

# Top of the Windmill News

## Fall 2019



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### Calendar of Events

- Sept 30-Oct 1 2019 Bennett Trust  
Land Stewardship  
Women's Conference
- Sept 27-Nov 7 Native Tree Sale
- Oct 1 Kerr County Hay Show
- Oct 4 Wildlife Management &  
Research Seminar
- Oct 12 Tree Care in the Hill  
Country Program
- Oct 5 Kerr County 4-H Wild  
Game Dinner Fundraiser
- Oct 18-19 Agricultural Resilience  
Presented by NCAT  
Soil for Water Initiative
- Nov 12 Kerr County Ag Day
- Dec 3 Hill Country District  
Pecan Show

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### Kerr County 4-H Wild Game Dinner Fund Raiser Saturday, October 5th Kerrville, Texas

The Kerr County 4-H Wild Game Fund Raiser sponsored by Kerr County 4-H will be held on Saturday, October 5, 2019. This event will be held at the Hill Country Youth Exhibition Center at 3785 Hwy. 27, Kerrville. The doors will open at 5:00pm and dinner is served at 6:00pm. Tickets are \$20.00 for adults, 6 and under free.

**THE COOKS...** The Kerr County 4-H Wild Game dinner is famous for its flavor of the Texas Hill Country. Sixteen cooks from around Kerr county will prepare delicious treats made with Axis, Whitetail, Sika, Blackbuck, Red Stag, wild hog and much, much more!! If you are not into exotic meats, then you will enjoy the taste of Wild Range chicken and Boiled shrimp.

**THE RAFFLE...** After you have enjoyed a great dinner, we will start announcing our raffle winners and have our auction items. Over \$50,000 dollars in auction and raffle items will be available including guns, shooting gear, blinds, jewelry, furniture, and much, much more.

**THE PROCEEDS...** from this event benefit the 4-H Club Leadership & Development program serving 454 youth in Kerr County. 4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship and life skills. 4-H is about having fun, learning, exploring and discovering. In 4-H, young people make new friends, develop new skills, become leaders and help shape their communities. The Mission Of The Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program is to: Prepare youth to meet the challenges of childhood, adolescence and adulthood, through a coordinated, long-term, progressive series of educational experiences that enhance life skills and develop social, emotional, physical and cognitive competencies.



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## Land Stewardship Tips Focus of Women's Conference Sept. 30-Oct. 1 in Fredericksburg

FREDERICKSBURG – Women landowners and operators will find answers to questions and hear about conservation management practices essential to their property at the 2019 Bennett Trust Land Stewardship Women's Conference.

"Tips for the Trade" will be the theme of the conference set for Sept. 30-Oct. 1 at The Inn on Barons Creek, 308 S. Washington St., Fredericksburg. Cost is \$100 and includes the opening breakfast as well as all other meals, break refreshments and tour transportation.

Funded in part by the Ruth and Eskel Bennett Trust, the conference is an effort to reach women landowners who want to learn more about stewardship of the land, said Dr. Larry Redmon, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service program leader and associate head, Texas A&M University soil and crop sciences department, College Station.

"We believe women from throughout Texas and the surrounding states will find a lot of value in this event," Redmon said. "Our excellent slate of speakers and topics to be covered extend far beyond the Edwards Plateau region, so we welcome everyone to come and learn with us."

This year's keynote speaker, Dr. Susan Ballabina, Texas A&M AgriLife deputy vice chancellor, College Station, will address conservation of natural resources.



Other speakers and their topics on Sept. 30 include:

- Quail, Amanda Gobeli, AgriLife Extension associate with the Texas A&M Institute of Natural Resources, College Station.
- 1D1 Wildlife as Agriculture, Dr. Larry Redmon.
- Agriculture Laws Every Landowner Needs to Know, Tiffany Dowell Lashmet, AgriLife Extension, Amarillo.
- Financial Considerations on the Ranch, Jae Thompson, Capital Farm Credit, Uvalde.
- Path to the Plate, Whitney Whitworth, AgriLife Extension family and community health agent, Llano County.
- Brush Busters/Prescribed Fire, Dr. Morgan Treadwell, AgriLife Extension range specialist, San Angelo.
- Guts and Glory: Finding Your Place, Dr. Megan Clayton, AgriLife Extension range specialist, Corpus Christi.
- On Oct. 1, conference attendees will travel to outdoor sessions on plant identification, skeet shooting and archery in the morning. Following lunch, the group will tour a ranch in the Fredericksburg/Kerrville area.

For more information, go to <https://agrilife.org/bennetttrust/>, or contact Redmon at [l-redmon@tamu.edu](mailto:l-redmon@tamu.edu) or Linda Francis, [l-francis@tamu.edu](mailto:l-francis@tamu.edu).



**Kerr Wildlife Management Area  
Presents Our  
Wildlife Management & Research Seminar**

October 4, 2019

**Location: Kerr Wildlife Management Area**

**Cost: Free**

**Lunch: Bring Your Own**

**Register At: (830)238-4483 or [deanna.pfeffer@tpwd.texas.gov](mailto:deanna.pfeffer@tpwd.texas.gov)**



**AGENDA**

- 9:00 Welcome & Introductions  
*-Deanna Pfeffer, Kerr WMA Biologist*
- 9:15 Intro to the Kerr WMA & Ecosystems Management  
*-Deanna Pfeffer, Kerr WMA Biologist*
- 10:00 TPWD Technical Guidance  
*-Joyce Moore, TPWD Technical Guidance Biologist*
- 10:45 Break
- 11:00 Migratory Birds In Texas  
*-Owen Fitzsimmons, TPWD Migratory Games Bird Program Leader*
- 11:45 Lunch
- 12:30 Ecology & Control of Feral Swine  
*-Justin Foster, TPWD Region II Research Coordinator*
- 1:15 Predator Management  
*-John Tomecek, Texas AgriLife Extension Wildlife Specialist*
- 2:00 Depart for Field Tour (All Speakers)
- 4:00 Return from Tour & Dismiss



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## Kerr County Hay Show

This year's hay crop looks to be a tale of two seasons. Early rains this spring set hay producers up for some good early cuttings. Of course, July and August had to be dry and we are in need of some much needed moisture to go into the fall. Hay producers interested in participating in the Kerr County Hay Show may bring their hay samples by the Texas AgriLife Extension office in Kerrville by Tuesday,



**October 1st.** Entries will include one bale. A producer may enter as many bales as they wish. In cases of round bales an entry may be cored or consist of 20 pounds of hay sacked, bound and tied. If you need to borrow our hay core you are welcome to it. Classes include; Sorghum Sudan, Winter Annuals, Legumes, Perennial Grasses, Coastal Bermuda, and other bermudagrasses. Bermudagrasses will be divided into irrigated and dryland. This is a good opportunity for producers to get their hay tested and determine the quality of your hay as a feed supplement for this winter. Entry fee for the show is \$10.00 per sample. For more information contact the Kerr County AgriLife Extension Office at 830-257-6568.

## Agricultural Resilience October 18th & 19th, Kerr Wildlife Management Area, Hunt, TX; Presented by NCAT Soil for Water Initiative

In the dynamic and sometimes unforgiving climates of Texas, any agricultural operation needs to be ready to cope with and recover from adversity. By holding more water in the soil and fostering the right soil microbiology we can buffer changes in temperature and mitigate the effects of extreme weather patterns. Nicole Masters, agroecologist and soil microbe expert, will walk us through how to take a future-focused approach to land management, growing healthy food, and creating robust ecosystems. She'll address the following questions:

- How do we build soil structure to improve water and mineral cycles?
- What is the role of soil microbes in pasture quality and resiliency?
- What are your weeds telling you?
- How do we manage weeds, disease, and insects?
- How do we shift from invasive grasses to native grasses?
- How does adaptive multi-paddock grazing encourage resiliency?
- What monitoring strategies can we use to be sure we are making improvement and moving towards our goals?
- How can we reduce the need for chemical inputs without reducing yields?



Additionally, Kathy Harris of Holistic Management International will teach the Bullseye Method of monitoring. You will have the opportunity to practice this method in the field with HMI Certified Educators as your guides. You'll also learn from a panel of regenerative land managers about the restorative methods they are applying on their land and the results they are seeing. *Two-days of lecture and outdoor field study is \$130 and includes lunch and refreshments. Both days must be attended to enroll. To register please visit our website or for questions call Kara at 479-587-3479. Additionally, on the evening of October 18th, we'll be hosting a dinner at The Hunt Store. The cost per person is \$35.*

<https://soilforwater.org/events-calendar/>





# NATIVE TREE SALE

2104 MEMORIAL BOULEVARD, SUITE 103 KERRVILLE, TEXAS 78028  
830-896-4911 x 3 FAX: 844-496-8002  
[missie@kerrcountyswcd.com](mailto:missie@kerrcountyswcd.com)

Orders Due: November 7, 2019

Pick Up Date: November 13, 2019

All trees sold have been grown locally and are native species in 5 gallon pots.  
All trees will be in 5 gallon pots.

## Species Available:

Arizona Cypress	Eve's Necklace
Big Tooth Maple	Golden Ball Lead Tree
Blanco Crabapple	Mexican Plum
Burr Oak	Monterrey Oak
Red Oak	Anacacho Orchid
Chinkapin Oak	Escarpment Cherry
Cedar Elm	Texas Redbud
Desert Willow	Texas Mulberry

**835**

Other Species & Sizes available upon request

For More Information or for Special Orders Please Contact:

Kerr County Soil & Water Conservation District

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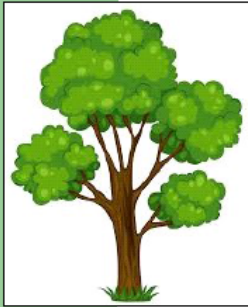
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# Hill Country Master Gardeners

*Present a Public Program*



## TREE CARE in the Texas Hill Country

**Saturday, October 12, 2019  
9 am—5 pm**

Dr. David N. Appel, Professor, Plant Pathology and Microbiology, ESSM Collaborating Faculty, Texas A&M, and Sheila McBride, Program Specialist, Texas Plant Disease Diagnostic Laboratory will present the program on:

**Tree Benefits - Identification,  
Selection & Planting  
Tree Biology, Nutrition  
Care & Pruning  
Tree Stress Factors and Treatment  
Oak Wilt - Identification and Treatment  
Offsite Injection Demo**

Registration Fee: \$35 (includes snacks and box lunch)  
Deadline: Friday, October 4, 2019

TMGA 8 CEUs Available



Hill Country Youth Event Center  
3785 TX 27 - Kerrville  
registration info 830-257-6568  
or [hillcountrymastergardeners.org](http://hillcountrymastergardeners.org)



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## Kerr County Ag Day

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Kerr County will be hosting an Ag Day on **November 12th** at the Kerr County Youth Event Center. The program will begin at 8:00 a.m. with registration and will conclude at 3:30 p.m. with evaluations. The program will include topics on:

- Pesticide Laws and Regulations
- Internal & External parasite control on sheep & goats
- Guard dogs in predator control
- Livestock grazing in integrated weed and brush control strategies
- Controlling feral swine options



Speakers will include; Dr. Bob Lyons, Extension Range Specialist; Dr. Maureen Frank, Texas A&M Agrilife Wildlife Biologist, Dr. Reid Reddon, Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Sheep & Goat Specialist; and Mr. Roy Walston, Kerr County Extension Agent.

**5 hours** of CEUs for pesticide applicators will be offered, including 1 CEU in Laws and Regulations and 3 hours IPM, & 1 hr. General CEUs.

Lunch will be included and preregistration is required in order to get a good count for lunch.



Registration and payment for this program **prior to November 5th** and the cost of the program will be \$35 per individual or \$50 per couple.

Registration and payment **after November 5th** and the cost is \$45 per individual and \$60 per couple. To RSVP please call the Kerr County Extension Office at (830) 257-6568.



## Hill Country District Pecan Show

With the cooler weather here many homeowners and commercial growers are anxiously waiting the Hill Country District Pecan Show set for **December 3rd 2019** at the Kerr County Event Center in Kerrville. Growers throughout the Hill Country appear to be having a good crop this year and should have plenty of pecans for this year's shows. Each year pecan growers from the Hill Country area, Bandera, Kendall, Kerr and Real counties collect and enter their pecan entries to compete for awards, recognition and advancement to the Central Texas Regional Show. Growers will compete for ribbons and plaques with the Champion Commercial, Classic and Native all receiving plaques.

Growers from this area may enter one entry of each improved variety and as many native entries as they like. Each entry must consist of 45 nuts of one variety and must be grown by the exhibitor and from this year's crop. What makes a good sample? Good pecan entries are uniform in color, shape and size; free of disease and insect markings with very little discoloration or white at the end of the pecans. Pecans should be free of splits or cracking to insure a good sample. Pecans may not be altered by marking, filing or excessive polishing, which will disqualify the entry. Each entry will be selected based on a random sampling of 10 nuts selected from the entry. The 10 nuts are then weighed in shell, shelled and a kernel weight is then taken. Based on the size of the nuts, percent edible kernel, color and appearance the nuts are placed.

If you would like to compete in this year's Hill Country District Pecan Show please bring your pecans to the Kerr County Extension Office no later than **Tuesday, November 26th**. Questions can be directed to 830-257-6568.



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