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Extension open house to feature crafts, petting zoo, tree planting

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NEW BRAUNFELS — The Comal County office of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will host its second annual open house on Saturday, Oct. 10, featuring educational workshops, face painting, a petting zoo, free take-home plants for children and the planting of a tree to commemorate the centennial of the Texas Forest Service.

The open house will kick off with the tree-planting at 9:30 a.m. and last until 2 p.m. Master gardeners will provide tours of the gardens on the extension office grounds, and extension agents will conduct workshops on rainwater harvesting and other subjects. Frito pies will be sold for lunch.

“This is a great way to get the word out about all of the great services we have in the extension office,” said county extension agent Connie Sheppard. “From gardening and nature to 4-H and public health, we serve Comal County through education.”

Children attending the open house can bring home a plant in an eco-pot – a biodegradable planter that can be put right into the ground at their home, Sheppard said.

The open house will be at AgriLife Extension Garden Complex, 325 Resource Drive, off Texas Highway 46 north of New Braunfels, behind the Comal County recycling center.

In the event of rain, the open house will be Saturday, Oct. 17.

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