

Ag & Natural Resources

Gillespie County

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2017 Gillespie County Pecan Show

The Gillespie County Extension Office is pleased to announce the 2017 Gillespie County Pecan Show on Nov. 30, 2017. Entries are due on Nov. 29, 2017 at noon.

To enter, please bring to the Gillespie County Extension Office a brown paper bag of 40-42 pecans of the same variety that were grown by you. Seedlings, known hybrids and native pecans can be entered too, but will have their own categories respectively. Smallest pecan entries need to have at least a pound of pecan present.

What happens to your pecans during the show? Pecan show volunteers and extension agents will crack them. If entering, you are welcome to help us crack pecans on November 30th at 9 a.m., though it is not necessary to do so.

Your pecans will be judged based on weight, kernel size and shape, damage/disease presence and color. Pecans are categorized according to variety, so don't worry, your "Mahan" pecans aren't going to be judged against someone else's "Pawnee."

If your entries contain more than one variety of pecan, they will be disqualified. You can enter only one entry per variety, except for natives, seedlings and hybrids. Pecans that have been altered in any way, including but not limited to sanding, cut, or polished will be disqualified. Pecans must be from the 2017 crop.

Finalists from the county show will move on to the Central Texas Regional Pecan show on December 6th & 7th in Belton, Texas. Finalists from this competition will move onto the state competition in June 2018. The champions from the natives, classic/new and commercial divisions will be awarded trophies.

For more information, please call the Gillespie County Extension office at 830-997-3452.



2017 Wild Game Dinner

This year's Wild Game Dinner will be held on Nov. 18 beginning at 5:30 p.m. located at the Gillespie County Fairgrounds.

Tickets are \$25 per person and includes food, drinks and door prize chances. The Dinner will also consist of games, auctions and exhibits.

There will be various types of wild game being served such as axis chili, fried alligator, fried catfish, BBQ hog, quail, calf fries and much more! Not only is there going to be a colorful menu of meat served, but there will also be adult beverages with beer and wine serving stations.

The Wild Game Dinner assists in supporting agriculture, youth education and rural living in the Texas Hill Country.

Please join an evening of fun supporting our community at 530 Fair Drive, Fredericksburg, Texas.

Volunteer opportunities are now open for the dinner. Please visit the link to sign up!
www.volunteersignup.org/BHX74



5 HOUR CEU CLASS

NOVEMBER 27, 2017
8:00 AM-2:45 PM

COMMERCIAL, NONCOMMERCIAL, & PRIVATE PESTICIDE APPLICATOR CEUS

3 HRS GENERAL, 1 HR IPM, 1
HR LAWS AND REGS

STRUCTURAL APPLICATOR CEUS

2 HRS STANDARD, 1 HR
PEST CONTROL, 1 HR
LAWN/ORNAMENTAL INSECT
CONTROL, 1 HR WEED
CONTROL

PROGRAM

Program topics include: identifying common pests in schools, Earthkind plant selection, what to do in case of a TDA audit, protecting pollinators in landscapes and weed control in turf.

Class cost is \$75. Morning refreshments and lunch at Andy's is included with class cost. Call 830-997-3452 to pre-register.

Please request either fried catfish or steak bites for your lunch meal when you call. Pay ahead or at the door. You must pre-register by November 21st, 2017.

Program will take place at the Gillespie County Extension Office, 95 Frederick Road, Fredericksburg.

If you have any questions, please contact Beth at the Gillespie County Extension Office at 830-997-3452 or email her at elizabeth.mcmahon@agnet.tamu.edu

Women's Ranch Seminar 2018

The Hill Country CattleWomen will be hosting the Women's Ranch Seminar on Jan. 26, 2018 from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. at the Gillespie County Farm Bureau Center.

The seminar is no cost to those who wish to attend. The topics presented will focus on ranching and property ownership.

From 8-9 a.m. a special session on rangeland management will be led by Fred Reyna, a Rangeland Management Specialist with the NRCS. There will be limited seating for this session and will begin at 8 a.m. before the main doors open at 9 a.m. for the seminar.

Other session topics will include: hog control, herd health and a discussion panel of "Women Who Ranch."

3 CEU opportunities will be offered by the AgriLife Extension. Extension will also have representatives from the Brush Busters and Prescribed Burn programs present at the seminar.

Exhibits at the seminar will include a feed specialist, Texas License to Carry (LTC) information, USDA representatives, estate lawyers, and many more.

There will also be several exhibits that have ranching-related merchandise for sale.

For more details, please click the link below:
<https://www.hccwseminar.com/>.



*Providing Information Resources
for Ranching Women*

**WOMEN'S RANCH
SEMINAR 2018**

2018 Gillespie County Youth Livestock Show

The 2018 Gillespie County Youth Livestock Show will kickoff with Happy Hour and a appreciation BBQ dinner for livestock show buyers at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 7, 2018 at the Gillespie County Fairgrounds.

On Thursday, Jan. 11 at 6 a.m. animals will arrive for check in. Entries will be weighed in and Angoras, Breeding Sheep, and Ag Mechanic Projects will be judged.

On Friday, Jan. 12 at 8 a.m. cattle and lambs will show followed by meat goats and swine.

Judging of turkeys will begin at 1 p.m. and will be followed by broilers. At 6 p.m. the judging of Grand and Reserve Champions will start with Poultry first, followed by Swine, Lambs, Meat Goats and Steers.

Saturday, Jan. 13 at 11 a.m. will start with a pre-sale lunch for buyers and the 2018 Show will close with the auction starting at noon.

For more information, please visit <https://gillespie.agrilife.org/gillespie-county-youth-livestock-show/>.





Holiday CEU

A Holiday CEU class will be held on Thursday, Dec. 28 from 9-11 a.m. at the Gillespie County AgriLife Extension Office.

One hour of IPM and one hour General will be offered as continuing education credits needed for the renewal of the Texas Department of Agriculture Private Applicators Licenses.

The class will be \$10 and can be paid at the door - No RSVP needed. For more information, please call the Extension office at 830-997-3452.



Harper Community Livestock Show



The Harper Community Livestock Show is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 16.

The show will begin in the morning and will continue to mid-afternoon. The show will begin with Angoras, followed by Hogs, Breeding Sheep, Market Lambs, Meat Goats, Steers and Heifers.

Specific details regarding the schedule will be released in the Fredericksburg Standard Radio Post newspaper.

Gillespie County Agriculture Commodity Association Membership Renewal

The primary objective 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.

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 landowners 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 \$1,000.

Feral hog bounty

Funds have been allotted 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 with the date harvested and members property listed from which the hogs were legally 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 \$1,000.00.

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 \$60.00, whichever is greater. To apply for membership, please come by the Extension Office and complete the membership form and pick up a packet.



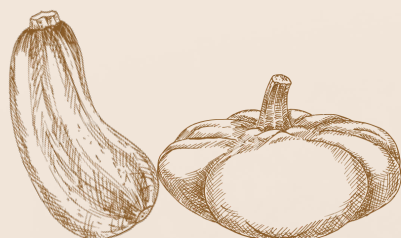
Gardening By the Month: Winter Squash

November 17, 2017 from 12:10-1 p.m.
Gillespie County Extension Office

95 Frederick Rd.
Fredericksburg, TX

Learn about the various types of
winter squash, how to grow them, and try
samples of cooked squashes.

Class cost is \$10.
For more information, please call the
extension office at 830-997-3452.



SAVE THE DATE

Gardening Extravaganza

**FEBRUARY 2, 2018
MORE INFO TO COME**



Gillespie County Extension Agents

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

Shea Nebgen is the Family and Community Health (FCH) Agent who provides programming in areas like nutrition, sewing, diabetes, child safety seats, and healthy living.

Taylor Osbourn is the 4-H and Youth CEA and oversees Gillespie County's 10 4-H clubs and over 450 4-H members.

Beth McMahon is the Horticulture County Extension Agent, providing programming and consulting on horticultural topics such as trees & tree health (shade and fruit trees included), lawns & ornamental plantings, plant identification, gardening, plant disease and pest identification and general horticultural crop questions.

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Please note! Our office will be closed on the following dates:



- November 10
- November 23-24
- December 25-26
- January 1