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GILLESPIE COUNTY

SUMMER 2017

UPCOMING EVENTS

- * Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Convention— July 20-22
- * Texas Well Owners Network Program—July 26
- * WMA sign-up meeting— July 29
- * Hay Show entry deadline— July 31
- * Texas Sheep and Goat Expo— Aug 18-19
- * Gillespie County Fair— Aug. 24-27
- * 4-H BBQ Fundraiser— Aug. 25

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WMAA SIGN UP MEETING FIRST JOINT MEETING

The AgriLife Extension Office would like to welcome everyone to the new joint Sign-Up Meeting this year with all four Wildlife Management Areas invited including Doss, Cherry Springs, Harper and Cave Creek. The event will be held at the Gillespie County Farm Bureau Center at 237 Equestrian Drive starting at 4 p.m. on July 29.

Everyone that is a current member should have received their license application and a flyer in the mail. If you did not receive the mail out or are a perspective new member, please contact the AgriLife Extension Office for additional information. This meeting will replace the four-individual summer sign up meetings that each wildlife area association normally holds and will be the only joint meeting this year.

“We are trying this format for two reasons; bring in high quality speakers on wildlife management and increase attendance at meetings which is imperative to the success of wildlife management areas’ goals and mission,” said Brad Roeder, Ag and Natural Resources County Extension Agent.

Bill Miller Bar-B-Q will be served and a RSVP for the meal is needed by July 18. Dinner will be by donation for members of the WMA’s and is also open to non-members for \$10 per meal. If unable to attend this meeting, the deadline to turn the hunting lease application is Friday, Aug. 11. If any hunters are in town we would encourage them to come as well. Individual with private applicators license can receive two hours of CEU’s by attending this event.

The agenda for the meeting will go as follows: 4:00 p.m. sign up for lease licenses and social hour, 5:15 p.m. serve meal, 5:45 p.m. speakers begin -- Milo Shultz with history on the formation of the Wildlife Management Areas in Gillespie County, Game Warden updates, Joyce Moore with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department on harvest lines and Brad Roeder with 2016 harvest statistics and updates on youth hunts.

The Extension Office would like to thank the officers of the four WMAA’s for working on this event and the Gillespie County Farm Bureau for donating the meeting space. For more information and to RSVP, please call the Gillespie County AgriLife Extension Service at 830-997-3452 or come by the office located at 95 Frederick Road, Fredericksburg, Texas 78624.



MEMBERSHIP DUES
\$25

RSVP
By July 18, 2017
95 Frederick Rd, Fredericksburg, TX 78624
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SPEAKERS
@ 5:45 p.m.
Milo Shultz – WMA the early days
Game Wardens- updates
Joyce Moore- Harvest line-up dates
Brad Roeder – Harvest Statistics
Youth Hunts will be discussed

CEU
2 CEU hours will be offered toward a private pesticide applicator’s license

MEAL
@ 5:15 p.m.
Bill Miller’s BBQ
Non-members - \$10
Members – By donation



Pre-register for the program at <http://twon.tamu.edu/training/> or call 979-845-1467

Free for all Texas Residents!



Texas Well Owners Network Program

The Texas Well Owner Network will host a well water program on Wednesday, July 26 from 1-5 p.m. at the Gillespie County Farm Bureau Center located at 237 Equestrian Drive in Fredericksburg, Texas.

The program is free for all Texas residents and is an educational training opportunity for those who would like more information on

groundwater resources, septic system maintenance water quality and treatment, and well maintenance.

Well owners are more than welcome to bring their well water samples for various testing like E.coli bacteria, nitrate-nitrogen, and total dissolved solids for \$5 per sample.

Sample containers (instructions included)

can be picked up at Gillespie and Blanco County Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Offices or at the Hill Country Underground Water Conservation District office.

Samples and payment will be collected at the training on July 26.

For additional information, please call Gillespie County AgriLife Extension office at 830-997-3452.

Gillespie County Fair

The 129th Gillespie County Fair will be taking place August 24—27 at the Gillespie County Fairgrounds.

The fair will open on Thursday, Aug. 24 at 5 p.m. with free admission to the fair grounds according to this year's fair catalog.

This year's Gillespie County Fair will include various events and activities over the 4 day course including the carnival, horse racing, musical entertainment, arts & crafts, displays of home products and agriculture, queen's contest, a parade and much more.

Thursday, entries will be taken in the agriculture and home skills departments beginning at 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Livestock judging will take place at the Show Barn both Friday and Saturday, Aug. 25-26.

The Hill Country Antique Tractor and Engine Club will be offering demonstrations and displays during the fair.

The Swine Futurity show will start on Saturday, Aug. 26 at 9 a.m. with an entry fee of \$20 and late entry fee (day of show) of \$25 and will begin with gilts followed by barrows.

The 2017 Gillespie County Hay Show exhibits will be set up on Wednesday, Aug. 23 at 9 a.m. at the fair grounds. Entry deadline is July 31 at 5 p.m. All entries and analysis reports can be picked up after 5 p.m. on Aug. 27.

Over the weekend, agriculture and home displays, educational exhibits and much more will be open for those interested at the Exhibition Hall.

The 129th Gillespie County Fair is sponsored by the Gillespie County Fair and Festivals Association. Tickets can be purchased at the gates or ahead of time at <http://www.gillespiefair.net/>.

For more information, visit <http://www.gillespiefair.net/> or see this year's Fair Catalog.



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4-H BBQ Fundraiser—Fair Friday

The Gillespie County 4-H Adult Leaders Association will be hosting this year's 4-H BBQ Fundraiser following the Gillespie County Fair Parade on Friday, Aug. 25 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. or while supplies last.



Bethany Lutheran Church will have a drive-thru available and for eat-in option, Adelsverein Halle at Markplatz.

Meals will be \$10 per plate and will consist of pork barbecue, potato salad, beans, pickles and onions, bread and cookies. Tea and water will also be provided.

During the barbecue, there will be 10-11 prize drawings. Tickets can be purchased for \$5 each or 5 for \$20 and can be picked up at Tex-

as A&M AgriLife Extension Gillespie County office, Lochte Feed and General Store or Itz Electric.

The fundraiser proceeds will go to community service project, college scholarships and projects for the 11 clubs in 4-H. For more information, please call the Gillespie County Extension office at 830-997-3452

2017 Gillespie County Hay Show

As producers wrap up the 2017 hay season, remember to save a bale to enter in this year's Gillespie County Hay Show. Entries are limited to hay grown in Gillespie and adjacent counties only. There will be three divisions: Perennial Grasses (Lovegrass, Costal, Kleingrass etc.), Annual Grasses (Haygrazer, Hegari, Oats, etc.) and Legumes (Alfalfa, Sweetclover, Peanut, etc.). The entry deadline at 5 p.m. on July 31, 2017.

Entries need to be tagged as to the type of hay, exhibitor name, address and phone number. Both standard sized round bales and conventional square bales will compete together. An entry consists of a complete bale of hay, which will be returned after the Hay Show results are displayed at the Gillespie County Fair after 5 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 27.

The Gillespie County Fair and Festivals Association will pay for the first entry of exhibitors for the protein and nitrate analysis in place of prize money. All additional entries will be paid by the exhibitor at \$10

per entry.

Round bale entries must be delivered to Beyer Fertilizer and Feed located at 3446 N. State Highway 16 in Fredericksburg. Square bales will be collected at various locations throughout the county: Allied Ag Services in Stonewall, Behrends Feed and Fertilizer in Luckenbach, and Lochte Feed & General Store in Fredericksburg.

By competing, producers will learn the crude protein value of their hay and receive a nitrates test. This information will be used in determining the value of the product along with ADF and visual appearance of hay and presence of weeds. This is beneficial to producers if they plan to use or sell their hay in the fall and winter months.

The following guidelines will be used in considering the level of nitrates for placing hay: <1% will be acceptable; 1.01% - 1.49 will be penalized; and > 1.50% will be withdrawn from the show. The above guidelines are the recommendations of the Texas A&M University Forage testing lab.

After the fair, hay not picked up by 6 p.m. on Aug. 27 will become

property of the Gillespie County Fair and Festivals Association. The 2017 Gillespie County Hay Show is sponsored by the Gillespie County Fair and Festivals Association and the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Ag & Natural Resource Committee.

For more information regarding the 2017 Gillespie County Hay Show, please contact the Gillespie County Extension Office at 830-997-3452 or see this year's Gillespie County Fair catalog. Printed rules for the show can be collected at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Office located at 95 Frederick Road in Fredericksburg, Texas.



Texas Sheep & Goat Expo



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Sheep and Goat raisers are encouraged to mark their calendars for the upcoming Texas Sheep and Goat Expo that will be held in San Angelo, Texas on Aug. 18-19.

Event organizers are adamant for those who can, try to make it to this major educational event that will offer plenty of learning opportunities for sheep and goat entrepreneurs.

The first of the two is the yearly Sheep and Goat Field Day conducted by and on the grounds of the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center located north of San Angelo.

The field day registration will begin at 8 a.m., followed by the program at 8:30 a.m. and will end with lunch at 11:30 a.m., Aug. 18 at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center north of San Angelo on U.S. Highway 87.

After lunch, the expo will be held on the center grounds and will start at 1 p.m. and will move to San Angelo's 1st Community Federal Credit Union Spur Arena.

August 18 activities will wrap up at 8:30 p.m and August 19 events

will go from 8 a.m.– 3 p.m., also located at the Spur Arena.

According to Marvin Ensor, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service program leader at San Angelo is the coordinator for both events.

Ensor said the Annual Sheep and Goat Field Day is a long standing tradition of the AgriLife center dating going back to the 1970's.

“Both of these programs will have a lot to offer,” Ensor said. “We have moved the center's sheep and goat field day to coincide with the expo. Our thought is for folks to start by first attending the center's field day that tout work being conducted there eat a great lunch on the center ground and then move to the San Angelo fair grounds to take part in the expo.”

According to the San Angelo Stock show and Rodeo Texas Sheep and Goat Expo press release, the expo is to be a state level event with demonstrations and hands-on activities following the center's Aug. 18 field day.

There will be a chuck wagon breakfast starting on Aug. 19. Following the breakfast, sessions will include hair

sheep, wool breeds, meat goats and club lamb productions.

Various commercial businesses will display new equipment, products and services on both event days.

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Ensor also states that the center's field day will include work being done with sheep and goat guard dogs, brush management and feral hogs while the expo will feature a totally different set of interests.

The registration fee covers participation for either one or both days. There is no fee for those 18 years or younger. Registration can be paid prior to the event or at the door.

“The sheep and goat industry in Texas is now more diverse than its ever been, so instead of targeting just one or two aspects on the local level, we've planned the expo to encompass all the primary production areas in which the industry is headed today.”

Texas Sheep & Goat Expo Cont...

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The registration fee covers participation for either one or both days. There is no fee for those 18 years or younger. Registration can be paid prior to the event or at the door.

Early registration is by Aug. 15 and is \$40 for adults. Student registration is \$15 per day. Late registration, after Aug. 15, is \$60.

"There are other sheep and goat events and

opportunities across the nation, but this is unique program addresses the Texas area and the southwest part of the United States," said Ensor.

"We have all the different segments covered with educational programs to address the specific needs of the industry. So make plans now and join us as these are the two educational events, back to back, you won't want to miss this year."

The final expo agenda and online registration is available at <http://agrilife.org/westresults/registration>.

Contact Marvin Ensor at 325-653-4576, m_esor@tamu.edu for more information on the Texas Sheep and Goat Expo or contact Walker at 325-653-4576, j-walker@ag.tamu.edu for information on the Sheep and Goat Field day.



To register visit:
<http://agrilife.org/westresults/registration>

102nd Texas Goat and Sheep Raisers Convention

The Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association would like to extend an invitation to those whom wish to attend the celebration of 102 years in the making. The convention will offer educational opportunities, fellowship and fun for all.

Events are as follows:
Thursday, July 20th

- 12:00 PM- 20th Annual Goat Ropers Golf Tournament at the Schreiner Municipal Golf Course.
- 3:00-5:00 PM- Pre-registration/pickup in the Board Room in the hotel lobby.
- 5:30-7:00 PM – Social in Hotel Lobby

Friday, July 21st

- 7:00 AM – Livestock Damage Management Association Breakfast
- 8:00 AM – Registration Continues
 - 9:00-

- 12:00 TSGRA Committee Meetings
- 12:00 – 1:30 TSGRA Luncheon and awards presentation
Keynote Speaker: Congressman Mike Conaway
- 1:30 – 3:30 Annual membership meeting and election of officers
- 5:30 PM buses leave for Roeder Ranch
- 6:00 PM **BBQ** at Roeder Ranch, presentation of the Earwood and Dietert Awards and TSGRA Auction

Saturday, July 22nd

- 7:00 AM Past President's Breakfast
- 8:00 AM Horseless Goat Roping
- 12:30 – 4:30 Hill Country Wine Tours- \$145 per person (includes tour, tasting, transportation and snacks) Tour and taste at three of the Hill Country's finest wineries, **MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED.**
- Family swim party, enjoy the YO Hotel swimming pool, fun and games for the whole family.

- 1:00 – 4:00 Skeet Shooting Tournament- \$100 per person (Please bring your gun and ammunition) **MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED**
- 6:00 PM – Midnight Dinner and Dancing to the music of Case Hardin

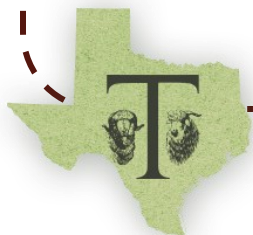
Saturday evening, dinner will be buffet style and will be followed by dancing, award winners announcements, skeet shooting tournament and a raffle drawing.

According to the TSGRA website, babysitters will be available for various events throughout the convention for those who are bringing children. RSVP to 325-655-7388.

Early Bird registration for the full convention is \$195. Friday and Saturday only, \$125 per person. After June 30th, full convention is \$245 and for Friday and Saturday only, \$150 per person.

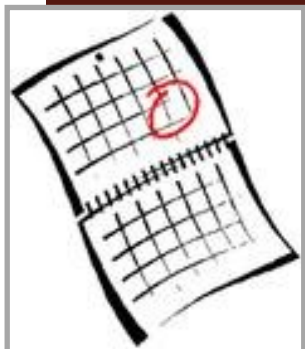
For more information, a detailed agenda and to register, please visit <http://www.tsgra.com/>.

"Celebrate 102 years of continued support for the sheep and goat industry."



**The information & image provided was collected from the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association website: <http://www.tsgra.com/index.php>

In the Months to Come...



- * Texas Hill Country Dorper Sale—September 8-9
- * Fall Range Tour—October 5
- * Heifer Sale & TSWCRA Round Up—October 24
- * Predator Commodity Board Annual Meeting—October 12
- * Bennett Women's Conference—October 2-3
- * 5 Hour CEU Course—December
- * Private Application Training—December
- * Hill Country Cattle Women's Seminar—January 26

For more information, please call Gillespie County AgriLife Extension Office at 830-997-3452.

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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, lawn care, gardening, pest management, CEU's, livestock production, water conservation, brush management and economic development.

Shea Nebgen is the Family and Consumer Science (FCS) Agent who provides programming in areas like nutrition, sewing, diabetes, child safety seats, and healthy living.

Taylor Osbourn is the 4-H and Youth CEA and oversees Gillespie County's 10 4-H clubs and over 450 4-H members.

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.