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#### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Deer Camp 101**  
November 18th

**Wild Game Dinner**  
November 19th

**Pecan Show**  
November 30th

**\*5 Hour CEU Course**  
December 8th

**Harper Community Stock Show**  
December 10th

**\*Irrigator's Workshop**  
December 13th

**\*Holiday CEU Program**  
December 28th

**Gillespie County Youth Livestock Show**  
January 13th

*\*Indicates that CEU's will be offered at event*

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# Agriculture & Natural Resources

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GILLESPIE COUNTY

FALL 2016

## DEER CAMP 101

### Educational Workshop Topics

- Field Dressing Deer
- Proper Freezer Wrapping & Storage of Venison
- How to Make Sausage
- Dried Sausage & Jerky



*You will be able to participate in all 4 sessions!*

Friday, November 18, 2016

Registration: 8:30 am

Program: 9:00 am - 12:00 noon

Van Raub Hall

8793 Dietz Elkhorn Rd ~ Boerne, Tx



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\$20/person

No pre-registration required. Pay at the door.

Make checks payable to: Kendall Ag Fund

We will be outside for the field dressing session; please dress accordingly.

The members of Texas A&M AgriLife will provide equal opportunities in programs and activities, education, and employment to all persons regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation or gender identity and will strive to achieve full and equal employment opportunity throughout Texas A&M AgriLife. Texas A&M University System, US Dept of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas cooperating

Individuals who may require accommodations to participate, please contact the Kendall Co. Extension Office at 830-331-8242 by 11/14/16.

# WILD GAME DINNER

## GILLESPIE COUNTY WILD GAME DINNER

The Gillespie County Wild Game Dinner will be held Saturday, Nov. 19<sup>TH</sup> at the Gillespie County Fairgrounds. Doors open at 5:30pm and food will be served through 8:30pm. Tickets are \$20 each which includes dinner, drinks, and door prize chances. This event helps support agriculture, youth education, and rural living in the Hill Country. The address to the Gillespie County Fairgrounds is 530 Fair Drive in Fredericksburg.



## 5 HOUR CEU COURSE

GOT CEUs?

The Gillespie County Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office will host a 5 Hour CEU class on Dec 8<sup>th</sup> at the Extension Office on 95 Frederick Rd. The meeting will begin at 8 am and will last until around 3:30 pm. Lunch will be provided at Catfish Haven and snacks will be provid-

ed all day. This class is designed for Structural and Ag; Non-Commercial and Commercial License holders who need 5 hrs of CEUs each year to renew their license. Individuals with a TDA private applicators licenses can attend if needing CEU hours. Speakers are lined up to cover Laws and Regs, IPM, tree care, disease diagnostics, weed con-

trol, turf care & management and proper protective equipment. The cost is \$75 and this does include lunch and snacks. To register please call the Gillespie County Extension Office at 997-3452.



# Gillespie County Pecan Show

Commercial producers, homeowners and others are invited to enter their 2016 crops in the Gillespie County Pecan Show.



The show will be held Wednesday, November 30th at the Gillespie County Extension Office at 95 Frederick Rd.

Exhibitors are encouraged to help crack and shell pecans at 9:00am on Wednesday, November 30th.

The rules for the show are the following:

- Entries will be accepted through 12:00noon on

Monday, November 28th at the Gillespie County Extension Office.

- An entry consists of at least 40 pecans, except in the smallest category, which should weigh one pound.
- All pecans should be from the 2016 crop.
- Each exhibitor may enter as many varieties, seedlings, and natives as desired, but only one entry per person per variety.
- The pecan show is open to any Gillespie County homeowner with a tree or commercial producers with numerous trees.
- The exhibitor must be the grower.
- All non-placing pecans become the property of the Gillespie County Ag & Natural Resources Committee.

Judging will be Wednesday, November 30th after all entries have been shelled.

Regional show participants will be selected by the judge of the show.

The judging process requires the weighing of 10 pecans in-shell. These 10 pecans are shelled with the kernels and re-weighed.

The judge will evaluate the color of the kernels, amount of disease, insect damage and relative size of the pecans.



## Harper Community Livestock Show

The Harper Community Livestock Show is scheduled for Saturday, December 10th. The show will begin in the morning and will continue to mid-afternoon. Specific details regarding the schedule will be released in the Fredericksburg Standard Radio Post newspaper in the coming weeks. Come on out and support the youth of Gillespie County!!!!





# Gillespie County Agricultural Commodity Association Membership Renewal Going On Now



The primary objective of the GCACA is to control predators (coyotes, fox, bobcats and feral hogs) to protect domestic animals, desirable wildlife and birds, prevent damage to field crops, eliminate the outbreak of diseases associated with controlled predators, and reduce pollution of the county's water resources.

**Open to the public,** the annual predator contest provides prize money partially matched by the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Assn. Commodity Board. The contest pays four places in each of four categories (coyote, bobcat, red fox and feral hog), \$500 for each category for a total of \$2,000. Names of those who take predators by legal means and enter those predators are drawn at the end of the contest period for prizes in the amount of: \$200, \$150, \$100, and \$50. A contest flyer is on the back page

of this newsletter.

**For members only** to be eligible to receive a bounty (\$125 for coyotes, \$25 for red fox and \$25 for bobcats), a GCACA spotter must be contacted to validate each animal taken. The validation form must be signed by the spotter and landowner or the landowner's agent. The validation form must be received by the GCACA treasurer in order to receive payment. Forms may also be presented to the Gillespie County Extension office to be forwarded to GCACA treasurer. No fetal specimens will be accepted. Maximum amount of bounties paid out on behalf of an individual landowner member is \$1000.

**Feral Hog Bounty:** **For members only:** feral hog bounty— funds have been allotted in order to pay \$5 per hog until the annual allotment is depleted. To receive the bounty, association members must

present the tails, sealed in a sanitary and leak-proof plastic bag, to the Agriculture Extension office at 95 Frederick Road in Fredericksburg. The minimum hog payout is 5 tails at a time along with the date harvested and the member's property from which the hogs were harvested. No fetal specimens or pen raised feral hogs will be eligible. Maximum amount of bounties paid out on behalf of an individual landowner member is \$1000.

**Who can become a member?** Landowners in Gillespie County or anyone wanting to support the objectives of the Gillespie County Agricultural Commodity Association. Yearly dues are 15 cents per acre or a minimum of \$50.00, whichever is greater. To apply for membership, please come by the Extension Office and complete the membership form and pick up a packet.

## Gillespie County Youth Livestock Show



The Gillespie County Youth Livestock Show begins with a Happy Hour and a Buyer's Appreciation Dinner for Livestock Show Buyers at 5:00pm at the Gillespie County Fairgrounds on Sunday, January 8th.

On Thursday, January 12th, animals will arrive to the fairgrounds and check in. Entries will be weighed in and Angoras, Breeding Sheep, and Ag Mechanical Projects will be judged.

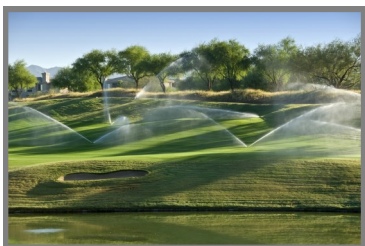
On Friday, January 13th at 9:00am lambs and cattle will show. Meat goats and

swine will show at 1:00pm. Turkeys will also show at 1:00pm and will be followed by broilers. The Championship Drive will begin at 6:00pm.

On Saturday, January 14th at 11:00am there will be a pre-sale lunch for buyers and the auction begins at 12:00noon. For more information regarding this show, please visit <http://gillespie.agrilife.org/gillespie-county-youth-livestock-show/>.

## Hill Country Irrigators Workshop

On Dec 13<sup>th</sup> the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Offices from Gillespie, Kerr, Kendall, Blanco and Comal County will present the **Hill Country Irrigators Workshop**.



This workshop will concentrate on sports and athletic field maintenance and management as it relates to turfgrass and irrigation. It is designed to target college and grade school personnel in charge of grounds and athletic field maintenance, parks/recreation personnel, professional grounds managers, youth sports leagues officials and field managers, golf course employees, board of education administrators, athletic field design-

ers, contractors and engineers, and the general public.

The workshop will be held on December 13, 2016 (Tuesday) from 8:30 am—4:30 pm at the Inn on Barons Creek, 308 S Washington, Fredericksburg, Tx 78624. For rooms call 830-990-9202. This workshop will give 6 TECQ CEUs for licensed irrigators, 3 Ag CEUs for private applicators, and 6 TNLA credits will be awarded as well. Registration fee is \$70 per person which includes catered lunch. RSVP and registration fee deadline is Friday Dec 9th.

Registration can be completed through Texas A&M AgriLife Ext Conference Services <https://agriliferegister.tamu.edu/>.

For more info on this event or for help registering please call the Gillespie County Extension office at 830-997-3452.

Speakers include:

**Mark Peterson**, Conservation Project Coordinator, San Antonio Water Systems

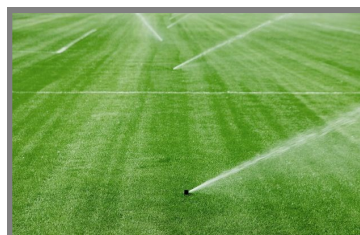
- Turfgrass Selection and Use
- Turfgrass Cultural Practices-Pest Control

### Tour of Boot Ranch Golf Course

- Explanation of water systems (Reuse and Discharge Management)
- Irrigation system used and Turf Management

**Dr. Guy Fipps**, Professor & Extension Agriculture Engineer, College Station, TX

- Sports Field Irrigation: Improving water efficiency and management
- Dealing with common irrigation issues



## HOLIDAY CEU OPPORTUNITY



**A Holiday CEU Class** will take place on Wednesday Dec 28<sup>th</sup> at 9am at the Gil-

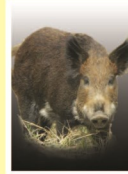
lespie County AgriLife Extension Office. One hour of Laws and Regs and one hour of IPM will be given as continuing education credits needed for the renewal of the Texas Department of Agriculture Private Applicators Licenses. The cost will be \$10, no need to RSVP and you can pay at

the door. Webinars will be played and hopefully will focus on farming. For more info on this or other programs please call the Extension office at 830-997-3452.

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## Gillespie County Predator Contest



### PRIZES

**Four Categories • Sixteen Prizes**

**Cash Prizes totaling \$2,000**

**will be awarded in the following categories:**

**Feral Hog • Coyote • Bobcat • Gray or Red Fox**

**— \$500 FOR EACH CATEGORY —**

Each time a participant brings in a predator, his/her name will be put "in the hat" of that predator category for a drawing of the cash prizes.

**When:** Contest starts October 1 and ends May 31

**Where:** Predators must be harvested in Gillespie County

**Who:** All parties must have a current hunting license and abide by all game laws

**To enter:** The predator must be registered at the following locations:

- Allied Ag—Stonewall, Tx.
- Behrends Feed & Fertilizer—Luckenbach & Harper, Tx.
- Hohmann's General Store—Willow City, Tx
- Lochte's Feed & General Store—Fredericksburg, Tx.
- Beyer Feed—Fredericksburg, Tx.

Join the Gillespie County Ag Commodity Association and allow predators harvested on your property to be eligible to receive the following bounties (\$125/coyote, \$5/hog, \$25/red fox & \$25/bobcats). Annual membership cost is 15 cents/acre or minimum of \$50.



Applications, rules and info can be obtained at the Gillespie County AgriLife Office at 95 Frederick Road or by calling 830-997-3452.

Sponsored by Gillespie County Agriculture Commodity Association.



## TEXAS A&M AGRI LIFE EXTENSION

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### Gillespie County Extension Agents

**Brad Roeder** is the Ag & Natural Resources (ANR) CEA which encompasses hay production, wildlife management, predator control, farming, lawn care, gardening, pest management, CEU's, livestock production, water conservation, brush management and economic development.

**Beth McMahon** is the Horticulture agent who works alongside Gillespie County residents and business owners with plant and pest related inquiries.

**Shea Nebgen** is the Family and Consumer Science (FCS) Agent who provides programming in areas like nutrition, sewing, diabetes, child safety seats, and healthy living.

**Taylor Osbourn** is the 4-H & Youth Development Agent who oversees the 4-H program as a whole in Gillespie county.