



# Ag & Natural Resources

GILLESPIE COUNTY

SPRING 2020

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Bennett Trust  
Conference**  
April 23-24

**Livestock Guardian  
Dog Workshop**  
May 1

**\*Beef & Range  
Field Day**  
May 7

**Private Pesticide  
Training**  
May 27

~ Check out our  
**Fun Facts Page!** ~  
(Get the kids involved!)

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

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## TEXAS A&M AGRI LIFE RESEARCH | EXTENSION



### Livestock Guardian Dog Workshop

May 1, 2020 • 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Roeder Ranch**

6918 White Oak Rd, Fredericksburg TX 78624

Event will include: ranch tours, several presentations, dog breeders,  
exhibits and a producer panel.

### REGISTRATION

\$25 single/\$40 couple by April 24th • \$30 single/\$50 couple at door

Please make check payable to Gillespie ANR Committee—Cash or Check only. No Cards Accepted.

To preregister, contact Donna Maxwell at the  
Gillespie County Extension Office

830-997-3452 or via email: [donna.maxwell@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:donna.maxwell@ag.tamu.edu)



*Lunch will be provided courtesy of: Capital Farm Credit.*



**Dr. John Walker**  
AgriLife Research Center Director

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Livestock Guardian Dog Specialist

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# Save the Date:

## **Bennett Trust Land Stewardship Conference**

April 23-24, 2020

Kerrville, TX

Key Ag Laws for Texas Landowners

[Agrilife.org/bennetttrust](http://Agrilife.org/bennetttrust)

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**June 17, 2020 - Farm Bureau Field Day**

**July 18, 2020 - Wildlife Management  
Association Meeting**

**More Info To Come!**

## **Livestock Guardian Dog Workshop**

May 1, 2020

8:00am - 5:00pm

Pre-Registration Deadline is April 24th

Pre-Registration prices - \$25 single/\$40 couple

At the door prices - \$30 single/\$50 couple

BBQ Lunch Is Included!

Ranch Tours, Presentations, Dog Breeders, Exhibits

Contact the Gillespie County Extension Office for additional info at  
830-997-3452 or 95 Frederick Rd

## **Beef & Range Field Day**

May 7, 2020

3:00pm - 7:30pm

Pre-Registration Deadline is May 1st

Tickets are \$15 each. Meal is included.

CEU's will be offered.

Buy tickets at NRCS/SWCD at 1906 N Llano, #106 - 830-997-3349 ext 3

Or Gillespie County Extension Office, 95 Frederick Rd. - 830-997-3452

## **Private Pesticide Applicator Training**

May 27, 2020

8:30a.m.- Noon

Are you wanting to get your Private Applicator License? If so, we will be having a training for you! This training session is for individuals who do not have a Private Applicator 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 May 11 so our office has time to order materials. Cost is \$75.

## **Ranchers Leasing Workshop**

September 14, 2020

Lunch is included.

Attorney, Tiffany Dowell Lashmet, and economist, Dr. Greg Kaase, will conduct this half-day program focusing on grazing, hunting, and livestock leases, as well as landowner liability protections. All participants will receive a copy of the Ranchers Agricultural Leasing Handbook, which contains lease checklists and sample language. Sponsors include Bennett Trust, Ag Workers Insurance, and Gillespie County Farm Bureau. Registration is \$50 and may be done online at

<http://agriliferegister.tamu.edu/ranchers> or by calling Valerie at 979-845-2604.

# 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 - Crested Caracara



### Did You Know:

- ⇒ The Crested Caracara looks like a hawk with its sharp beak and talons, behaves like a vulture, and is technically a large tropical black-and-white falcon.
- ⇒ A common subject of folklore and legends throughout Central and South America, the Crested Caracara is sometimes called the "Mexican eagle."
- ⇒ The oldest recorded Crested Caracara was at least 21 years, 9 months old when it was identified by its band in 2015 in Florida. It was first banded in the same state in 1994.

[www.allaboutbirds.org](http://www.allaboutbirds.org)

⇒ Caracaras are most common in south Texas.

⇒ Crested caracaras are in the falcon family.

⇒ Caracaras can cause problems; killing newborn fawns, lambs, & goat kids. They attack the eyes, nose, navel, & anal areas. Survivors are usually blind.

[The Texas A&M University System - Predator Control as a Tool in Wildlife Management Publication](#)

### ~Migratory Bird Treaty Act~

The [Migratory Bird Treaty Act](#) makes it illegal to take, possess, import, export, transport, sell, purchase, barter, or offer for sale, purchase, or barter, any migratory bird, or the parts\*, nests, or eggs of such a bird except under the terms of a valid Federal permit. Migratory bird species protected by the Act are listed in [50 CFR 10.13](#). (Visit U.S. Fish & Wildlife Services website for more reading!) [fws.org](http://fws.org)



Want to learn more  
about a particular  
predator?  
Email me if you have an  
idea!

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](mailto:donna.maxwell@ag.tamu.edu)

Congrats to Mark Gibbs for being the first to answer correctly (from the last newsletter).  
This is called a Kit Fox.





## Upcoming Horticulture Programs

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

### Taste 360 - Freshness Meets Table

March 20-21, 2020

Interested in learning how to grow nutritious food in your backyard, explore agricultural entrepreneur opportunities, or learn about farm-to-table operations?

Check This Out! <https://taste360.tamu.edu/>



### Grow It Cook It: Zany Zucchini

April 17th, 2020

12:00 – 1:00 pm

**Cost is \$15**

Come learn not just how to grow zucchini, but different ways to cook with it too. Recipe samples included. Please contact the Gillespie County Extension Office to register. 830-997-3452.

95 Frederick Rd, Fredericksburg, TX



### Reduced Cost Farmer Financial Success Training!

April 1 (Central Texas) or April 3 (The Valley)

Are your retail markets feeling a little sluggish? Farmers market totals going down? CSA retention declining? Tired of working weekends? Maybe it's time to think about wholesaling. There's a lot to consider as you contemplate the sustainability of a much lower price point. How low can you go and still make a profit? It's going to come down to crop costing, efficiency and your growing skill set.

This one-day workshop will cover topics including:

- Pricing – how low can you go?
- Pros and cons of wholesaling
- What you need to know about benchmarking
- Efficiency: where to really focus your energy
- And more

**Cost: \$20.** Includes lunch and printed materials

More info and registration here: <https://sustainablefoodcenter.org/get-involved/events/farmer-finance-success-workshop-presented-by-ellen-polishuk>



### Texas State Pecan Conference

July 12-15

San Marcos, TX

## Additional Info

### Gillespie County Soil & Water Conservation District

#### Fish Sale!



Time to stock your pond or lake!  
Place your orders now through April 3rd.  
Gillespie County SWCD  
1906 Llano St #106  
Fredericksburg, TX 78624  
830-997-3349 ext 3

### Central Texas Beekeepers Association

12th Annual Beekeeping School

March 21, 2020

Brenham High School

525 A.H. Ehrig Dr, Brenham, TX



Whether you are a complete beginner or an experienced beekeeper, there will be something for you!

Please visit [www.centraltexasbeekeepers.org](http://www.centraltexasbeekeepers.org)  
email [centraltexasbeekeepers@gmail.com](mailto:centraltexasbeekeepers@gmail.com) or call  
979-277-0411 for more information.

### Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association

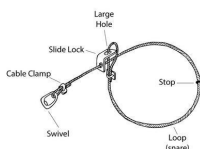
#### Trapping Clinic

March 19-22, 2020

Texas Tech University Center

254 Red Raider Lane

Junction, Texas



The Texas Trappers & Fur Hunters Association will provide persons with extensive trapping expertise to lead the seminar, which will include fur handling and snare making demonstrations.

For membership information please visit the TSGRA website: [tsgra.com](http://tsgra.com). To register for the clinic please contact the office at 325.655.7388 or [tsgra@wcc.net](mailto:tsgra@wcc.net).

### 2020 Texas Custom Rates Survey

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Department of Agricultural Economics is conducting the 2020 Texas Custom Rates Survey. Each year our offices receive many requests for current custom rate information and the latest Custom Rates Publication. The survey and publication are the only source to find the going rates paid for these types of services. Questions in the survey include rates paid/charged for specific tillage, planting, application, harvesting, and other services or operations performed on a custom basis. If you have knowledge of rates in your area, and appreciate the value of publishing this type of market information, please consider participating in the survey which can be found online at:

<http://agecoext.tamu.edu/crs2020>

The survey will ask that you only complete the questions that pertain to your operation, therefore most people should be able to complete the survey in 10-15 minutes or less. The survey will be open from February through the end of April. Your participation will help make sure the published information is the most accurate and reliable possible. If you have any questions regarding the survey please contact Dr. Steven Klose ([sklose@tamu.edu](mailto:sklose@tamu.edu)).

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

- \* April 10, 2020 - Good Friday
- \* May 25, 2020 - Memorial Day



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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.

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