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Extension Office offers classes on rain barrels, wildlife

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NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County residents looking to conserve rainwater and/or learn how to manage wildlife on their property can sign up now for classes offered by the county office of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

1) Extension Agent Troy Luepke will teach students how to make their own barrels for collecting rainwater from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 29.

“Each student will leave this make-and-take workshop with a rain barrel,” said Luepke, who covers agriculture and natural resources. “Rain barrels not only conserve water, but they can help keep gardens and grass green without taxing our lakes and aquifers.”

The cost is \$50 per student to cover the cost of their rain barrel. Additional rain barrels are \$40 each. Students must RSVP and pay to the Extension Office by Friday, July 21. For more information, call 830-620-3440 or email extjls@co.comal.tx.us.

2) Then, as part of the Extension Office’s ongoing landowner series of classes, Dr. Maureen Frank, wildlife specialist with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, will provide information and tips on how to coexist with urban and nuisance wildlife, such as deer, hogs, raccoons and opossums – including identification, management and damage prevention.

“With more and more houses being built in formerly undeveloped areas, new homeowners in Comal County want to know how to manage wildlife they encounter on their property,” Luepke said. “We’re going to help them learn how to live alongside these animals.”

The class will be 6-8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 7. Cost is \$15 per person. Students must RSVP with payment to the Extension Office by Wednesday, Aug. 2. For more information, call 830-620-3440 or email extjls@co.comal.tx.us.

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