Congratulations to our Award Winners!

It is a special honor to be recognized by one’s peers. Congratulations to those who won awards through their professional association meetings:

**TEAFCS**
Maggie Jover, Denton
Marian Ross, Tarrant
Carrie Brazeal, Collin
Susan Ballabina
Dana Tarter, Tarrant
Lexie McGrane, Dallas
Jane Parker, Travis
Linda Mock, Montgomery

**TAE4HA**
Rusty Hohlt, Nueces
Jennifer McAlister, Denton
Kristy Synsatschek, Randall
Brenda Gladney, Potter
Robin Garrison, Randall
Sheryl Nolen, Harris
Michelle Mihalek, Montgomery
Caroline Cruz, Montgomery
Misty Young, Harris
Dwight Callis, Fort Bend
Shelley Pappas, Fort Bend
Cheryl Wasicek, Fort Bend
Susan Caraway, Harris
Jimmy Rodgers, El Paso
Maggie Johnson, Williamson
David Wright, Williamson
Sarah Chudalla, McLennan
Cindy Bryant, Tarrant
Micah Holcombe, Bell

**TCAAANACAA**
Doug Andrew, Dallas
Dale Groom, Dallas
Shane McLellan, McLennan
Laura Miller, Tarrant
Jeffrey R. Stapper, Nueces
Robert Scott, Lubbock

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- Bexar*
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- Cameron
- Collin
- Dallas*
- Denton
- El Paso*
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- Galveston
- Harris*
- Hidalgo
- Jefferson
- Lubbock
- McLennan
- Montgomery
- Nueces
- Tarrant*
- Travis*
- Williamson

*designated urban county
Career Ladder Promotions Announced

The work that goes into the promotion process by agents, supervisors, regional program directors, and Level IV agents, is very much appreciated. This involved, highly reviewed process helps ensure a quality document for the peer review committee’s consideration. Congratulations to the urban initiative county agents who were promoted on September 1, 2009:

**Level II:**
Cindy Bryant, Tarrant County

**Level III:**
Barbara Storz, Hidalgo County

**Level IV:**
C. Mark Brown, Lubbock County
Inez Burcham, El Paso County

Spotlight

Volunteers with the Denton County Horse Committee just finished two 12-foot-square horse pens at Ray Roberts Lake, the only one of its kind in a Texas state park. Before the two pens were finished, Bluestem Grove only had hitches for horses, which are good for a temporary hold but not for a horse to be tethered for any length of time. The new pens are the state parks system’s only corrals adjacent to individual campsites. The committee’s contribution is worth about $2,500. It purchased the pipe at cost and two area welders donated their services to build the pens.

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Sixty Travis County residents, 30 City of Austin employees and 30 South Austin Clinic clientele, participated in an 8-week Wellness and Weight Management series. Evaluation results showed:
75% increase in number of participants who reduce the amount of fat in their daily diet;
50% increase in the number who use nutrition labels to make healthy food choices,
54% increase in consumption of fruits and vegetables each day,
50% increase in those who make time for at least 60 minutes of physical activity daily.

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