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# Agriculture & Natural Resources



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## Notice About Gillespie County Extension Office Procedures Due to COVID-19

The Gillespie County Extension Office is currently closed to public access, and all face to face meetings and events have been cancelled through May 4th, 2020. We are still available by phone and by email.

Gillespie County Extension Office Phone Number is 830-997-3452.

If you have questions for our office, we encourage you to send photos to our agents by email so that they can advise you. If you need to drop something off at the office, please call ahead so that we can give you instructions.

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

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**Taylor Osbourn** is the 4-H & Youth Development CEA which includes the Gillespie County 4-H program. Gillespie County 4-H members participate in showing/raising animals, Food & Nutrition, Clothing/Textiles, Photography, Livestock Judging, BB Gun, Archery, Meat Judging, Robotics, Gardening, Entomology, and Horse projects.

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**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.

- Phone: 830-997-3452



## Grow It Cook It Rescheduled

The Grow It Cook It Program, Zany Zucchini, previously scheduled for April 17th has been re-scheduled for Friday, July 10th.

The program will be held from 12:00pm—1:00pm at the Gillespie County Extension Office located at 95 Frederick Road in Fredericksburg.

The program will focus on not only learning how

to grow zucchini, but also different ways to cook with it too. Recipe samples will be included with the program.

The cost to attend is \$15.00 and can be paid at the door.

The Grow It Cook It Series is one of a three-part series focusing on growing something in the garden and then cooking with that item.

Participants can register for two sessions for a total of \$25.00 or per session at a cost of \$15.00 per program.

A program on Cool Carrots is scheduled for August 28th. Please call 830-997-3452 for more information on Grow It Cook It.

## Horticulture Videos

Beth McMahon, our horticulture county extension agent, has recently put together several YouTube videos on a variety of topics.

If you would like to check them out, links to each video are listed below:

Gillespie County Video Newsletter Updates  
<https://youtu.be/msrQI4bu9Uw>

Can you plant a vegetable garden anywhere?  
<https://youtu.be/Niv9UAHflKg>

Beth composes and releases regular newsletters on a variety of topics that pertain to horticulture in Gillespie County. If you would like to subscribe to receive her newsletters, please do the following:

Please email Beth McMahon at the following email address

[elizabeth.mcmahon@agnet.tamu.edu](mailto:elizabeth.mcmahon@agnet.tamu.edu) and type the word "Subscribe" into the subject line. And, if you prefer to call, you can always speak with her directly to 830-997-3452.

Texas Oak Wilt: How to Identify it in the Spring  
<https://youtu.be/EzB0ldjiRvc>

Hands On Horticulture: Identifying Prairie Verbena  
<https://youtu.be/4uiRUFOjty4>





## Need CEU's?

Even though we aren't having face-to-face programs at the moment, you can still get Continuing Education Units towards a Private Pesticide Applicator's License online if you need hours.

There is a list of approved courses on the Texas Department of Agriculture's website <https://ceusearch.texasagriculture.gov/CourseList.aspx>. Under the course title it will tell you what CEU category the course is on (General, Integrated Pest Management (IPM), or Laws & Regulations) and how many hours you will receive from completing the course.

Another website where CEU hours are available is <https://texasrangewebinars.tamu.edu/>. This website has topic specific

CEU credits. Please note that not all courses offer credits; only the ones that list directly below the title give credits.

Licensed private applicators are required to recertify every five years by obtaining 15 continuing education credits, including two (2) credits in laws and regulations and two credits in integrated pest management (IPM), prior to expiration of the license.

If you need your private applicator's license, you can get your training done online at <https://agrilifelearn.tamu.edu/product?catalog=AGCH-015>. Once you complete the online course, you will need to travel to a testing center to take the test.



## Essential Travel For Farmers

If Gillespie County chooses to issue a shutdown of the county due to Covid-19, local farmers and ranchers might need to carry paperwork with them to continue travelling to farming and ranching operations. A few of these documents will be placed at local feed stores. You can download and print the first two pages of the document here.

<http://otscweb.tamu.edu/brochure/CISAGuidance.pdf>

The first two pages are a letter from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the remaining pages detail what is considered to be essential workers.



# AgriLife Extension's Popular Ranchers Agricultural Leasing Workshop Goes Online

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will offer its award-winning Ranchers Agricultural Leasing Workshop as an online course available anytime.

"Given the popularity of our live Ranchers Leasing Workshop events, we receive more requests for and interest in programs than we are able to conduct each year," said Tiffany Dowell Lashmet, AgriLife Extension agriculture law specialist, Amarillo.

"With that in mind, we have spent the past several months developing an online course



that will allow people to receive the same information presented during our live workshops from the comfort of their own home, anytime, at their own pace," she said. The online course gives participants access to the full leasing workshop anytime they want to watch. The cost is \$75.

Presenters are Lashmet and Greg Kaase, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension agricultural economist and risk management specialist, College Station. They will cover grazing, hunt-

ing and livestock leases as well as landowner liability protection.

Lashmet said the course is designed for both landowners and lessees.

"We go into legal considerations like why written leases are important, key terms to



include, and economic issues like average cash lease rates and different lease payment structures," she said.

Participants will be able to download the Ranchers' Agricultural Leasing Handbook,



which contains checklists and sample lease language. If they want the hard copy for \$25, they can order one by contacting Lacreacia Garza, Lacreacia.garza@ag.tamu.edu.

"We certainly plan to continue our live workshops as well," Lashmet said. "But we



think this will be a useful option for people who are unable to attend a live course due to their location or because of their work schedule. We just can't keep up with demand and do them everywhere, so the online course is a way to try and reach more people."



The link to access the course is <https://agrilifelearn.tamu.edu/product?catalog=AGEC-002>



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We will be utilizing our Facebook page a great deal while the of-  
fice is closed to the public. If you have a specific interest in some-  
thing, we will work to find a video or other source of information  
on that topic.

Our Facebook page can be accessed by visiting  
<https://www.facebook.com/gillespietext/>

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service posts a great deal of infor-  
mation that might also be of interest to you on their Facebook  
page.  
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They regularly post information on topics related to the environ-  
ment, farming and ranching, lawn and garden, life and health, and  
science and technology.

If you would like to access Texas A&M AgriLife Extension publica-  
tions from home, we have an online bookstore that has our publi-  
cations available to the public. The link to our online bookstore  
is <https://www.facebook.com/agrilifeextension/>. You can find pub-  
lications on just about every agricultural topic here.

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