

# Top of the Windmill News

## Spring 2023 Edition

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*Mike Morris*

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### Calendar of Events

- March 25** - Choosing the Right Plants For Your Landscape - Master Gardeners (Butt Holdsworth Library-Kerrville)
- March 29** - Herbicide Meeting - Kimble County (3 CEU's available)
- April 1** - Farm and Ranch Expo 2023
- April 3** - 2023 Fish Restocking Program
- April 8** - Hill Country Master Gardeners Blooms and Barrels Sale
- April 11** - South Texas Agriculture Symposium Virtual Workshop held in Kerrville Youth Event Center (2 CEU's Available)
- April 12** - Grow It Cook It - Cucumbers (Fredericksburg)
- April 13-14** - 7th Hill Country Land Stewardship Conference (Y.O. Ranch Hotel-Kerrville)
- May 5** - Cow Pokes & Land Folks Conference (CEUs available)

### Welcome Our New Kerr County Extension Agent Mike Morris

Hello Folks,

I want to take an opportunity to introduce myself to the good people of Kerr County who it is my pleasure to serve on behalf of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension. My name is Mike Morris, and my wife Daphne and I are multi-generational Texans. I have come to extension by an atypical path, having spent a long career in agriculture, from feed milling and cow/calf consultation with Purina Mills, feed mill construction and management with Con Agra, and broiler production management with Con Agra Poultry. The final part of my career in private industry was spent establishing husbandry programs and policies for food animal production with an international restaurant company, a role that led me to work with producers on site in North and South America, Europe, Africa, and China.



Most of my career has involved teaching, whether an Oklahoma or Kansas cattle producer, a family raising Arkansas broilers, or a South African farmer working to establish a supplier relationship. I regret to say I could never teach a European a darn thing! Daphne is a life-long educator, from the classroom to district specialist roles, and served as Principal for two Texas elementary schools. Today she is dedicated to her passion, reading excellence, in the Kerrville ISD.

We have two daughters, Mac & Mic, both graduated, grown, and on their own. MacKenzie teaches Agriculture Science in Texas. Michaela and her husband live in Missouri where Mic is a Physical Therapy Assistant serving a rural community.

More importantly, she and Trevor presented us with our first grandchild, Mack James, in February last year.

Having grown up with farming and ranching and being a life-long outdoorsman, I am fortunate to share many of the values and experiences of the folks here in the Hill Country. I am absolutely committed to the AgriLife Extension mission, and that means I am dedicated to the people of Kerr County. It is my great fortune to be assigned to an Extension office that is staffed by the most talented and enthusiastic folks you could ever hope for. They are doing their best to steer me in the right direction, and with their help and yours, I sincerely hope to be an asset to Kerr County.

Please call, email, or stop by. I am here to serve you.  
Mike

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## **Kimble County Herbicide Meeting**

The Kimble County AgriLife Extension Office will be hosting a training that will offer 3 CEU's on March 29, 2023. Please call the Kimble County Office for more information at (325) 446-2620.

LYSSY AND ECKEL - ROOSEVELT

# ***HERBICIDE MEETING***

LEARN WHAT TO SPRAY AND WHEN TO  
SPRAY THOSE PESKY WEEDS!

PATIO AT SIMON BROS CAFE

MARCH 29, 2023

9am Onwards

3 CEU'S WILL BE GIVEN

# Farm and Ranch Expo 2023 Kerrville

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



## FARM & RANCH EXPO 2023

In Partnership With

TEXAS A&M  
AGRI LIFE  
EXTENSION

CENTURY 21 The Hills Realty

HILL COUNTRY YOUTH EVENT CENTER | 3785 TX-27, Kerrville, TX 78028

### SATURDAY, APRIL 1ST 2023

#### KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Naturescape

Oak Wilt &  
Tree Diseases



Water Resources,  
Water Testing,  
& Stewardship



Land Ag  
Valuations



Jim Bradbury, PLLC

Ag Law Issues



The Nature  
Conservancy  
TEXAS

Fire as a Tool  
Firewise Tips

The first

# 150

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 2104 MEMORIAL BOULEVARD, SUITE 103 KERRVILLE, TEXAS 78028  
 830-896-4911 X 5 FAX: 844-496-8002  
[missie@kerrcountyswcd.com](mailto:missie@kerrcountyswcd.com)

## 2023 Spring Fish Restocking Order Form

Orders Due Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> Delivery Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am in Parking Lot

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Bass Hybrid (Fla. X Texas)	5-4"	_____	@	\$285 ea.	_____
Catfish Hybrid ( <i>grows 30% faster</i> )	5-7"	_____	@	\$0.99 ea.	_____
Copper Nose Bluegill	5-5"	_____	@	\$0.85 ea.	_____
Hybrid Sun Perch or Bluegill	5-5"	_____	@	\$0.95 ea.	_____
Red Ear Perch	2-4"	_____	@	\$0.95 ea.	_____
Crappie (call for availability)	5-4"	_____	@	\$285 ea.	_____
Fathead Minnow		_____	@	\$49 /1000	_____
Golden Shiners Minnow		_____	@	\$85 /1000	_____

Subtotal \_\_\_\_\_

20% Shipping & Handling \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_

We also have Triploid Grass Carp! Permit required & Special Order

### SUGGESTED STOCKING RATES

**BASS:** 1- acre new lake: 400 medium (spawners) copper nose bluegill, 4,000 fathead minnow, 1,000 golden shiner minnows - 200 small bass or 100 medium bass.

**BASS:** 1- acre old lake: 600 medium (spawners) copper nose bluegill, 6,000 fathead minnows, 2,000 golden shiner minnows, and 200 red ear perch.

**CATFISH:** 1- acre lake **fed**- 1,000 (4" -6") catfish, 800 medium perch, 8,000 fathead minnows.

**CATFISH:** 1- acre **non fed**- 500 catfish- (4" -6"), 400 medium perch, 4,000 fathead minnows.

Make payments to Kerr Co. SWCD

Proceeds from this fish sale will go to the Buck Menges Memorial Scholarship Fund. This allows us to award scholarships to graduating seniors in Kerr County who plan to major in agriculture.

## Choosing the Right Plants for Your Landscape

March 25th, 2023. 10:30-11:30 am. Butt Holdsworth Library, 505 Water Street, Kerrville.  
Plant selection for landscapes. Given by Master Gardener Janelle Dahms. Free. No pre-



# Hill Country Texas Master Gardeners Blooms & Barrels Sale



**Saturday, April 8, 2023**  
**Begins at 9 am to 1 pm**  
**(OR SOLD OUT)**



**PLANTS**  
**Native - Adapted - Ornamentals**  
**Herbs -Vegetables**



**RAIN BARRELS**  
**55 gallon capacity**  
**50% Rebate for Kerr County Residents**  
**available from UGRA**

**All Sales on 4/08/23 are Tax Exempt**



**BYOW—Bring Your Own Wagon**  
*if you'd like!*

**Cash or Check Only (ATM available)**

**Hill Country Youth Event Center – Ag Barn**  
**3785 Hwy 27 East, Kerrville**



**Hill Country Master Gardeners**

**830-257-6568**

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



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# 2023 SOUTH TEXAS AGRICULTURE SYMPOSIUM

TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2023 8 AM – 2:30 PM @  
HILL COUNTRY YOUTH EVENT CENTER  
3785 HWY 27, KERRVILLE

Hosted by Texas A&M Agrilife Ext – South TX Based Specialists

## Modifying Practices to Increase Success in 2023

- ✓ Tips for ranching/farming financial management
- ✓ Weather-related challenges for horticulture plants in 2023
- ✓ Plant disease basics: Why is my plant sick?
- ✓ How weeds adapt to our control efforts
- ✓ Why plant phenology matters in rangeland habitat management
- ✓ Management to promote rangeland soil health
- ✓ Predator management: It is worth it?
- ✓ Considerations when harvesting game for taxidermy
- ✓ Dealing with desert termites & fall armyworms in pastures

### **VIRTUAL WORKSHOP** HOSTED BY:

MIKE MORRIS  
KERR CO. AG/NR AGENT  
TX A&M AGRILIFE EXT SVC

2 GENERAL PESTICIDE  
APPLICATOR CEU'S

\$10.00

LUNCH WILL BE  
PROVIDED

RSVP BY MARCH 31ST  
CALL 830-257-6568  
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# Grow It Cook It

LEARN HOW TO GROW, PREPARE AND COOK THE FRUIT/VEGETABLE



**\$15  
Each**

**\$25  
for the  
Series**

**JANUARY 11  
ASPARAGUS**

**APRIL 12  
CUCUMBERS**

**JULY 19  
PEACHES**

**12:00 PM - 1:00 PM  
GILLESPIE COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE,  
38 BUSINESS COURT**

Register online through [Eventbrite](#) or Scan the QR Code  
or in person with cash or check at the

Gillespie County Extension Office

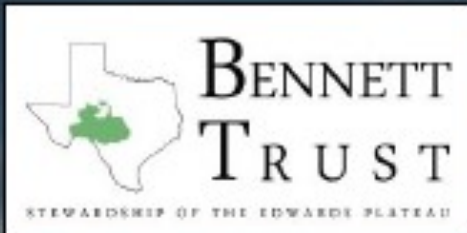
checks should be made payable to Gillespie ANR

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/grow-it-cook-it-tickets-486898595807>



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## 7th Hill Country Land Stewardship

April 13-14, 2023

Y.O. Ranch Hotel  
2033 Sidney Baker Street  
Kerrville, TX 78028  
(877) 967-3767  
[www.yoranchotel.com](http://www.yoranchotel.com)

### Conference Registration Information

Registrants: <https://tamu.estore.flywire.com/products/7th-hill-country-land-stewardship-conference-april-2023-87533>

For more information, please visit:  
*[BennettTrust.tamu.edu](http://BennettTrust.tamu.edu)*







# COW POKES & LAND FOLKS



## Conference

Friday, May 5, 2023 8:00am - 4:00pm

Hill Country Youth Event Center ~ 3785 Hwy. 27 Kerrville, TX 78028

\$30.00 Early Bird Special ends April 30 ~ \$45.00 At The Gate

5 CEU's (Pesticide Lic.) 7 hours A.T (Master Naturalists if agenda is approved)

Please make checks payable to Kerr County SWCD and Mail to: 2104 Memorial Blvd. Ste. 103, Kerrville, TX 78028

Name, Email & TDA # (Ex. Missie Dreiss missie@kerrcountyswcd.com -TDA # 1234567)

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Total Amount Due: = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If you have a TDA Pesticide License please include your Applicators # on this form and bring your card with bar code to be scanned at Registration on event day. I want to make sure you get credit for attending this class.