



# COMAL COUNTY

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### **Extension open house to feature ladybug release, family activities**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE, APRIL 19, 2017:**

*NEW BRAUNFELS* — Comal County residents are invited to come out to the annual Comal County Extension Office open house, which will feature free classes, tours, children’s activities and a ladybug release.

The open house, hosted by the county office of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 29 at 325 Resource Drive, New Braunfels.

“Our expert volunteers will be on hand to provide advice and suggestions, and they’ll also be teaching classes on raised-bed gardening, oak wilt, and attracting and feeding hummingbirds,” said Connie Sheppard, county coordinator for the office and an extension agent for family and consumer sciences. “This is a great way for Comal County residents to see these terrific facilities and discover how to make their own yards greener and more sustainable.”

Activities for families will include a scavenger hunt, bubble booth, paper plant pot, seed-ball making, face painting, hands-on demonstrations and more. Attendees also will receive free plants to take home.

At 10 a.m., County Judge Sherman Krause will need kids’ help to release thousands of ladybugs into the gardens that surround the office, Sheppard said. Local gardening expert Calvin Finch will be on hand to answer questions from 9-11 a.m.

“We will have demonstration gardens, drip-irrigation information booths, composting info, and booths from the Texas A&M Forest Service, Comal County Office of Public Health, and the Lindheimer chapter of the Master Naturalists,” Sheppard said. “Residents of all ages are invited.”

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