

Edwards County 4-H

Well, the stock-show season has finally come to a close. It was a season of hard work long days and tons of traveling with the kiddo's. I want to take sometime thanking the kids for there efforts this past year and congratulate them on a job well done. Edwards County 4-H members placed lambs in the top 10 of every major show this year and qualified for the premium sales at each stock-show. Teaching the youth about hard work and persistence is something I pride myself upon and I am personally very proud of the efforts each individual has put into there projects. Its that time of year for the judging contests to begin. Myself and Mrs. Silvers will be busy this spring with Wool and Mohair Judging, State Round-up and the National wool and Mohair Show in Sonora. If you see these judges in town give them some words of encouragement as they represent the county this spring. 4-H members! Don't forget to get with Tess Dula on up-coming meetings and if you are a part of the YDAB you need to make time for meetings!

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

-Sam Silvers

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Horticulture

The recent wet weather has allowed us to enjoy spring to its fullest extent. I know I have personally enjoyed mowing all the lush green burr-clover in my yard, changing batteries on the mower, sharpening blades, and stringing the weed eater! I would like to say that this month should be a time of preparation and planting. Take sometime preparing the beds in your garden, finding seeds, and planting a few ornamentals close to the house. Keep in mind we may endure another freeze. So, be sure to cover any seedlings if that's the case. We will be offering another Horticulture workshop this spring, be looking for the information to come out soon.

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Agriculture

March has certainly brought out many contrasting colors to Edwards County! I have had numerous phone calls and e-mails on a little green plant with yellow flowers. We all know that this plant wrecks havoc on our sheep and goats. So, be mindful of the bitter weed as we have a massive crop this year. There are some chemical treatment options available for those of you with a pesticide license. If you have any questions or concerns please stop by the office. Don't forget that the Predator Workshop is March 27th, this is a great workshop to be a part of. The cost of this event is \$25 and can be paid at the event. It will be hosted at the Kerr Wildlife Area and lunch is included. Please call my office and let me know if you would like to attend. Also, Dr. Butch Taylor and myself will be hosting a field day on April 26th from 9-12 at the Shanklin/Babb place just outside of town to go over the prescribed burn we did there last year. This is a great opportunity to see first hand the benefits of a prescribed burn and gain some knowledge from one of the best in the business. Please make sometime to attend this event. The cost will be \$10 and will include lunch.

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