



Ag & Natural Resources

GILLESPIE COUNTY

SUMMER 2020

UPCOMING EVENTS

Beekeeping (Online)
June 23 (starts)

Grow It Cook It
July 10 - Zucchini
August 28 - Carrots

**Ranchers Leasing
Workshop**
September 14

**Bennett Trust Women's
Conference**
October 5-6

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

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The 2020

WMAA SIGN-UP MEETING

**has been cancelled due to
COVID restrictions.**

**CAVE CREEK, CHERRY SPRING,
HARPER, & DOSS
Wildlife Associations**

Membership Dues
\$25

If you are a member or interested member
and we have your address on file, you will
be contacted by email and mail.

For more information,
please call the
Gillespie County Extension Office
and ask for Donna
830-997-3452
95 Frederick Rd, Fredericksburg,
TX 78624

TEXAS A&M
AGRILIFE
EXTENSION

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.

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



Agriculture News

2020 Gillespie County Hay Show

Remember to submit a hay bale for this year's Hay Show by Aug 1. Entries consist of a complete bale, which must be tagged with the type of hay, exhibitor name, address, & phone number.

(Round bales need to be a minimum of 4 ft.)

The entries will be separated into two divisions:

Annual Grasses & Perennial Grasses

Round bales must be delivered to Beyer Fertilizer & Feed, located at 3446 N State Hwy 16, Fredericksburg TX.

Square bales can be dropped off at Allied Ag Services in Stonewall, Behrends Feed & Fertilizer in Luckenbach, & Lochte Feed & General Store in Fredericksburg.

Call Brad Roeder at 830-997-3452 for additional info.

Reclamation Soil Testing Campaign

Testing in July. Geared towards pipeline. Will be open to all.

More details to come.

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:

<https://agriliferegister.tamu.edu/productListingDetails/3009>

Tiffany Dowell Lashmet

Agricultural Economics

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Bennett Trust Women's Conference

Save The Date!

October 5-6, 2020

Inn on Barons Creek, Fredericksburg, TX

More information to come.



Need a Private Pesticide License?

This online course is designed for pesticide applicators in Texas, who will learn crucial information that will prepare them to take the Private Applicator Exam administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture. <https://agrilifelearn.tamu.edu/product?catalog=AGCH-015>

Need CEU's?

Please go to Texas Department of Agriculture website until our office is able to have programs that offer CEU's.

<https://www.texasagriculture.gov/LicensesRegistrations/CEUs/>



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

Additional Info

Beekeeping

Interested in Beekeeping, but need some information to get started? This live, online course will cover the basics of beekeeping to get you prepared to have your own hives with the opportunity to interact with instructors. Through this four part series, we will cover honey bee biology, beekeeping equipment, managing a hive, and pests and disease management of honeybees. You'll learn what to expect those first early years as a beekeeper!

- **June 23: Honey Bee Biology**
- **June 24: Beekeeping Basics**
- **June 30: What to Expect the First Year**
- **July 1: Risks of Honey Bees**



Each session will be 6 p.m.-7 p.m. These courses will be recorded, if you miss a class, you can watch at your leisure within a month of completion of the class. After registering, a link to Zoom and password will be sent via text and email. Study materials will also be emailed to you so you can follow along with the presentation.

Registration can be found at <http://agriliferegister.tamu.edu/BexarCounty>

<https://agrilifetoday.tamu.edu/2020/06/17/agrilife-extension-online-beginner-beekeeping-series-starts-june-23/>

Fun Facts - Feral Hogs

Share
with
the
kiddos
or
grand-
kiddos

Did You Know:

- ⇒ Feral hogs, or “wild” pigs, include domestic hogs that have escaped captivity, true Eurasian wild boars, and their crosses. They can be any color.
 - ⇒ Feral hogs may be taken at any time, but a hunting license is required to shoot them.
- ⇒ The damage feral hogs do to livestock and crops is well known. They also destroy the nests of ground birds, prey upon deer fawns, and consume large amounts of supplemental feed intended for deer.
- ⇒ Feral hogs can produce two litters of two to six young each year, but usually produce only one. Gestation lasts 114 days. Litters can be born at any time of year, usually with a peak in March.

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



Photos courtesy of Taya Beyer - Harper, TX



Can you name the 3 different animal tracks 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

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

Congrats to Jason Ferguson for being the first to
answer correctly (from the last newsletter).
This is called a [Northern Harrier \(Marsh Hawk\)](#).



Upcoming Horticulture Programs

Grow It Cook It Program Update

The Gillespie County AgriLife Extension Service is pleased to announce that their Grow It Cook It: Zucchini program, originally scheduled for April 17th, will be held on **July 10th** from 12 to 1 pm.



Beth McMahon will give tips on growing zucchini in your garden, as well as troubleshoot common problems. Shea Nebgen will demonstrate zucchini recipes and how to preserve zucchini for cooking in the future.

Due to the Covid-19 virus, participants will be asked to wear face masks while attending the program and to keep six feet away from other attendees. Face masks will be provided if participants do not have one. Temperature checks will be performed on participants and speakers before the program. The program will be limited to 20 people. If you have pre-registered for this program, reminders will be sent out. If you do not plan to attend, notification would be appreciated.

Coming on August 28th from 12 to 1 pm at the Gillespie County Extension office will be the final Grow It Cook It program of the year, "Caring Carrots". Growing and seed starting information will be given, as well as carrot seeds for participants to try. Recipes using carrots will be demonstrated.



Cost for individual programs is \$15 each, but attendance at both programs can be purchased at \$25.

Both programs are currently planned as in-person programs, though this may be subject to change due to Covid-19. Partial refunds will be given if the programs are canceled due to AgriLife Extension or Gillespie County restrictions.

Plantastic Vegetable Gardening Seminar Summer Post Survey

If you attended the Plantastic Vegetable Gardening Seminar this year on February 7th, please watch for an email with the post survey link in July. This post survey is to see if the information you learned in February helped you with your vegetable garden this year, and if you have any ideas for next year's Plantastic Vegetable Gardening Seminar. If you didn't attend the program but have ideas for next year's program, please email them to me at Elizabeth.mcmahon@agnet.tamu.edu

Texas Pecan Board

The Texas Pecan Board will hold elections September 1, 2020 to elect three (3) board members. For more information on the TPB election or the pecan assessment program, contact Bob Whitney, Executive Director, Texas Pecan Board, 201 S. Houston St., De Leon, TX 76444 or bob@texaspecanboard.com or visit the TPB website at www.texaspecanboard.com.

Texas Pecan Growers Webinar

When: July 14, 2020 9 a.m.-3 p.m. CST
Fee: \$30.00

The Texas Pecan Growers Webinar is intended to provide a timely review of the best management practices needed to produce a successful pecan crop in 2020. Three (3) Texas pesticide license continuing education credits (CEU's) will be available to those participants who are private pesticide license holders at the time/date of the webinar. One (1) CEU of the three offered will be for pesticide laws and regulations. The program's topics will include pecan production and pest management issues, including insects, diseases, weed control, fertilization, irrigation and other factors causing tree stress and affecting management decisions. This program is sponsored and marketed by the Texas Pecan Growers Association. <https://tpga.org>
<https://agriliferegister.tamu.edu/productListingDetails/3152>



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

AG Extras

Online rangeland herbicide workshop June 30

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will present an online rangeland workshop on the Zoom platform on June 30 at 9 a.m. The cost is \$10, and three Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units are available for participants with a pesticide applicators license, one in laws and regulations and two in integrated pest management.... **Read More** →

<https://agrilifetoday.tamu.edu/2020/06/17/online-rangeland-herbicide-workshop-june-30/>

Texas Crop and Weather Report – June 16, 2020

Improved processing capacity could mean lower beef prices at grocers. Wholesale beef prices are dropping as the production logjam in processing plants created by COVID-19 continues to loosen and return to normal, said a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service expert. David Anderson, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension economist, College Station, said wholesale beef prices were nearing last... **Read More** → <https://agrilifetoday.tamu.edu/2020/06/16/increased-processing-could-mean-lower-beef-prices/>

Texas A&M AgriLife involved in multistate and international seedling improvement project

Object is to provide high-quality, better-performing seedlings for vegetable nurseries, growers. The Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center in Uvalde is one among several institutions throughout the nation involved in a multi-year, multi-state seedling improvement project. “The goal of vegetable nurseries is to provide high-quality, dependable transplants for growers,” said Daniel Leskovar, Ph.D.,... **Read More** → <https://agrilifetoday.tamu.edu/2020/06/16/texas-am-agrilife-involved-in-multistate-and-international-seedling-improvement-project/>

Texas A&M researcher creating better corn yields, quality on less land

Murray earns Blavatnik National Award for Young Scientists finalist recognition for second year. As the human population booms, we hear the term “sustainable food supply” a great deal. One Texas A&M AgriLife researcher’s efforts to make corn production, whether for human or livestock consumption, more sustainable has earned him national recognition. Texas A&M AgriLife Research... **Read More** → <https://agrilifetoday.tamu.edu/2020/06/17/texas-am-researcher-creating-better-corn-yields-quality-on-less-land/>

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

- * Friday, July 3rd - Independence Day
- * Friday, August 21 - Gillespie County Fair Day
- * Monday, September 7 - Labor Day



Hours of Operation Until Further Notice:
We are open from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm (closed from noon – 1:00 pm for lunch)
Monday through Friday.

**Texas A&M AgriLife
Extension Service
~ Gillespie County ~**

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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, 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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