

Ag & Natural Resources

GILLESPIE COUNTY

WINTER 2019

UPCOMING EVENTS

Private Pest App Class

December 10

Axis Ear Entry

December 11

GC Pecan Show

December 12

***5 HR CEU Course**

December 19

**~ Check out our
Fun Facts Page! ~**

(Get the kids involved!)

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

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2019 Gillespie County Fall

Pecan Show December 12th, 2019

**To enter, please bring to the Gillespie County Extension
Office (95 Frederick Rd) a brown paper bag of 40-42 pecans
of the same variety that were grown by you in
Gillespie County.**

**One entry per variety, except with natives, seedlings, and
known hybrids.**

**Entries due on December 11th at
NOON.**

FREE TO ENTER!

**Call the Gillespie County
Extension Office at
830-997-3452 for more info.**

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Texas A&M AgriLife Extension provides equal opportunities in its programs and employment to all persons, regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, disability, age, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating.

Got Axis?

Photo by Matt Buchholz



AXIS DEER CONTROL PROJECT

In Gillespie County, free-ranging Axis deer are having adverse impacts on white-tailed deer, agricultural production, and riparian (creek-side) habitat. Hunters that bring a frozen Axis ear to one of the scheduled drop-off points listed below will be entered into a drawing for ***prizes.*** Ears should be brought frozen in a bag labeled with county, sex, and date harvested and will be used for a genetic study conducted by Texas Tech University.

- **November 2nd and 3rd** at Cave Creek School from 10 am to 12 pm
- **November 16th** at Stonewall Smokehouse from 9 am to 11 am
- **December 11th** at Gillespie Co. AgriLife Extension from 8 am to 5 pm
- **January 11th** at Stonewall Smokehouse from 3 pm to 5 pm
- **January 12th** at Weinheimer and Son from 3 pm to 5 pm

The goal of the Axis Deer Control Project is to raise awareness about the impacts of free-ranging Axis deer, to support research that will improve management, and recognize land stewards for their efforts to control this exotic species. Collaborators: Gillespie County AgriLife Extension, Hill Country Alliance, and Texas Parks & Wildlife Department.

Questions? Contact Daniel Oppenheimer, HCA Land Program Manager, at 210-287-0478.

Our office is accepting the “EARS” on December 11th.
Please bring ears in a bag –**frozen**– labeled with county, sex, and date harvested.
Please call our office if you have any questions. 830-997-3452

Gillespie County Agricultural Commodity Association Membership Information



The primary objective of the GCACA is to control predators (coyotes, red 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.

Who can become a member?

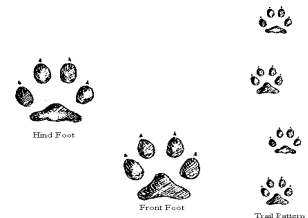
Landowners in Gillespie County or anyone wanting to support the objectives of the Gillespie County Agricultural Commodity Association. Yearly dues are 20 cents per acre or a minimum of \$75.00, whichever is greater.

Predators (coyotes, red fox, bobcats, & hogs) will only be accepted on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of each month. ~95 Frederick Rd, FBG TX~

Time: 11:00am—1:30pm.

The annual meeting is in October and the year runs from October 1 through September 30.

To apply for membership, please come by the Extension Office, 95 Frederick Rd, and complete the membership form and pick up a packet.
830-997-3452



Share
with
the
kiddos
or
grand-
kiddos

Fun Facts - Gray Fox



Did You Know:

- ⇒ The lifespan of the gray fox is 6 to 9 years in the wild and up to 12 years in captivity.
- ⇒ Breeding season varies with geographic region, elevation, and habitat quality. Breeding occurs in yearly cycles, beginning in January through late February, continuing into March. The gestation period lasts approximately 53 days. Litter size ranges from 1 to 7, with a mean of 3.8 young per female. Pups depend on their parents for defense until about 10 months old.
- ⇒ Gray foxes are the only member of the Canidae family that can climb trees!
www.justfunfacts.com
- ⇒ The gray fox is a fur-bearer. Because they transmit rabies, gray foxes can not be transported to, from, or within Texas.
- ⇒ Foxes are adept predators of game birds and their nests. Foxes typically carry the eggs some distance from the nest before eating or caching them.
- ⇒ Gray foxes may prey on newborn fawns, but their predation mostly affects game birds and their nests.

The Texas A&M University System - Predator Control as a Tool in Wildlife Management Publication



Can you name the animal to the left?
If you think you have the correct answer, email me! The first to get it correct, will be mentioned in the next newsletter!

Please email donna.maxwell@ag.tamu.edu

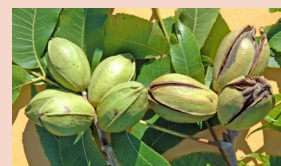
Upcoming Horticulture Programs

For more information about these programs, please contact Beth McMahon at the Gillespie County AgriLife Extension Office at 830-997-3452.

Pecan Shortcourse

January 27th-30th, 2020. Sommersville, Texas

The Texas Pecan Short Course is a comprehensive class aimed at preparing individuals to enter the pecan business. All aspects of commercial pecan production are covered from basic botany to tree planting, integrated pest management, marketing, etc. The class setting is the Department of Horticultural Science's HortTREC facility, a field laboratory located in the Brazos River Bottom and near the Texas A&M University teaching and research pecan orchards. Class instructors will engage participants in the most current information for Texas pecan orchard development and management, including hands-on instruction of orchard establishment, sunlight management, tree training and grafting. Lunch included each day. Cost is \$300. Register online at <https://agriliferegister.tamu.edu/productListingDetails/2991>



Plantastic Vegetable Gardening Seminar

February 7th, 2020

8:30-3:30 pm

Gillespie County Farm Bureau, 237 Equestrian Dr, Fredericksburg, TX 78624.

Special guest speaker "Dr. Joe Masabni" of Texas A&M University speaking on organic gardening, cover crops and weed management. Other topics include tomatoes, beans, drip irrigation, herbs, basic gardening, when to harvest vegetables, etc. Cost is \$40 with a boxed lunch, \$30 without lunch, \$40 registration at door with no lunch. Please use the form at <http://counties.agrilife.org/gillespie/files/2019/11/Plantastic-Gardening-Seminar-PreRegistration-Form4.pdf> or come by the extension office to pre-register.



Grow It Cook It: Caring Cabbage

February 14th, 2020

12:00 – 1:00 pm

Come learn not just how to grow cabbage, but different ways to cook with it too. Recipe samples included. Please contact the Gillespie County Extension Office to register.



Look What Is Coming...

Grow It Cook It Series *vegetables*

2020

**Interested in growing vegetables,
cooking them, and then eating them?**

Look no further! Sign up for our 3 part series:

Caring Cabbage - Feb 14th

Zany Zucchini - Apr 17th

Cool Carrots - Aug 28th

**Register for individual programs at \$15 each or
all 3 programs for \$25.**

**Please contact the Gillespie County Extension Office to register!
830-997-3452**

Payment can be made ahead of time or at the door.

Refunds for missed programs will not be given and payments are non-transferable.

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Upcoming AG Programs



For more information about these programs, please contact Brad Roeder at the Gillespie County AgriLife Extension Office at 830-997-3452.

Private Pesticide Applicators Training

December 10, 2019

8:30a.m.—Noon

Are you wanting to get your Private Applicators License? If so, we will be having a training for you! This training session is for individuals who do not have a Private Applicator's License and need to purchase and utilize restricted chemicals. The class will take 3-4 hours to complete. Attending a training session is required before scheduling to take the exam. Please RSVP by December 2 so our office has time to order materials. Cost is \$75.

5 Hour CEU Class

December 19, 2019

8:00 a.m.—2:45 p.m.

Have a structural, commercial, non-commercial, or private pesticide license and need 5 hours of CEU's? Please call our office and sign up for this class. Discussions include IPM approach to pecan trees in landscapes, fate of pesticides after application with an emphasis on waterways, ID and treatment of common turf disease and insect problems, and much more! Cost is \$75 which includes lunch and refreshments. Call our office to sign up or for additional information.



Upcoming Stock Show Dates



Gillespie County Youth Livestock Show

Fredericksburg, TX

January 9th-11th, 2020

Harper Community Livestock Show

Harper, TX

December 14, 2020

Hill County District Junior Livestock Show

Kerrville, TX

January 12th-18th, 2020



In search of other ways to spice up your holidays or family mealtime? Head over to dinnertonight.tamu.edu or beefitswhatsfordinner.com to explore the wide variety of recipes offered for prime rib!

Serving **PRIME RIB**

For Your
**CHRISTMAS
DINNER**



Beef production is the largest sector of the agriculture industry in Texas, producing approximately **60 million pounds** of prime rib per year.



Prime rib sold in stores is primarily graded as USDA Select or USDA Choice. Beef with these grades taste better due to the amount of marbling present.



A full prime rib is 7 ribs (15-18 lbs).
A prime rib this size can feed 14 or more people.

NUTRITION

Facts for 3.5 oz of broiled USDA Choice prime rib:

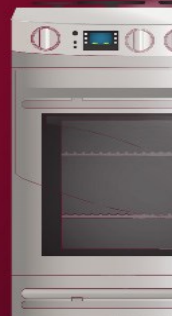
- 205 Calories
- 28.9 g Protein
- 9g Fat
- 3.4g Saturated Fat
- 3.6g Monounsaturated Fat

Before cooking, prime rib must be thawed and stored below 40°F.

Preheat oven to **300 °F.**

Cook for 25 mins per pound. Place foil over meat halfway through and finish cooking.

Let stand **15-20 minutes** before serving.



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

- * December 23, 24, & 25 - Christmas
- * January 1, 2020 - New Years Day



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~ Gillespie County ~**

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**Happy Holidays from the Gillespie County
Agrilife Extension Office to you and your family.
Have a safe Holiday!**

**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.

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 Community Health (FCH) Agent who provides programming in areas like nutrition, sewing, food safety, 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.

