defined in many ways. The ecological definition of wetlands is very broad, including both areas that are periodically or permanently covered with fresh or salt water and areas where the soil is saturated with water seasonally or all the time. In both cases, availability of water is high, and some elements of terrestrial and aquatic habitats are combined.

Examples of inundated or flooded wetlands include marshes, swamps, oxbow lakes, playas, vernal ponds, and tidal marshes. These areas usually have emergent or floating plants at least seasonally.

Wetlands based on saturated soils may include fens, moors, wet meadows, solid bogs, seasonal sloughs and vernal pools (after they “dry up”). Many of these wetlands are only wet seasonally.



Sun Safety in the Texas Heat



It's that time again in Texas when the temperatures get up to three digit numbers, but it isn't just the heat that is getting to you. The sun also emits UV rays which can be harmful to the skin. Did you know that excessive exposure to the ultraviolet radiation of the sun is the most important preventable cause of all skin cancers? Melanoma is the most serious form of skin cancer and according to the National Cancer Institute it is estimated that there will be 76,690 new cases in the United States as well as 9,480 deaths in 2013. Don't let yourself or your family members be a part of these numbers. Learning a few things about skin safety can help you prevent it.

There are different types of UV rays that come from the sun. Some sunscreens only protect from one type. Be sure to get a sunscreen that protects from both UVA and UVB rays. Just because it is cloudy outside doesn't mean that the UV rays are blocked from reaching your skin. Like light UVA rays can go through glass, so before taking off for a car ride don't forget to put some sunscreen on. UV rays can also do damaged to your eyes so find a wide (3'') brim hat and some sunglasses to protect your face as well.

Some tips on keeping the UV rays from harming you:

1. Apply sunscreen 20 minutes before going out in the sun – it needs to soak in before being effective. Make it a morning routine and then you'll never forget!
2. Apply sunscreen every two hours when in the sun – SPF 30 or higher and one that protects against both UVA and UVB rays. Remember the hat and sunglasses too!
3. Fill a basket by the front door with sunglasses, hats and sunscreen- so as you rush out the door you remember take a bottle with you to reapply later as needed.

Make playing in the shade fun – During the peak hours of the day when the sun's rays are at their highest point find some fun games at <http://gameskidsplay.net>.

Use extra caution around water and sand – these surfaces reflect the UV rays which can increase your chances of getting a sun burn.

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and Texas Cancer Council encourage you and your family to practice sun-safe habits this summer and throughout the year.

Source: Courtney J. Schoessow, MPH, Extension Program Specialist – Texas AgriLife Extension Service, and Jessica Rodgers. Texas AgriLife Extension Service Family and Consumer Sciences website: <http://fcs.tamu.edu/>.



The Five Minute Parent

Fun & Fast Activities for You and Your Little Ones

Adventures in Art

Add vibrant color to everything in your life!

Egg in a Bottle:

Materials:

- ◆ Clean Soda or juice bottle (glass)
- ◆ Hard-boiled egg (peeled)
- ◆ Strips of newspaper
- ◆ Matches

Directions:

Place small strips of newspaper into the bottle. Light the strips on fire by dropping in a lit match (adult supervision required). When the paper begins to burn, place the egg over the opening of the bottle, and wait. Soon the egg will fall into the bottle with a loud POP! The fire from the match consumed the oxygen inside the bottle, which created a vacuum and caused the egg to be pushed inside.

Floating Needle:

Materials:

- ◆ Clean drinking glass
- ◆ Water
- ◆ Newsprint
- ◆ Sewing needle

Directions:

Fill a glass with water, then float a piece of newsprint on the surface. Don't let the edges dip under the water. Next, place a needle on top of the newsprint. Slowly dip the edges of the paper into the water until the paper sinks and the needle is left floating. Now, touch the water and watch the needle sink. This is a great way to teach children about surface tension.

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

Nutritious Snacks For Kids!!

Banana Smoothie

Ingredients:

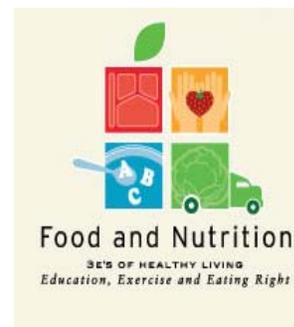
- ◆ 4 cups orange juice, chilled
- ◆ 4 each bananas, petite whole, 1.5 lbs.
- ◆ 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

Equipment:

- ◆ Measuring cups
- ◆ Measuring spoons
- ◆ Blender or food processor
- ◆ Paper cups (6-ounce size, 8 each)

Directions:

1. Place all ingredients in a blender or processor and blend until smooth.
2. Pour 4 ounces of banana smoothie in each cup.
3. Serve one paper cup per child.



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Banana Pudding Poke Cake!!!

Ingredients:

- ◆ 1 box yellow cake mix (& ingredients to make cake)
- ◆ 2 box (small) instant banana pudding
- ◆ 4 c milk
- ◆ 8 oz whipped topping
- ◆ 20 vanilla wafers, crushed
- ◆ sliced bananas - use your own judgment

Directions:

1. Follow the direction on the cake mix box to prepare the actual cake. Prepare it in a 9" x 13" pan. When golden, remove from oven and let cool for a few minutes.
2. When just slightly cooled, use the end of a wooden spoon (the handle end) to poke holes into the baked cake. Don't be shy; make the holes big enough for the pudding to seep into and go deep enough with the spoon that you hit the bottom of the pan.
3. Next, prepare your pudding mixture. Combine your 4 cups of milk and the instant pudding mix; whisk until fully combined and there are no lumps.
4. Now it's time to fill those holes! Pour the pudding mixture over the entire cake, taking care to get it into all your holes. Use the spoon to help really get it into the cake and spread evenly.
5. Refrigerate for approximately two hours...or until set. Top with whipped topping, crushed vanilla wafers and sliced bananas!
6. Serve and enjoy. (Refrigerate any leftovers.)

