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Upcoming Dates

- *Fruit & Nut Tree Pre-Sale currently going on!*
- *Tree Care Program Dec. 2, 2017*
- *Waller County Master Gardeners Intern Applications currently being taken*
- *Washington County Wildlife Valuation Workshop Dec. 1, 2017*
- *Plant Protection Conference Dec. 5-6, 2017*
- *2017 Texas Large Animal Emergency Rescue Class Dec. 8-9, 2017*
- *2nd Annual Southeast Texas Town & Country CEU Recertification Dec. 14, 2017*
- *MG Tree Sale Pick up Jan. 20, 2017*
- *Open House Jan. 30, 2017*
- *Horse workshop series TBA*

Check for fliers in the back of the newsletter for more information



Ag Newsletter

November/December 2017

Calf market trends, forage production highlight South Central

Beef cattle producers from throughout the South Central Texas region learned more about producing calves that fit the current market as well as enhancing forage production throughout the year at the 46th South Central Texas Cow-Calf clinic in Brenham. The cow-clinic is sponsored by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and the beef and forage committees in Austin, Brazos, Burleson, Fayette, Grimes, Harris, Lee, Waller and Washington counties.

This year's clinic featured a panel of cattle buyers that provided participants current market trend information, what buyers are looking for in the calf market and ways for cow-calf producers to monitor market prices.

Another topic discussed at the 48th South Central Texas Cow-Calf Clinic was animal health. Cow-calf producers are advised to vaccinate their calves to prevent sickness throughout the supply chain.

One aspect of calf production is purchasing a herd bull that fits current trends in the market in terms of frame size, color and potential weaning weights, they said. However, there is a risk of too many sire traits showing up in calves and in the overall herd, which may or may not be desirable.

"We see this happening," Jason Cleere said. "A rancher buys a bull from a particular breed that is most popular at that time, keeps replacement heifers out of him, and now the calf crop from the herd is three quarters from this breed and starting to look more purebred."

Another topic discussed was animal health. Both Herd and Fritsch advised cow-calf producers to vaccinate their calves to prevent sickness throughout the supply chain. They also advised weaning them before marketing and putting them on feed for added weight gain and to alleviate weaning stress.

Both Herd and Fritsch told producers to pick up hay strings and plastic bags in the pasture as curious cattle will end up eating them and causing digestive problems later in life. They also said to watch and monitor the cattle markets either online, use of smartphone apps, printed publications or other sources such as calling the owner of the livestock auction.

Dr. Joe Paschal, AgriLife Extension livestock specialist from Corpus Christi, discussed adding pounds and dollars to a calf crop by increasing forage production. Earlier in the morning, Dr. Philip Shackelford, AgriLife Extension interim regional program leader, gave an overview of the AgriLife Extension Path to the Plate program, an education program that helps consumers understand how their food choices impact their health.

The afternoon sessions covered vaccination programs featuring veterinarian Dr. Peter Wunderlich of Washington Animal Clinic in Brenham. Cleere discussed backgrounding/preconditioning programs.

Mark Bryant was the grand door prize winner, winning a heifer purchased at the Washington County Fair and donated by the Washington County Extension Beef Committee and Texas Farm Credit.



Cattle buyers Bubba Fritsch (pictured) and Dr. Larry Herd led a morning discussion on current market trends and producing a calf that fits the market. (Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service photo by Blair Fannin)



Master Gardeners: News

Vegetables that you should start to plant: Spinach, Lettuce, Beets and English Peas. These will be ready to harvest depending on varieties and species starting in February until April.



2018 Fruit and Nut Tree Sale Fundraiser - Save the Date! New Location!
It will be Saturday, January 20, 2018 at the Waller County Fairgrounds in Hempstead.

Pre-sales started on November 1 for the Fruit and Nut Tree Sale. Information about varieties offered is available in the office and on our website: <https://txmg.org/wallermg/treesale/>. You can order your trees in person or on the website listed above. We accept cash, check or credit cards on all orders!

2018 Intern classes are currently being scheduled, classes will be held on Saturdays with the first class on January 6, 2018. If you are interested in becoming a Master Gardener please call the Extension Office and ask to speak with a Master Gardener! Flier attached. For applications please visit our website: <https://txmg.org/wallermg/classes/>.

Pecan, Pecan, Pecan!



Pecans have arrived, if you did not place an order but would like some fresh pecans (not frozen) from this season stop by and buy a couple of pounds. They have Large Fancy pieces for \$11.00 per pound and

Pecans Halves for \$11.50 per pound. They are here right before the holiday season starts. They make great gifts and a for baking!

Name that Plant? Common persimmon, Eastern persimmon

Description

Common persimmon is a shrub to small tree. A native, cool-season perennial, it is also known as eastern persimmon.

This plant has a characteristic leaf shape, bud scars and new buds. Its fruit has four to eight seeds that are very hard and enable this plant to invade pasture land. As it matures, the fruit is at first green, turning yellow to orange and finally purple to black when fully ripened. Common persimmon provides fair forage for wildlife.

Habitat

Common persimmon grows on most types of soils from sand to shale and in muddy bottomlands in the eastern and central parts of Texas.



Tree Care Workshop– December 2nd

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office of Waller County will be host an Tree Care Workshop on Saturday, December 2, 2017 at the Waller County Community Center located at 21274 FM 1098 in Prairie View. Program Registration will begin at 8:30am with the first presentation scheduled for 9am. The program will have refreshments available.

Information to be covered includes the proper way to plant trees from a container, what to look for when planting, and proper way to cut a limb. Other topics will include common diseases and questions about trees and our Waller County Master Gardeners will give a brief update about their activities. Presenters include David Apple, Ph.D, Professor, Forest Pathology, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and Monica Signhania, Regional Urban Forester, Texas A&M Forest Service. There will be 1 General TDA CEU credit given.

There is a \$15 charge for the program, please make checks payable to Extension Program Council (EPC).

5 Hour CEU Seminar– December 14th

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office of Waller County and District 9 Southeast Texas Agents will be host the 2nd Annual Southeast Texas Town & Country CEU Recertification Seminar on Thursday, December 14, 2017 at the Waller County Extension office located at 846 6th St. in Hempstead. Program registration will begin at 7:30 am with the first presentation scheduled for 8:30 am with the final presentation ending about 3:00 pm. The entire seminar will be webinar based, so all speakers will be off site broadcasting. There will be several CEU credits given for Pesticide (TDA) and SPCB; TDA: 1-IPM, 2-Laws and Regs, 2-General, SPCB: 1-Weed, 1-Pest, 1-IPM, 1-Laws and Regs, 1-L&O.

We have included special sessions for PCOs (ants update, landscape disease problems, herbicides, turfgrass selection.) We hope you can join us for this top notch, intensive day of training, specially designed to serve the diverse needs of the residents of Southeast Texas. Lunch will be provided with your registration fee. Seating is limited so please RSVP early and RSVP's will be honored first.

The program is \$50 before December 4th, after December 4th the fee will be \$70 for the program. Please make checks payable to Extension Program Council.

Estray Livestock Signs

Estray livestock in Waller County are the responsibility of the Waller County Civil Division, which is a division of the Waller County Sheriff's Office. The Civil Division has the responsibility of maintaining the care and custody of the livestock which has strayed from its home, in the event that its owner cannot be located and/or in the event that the livestock is not claimed by its owner within the time given by the law to do so. Livestock can be defined as horses, cows, sheep, goats, donkeys, pigs and other such animals, but does not include domestic animals, such as dogs or cats.

Unclaimed livestock strays will be held in the custody of Waller County Civil Division a minimum of 18 days and a Notice of the impoundment may be posted on the public notice board at the county courthouse, posted on the website, post-

ed on Facebook or advertised in the local newspaper once per week, for two consecutive weeks and the animal will be held an additional 3 days at the conclusion of the advertisement. In an effort to expedite locating the owner(s) of estray livestock, the Waller County Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office, through the Beef & Forage is offering pasture gate signs to assist law enforcement in identification of landowners and operators.

These signs are available to the residents of Waller County for \$12.00 each and are about 5"x20" in size. They can be attached to gates or fences where they are visible from the road. The signs are durable and individualized for each producer with an

assessing number and a place for a phone number, Ranch name, or Owners Name. Please call Waller County Extension Office at 979-826-7651 or visit the Extension office at 846 6th Street in Hempstead, TX for further information or to purchase yours today.



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Sponsored by the Waller County Beef & Forage Committee
Signs are available at Waller County Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office
846 6th St., Hempstead, TX 77445; 979-826-7651

Annual Fruit Tree (and more) Sale

Pre-Order Nov. 1-Nov. 30
(Except Holidays)

Order forms can be found here:

*txmg.org/wallercounty/treesale

*Waller County Master Gardeners on FB

*Waller County Extension Office

for more information call:

979-826-7651



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Master Gardener Intern Class now forming Classes start

January 6, 2018
979-826-7651

Tree Care Workshop

December 2nd from 9am to 12pm

Registration begins at 8:30am

Topics:

Proper way to trim limbs

Planting a new tree?

Tree Health

Tree Diseases

Master Gardeners Updates

Presenters

David Apple, Ph.D., Professor, Forest Pathology, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

Monica Singhania, Regional Urban Forester, Texas A&M Forest Service
Waller County Master Gardeners

Waller County Community Center
21274 FM 1098
Prairie View, TX 77446

Contact the Waller County Extension Office to register or for more information.

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2nd Annual Southeast Texas Town & Country CEU Recertification Seminar



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Date: December 14, 2017

Time: 8:15am—3:00pm

Registration begins at 7:30am

8:15-8:30 Welcome and Conference Instructions

8:30-9:30 Landscape Tree Management

Dr. Lanny Dreesen, Extension Forestry Specialist, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

9:40-10:40 Ants Impacting our Lives

Dr. Robert Puckett, Extension Program Specialist, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

11:00 –12:00 Aquatic Weed Control Techniques

Dr. Todd Sink, Asst. Professor & Extension, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

12:00-1:00 Lunch: Included in Registration fee

1:00-2:00 Pesticide License Update on Regulations

Dr. Don Renchie, Assoc. Professor/Program Leader, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

2:00-3:00 Pesticide Labels and Calibration

Dr. Matt Matocha, Extension Program Specialist, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

**Waller County Extension Office
846 6th St
Hempstead, Texas 77445**

Whole seminar is webinar based

Registration is \$50 per person.

**RSVP'S MUST BE RECEIVED BY
DECEMBER 4TH BY 5 PM**

**REGISTRATION MADE AFTER
DECEMBER 5TH IS \$70 PER
PERSON**

*Continuing Education Credits pending:
TDA-1 IPM, 2 Laws and Regs, 2
General
SPCB-1 Weed, 1 Pest, 1 IPM, 1
Laws and Regs, 1 L&O*

Please Register at: Waller County
Extension Office
846 6th Street, Hempstead, Texas
77445; 979-826-7651

**Please mail checks or bring money by
before the event. Checks payable:
Extension Program Council**

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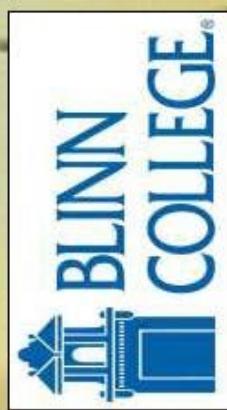
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Washington County Wildlife Valuation Workshop

—DECEMBER 1, 2017—
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Washington County
Appraisal District



Washington County
Wildlife Society



Blinn College - Rankin Agricultural Complex

Registration is \$10.00 per person and will include a catered lunch.

Registration must be completed by November 27, 2017

Seating is limited so please RSVP.

Topics Include:

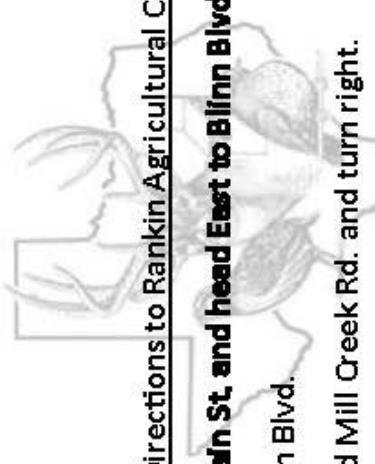
- Washington County Appraisal District
- Introduction to Wildlife Valuation
- Ecosystem Management
- Managing Invasives
- Bluebirds
- Hog Toxicant
- How to Utilize Forage When You Have It
- Turkey

Topics and agenda subject to change
For more information, call 979-277-3740

The workshop will be held at the

Blinn College - Rankin Agricultural Complex

1409 Old Mill Creek Rd. Brenham, Texas 77833



Directions to Rankin Agricultural Complex

- **Exit BR 290/w Main St. and head East to Blinn Blvd.**
- Turn right on Blinn Blvd.
- Drive South to Old Mill Creek Rd. and turn right.
- The Rankin Agriculture Complex is just after Blinn College Apts. on the left.

WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FORM Due November 27

NAME _____ PHONE _____ ADDRESS _____ COUNTY _____
I OWN _____ ACRES OF PROPERTY IN _____ and/or— I MANAGE _____ ACRES OF PROPERTY IN _____ COUNTY _____

The registration fee is \$10.00 per person.

Please make your check payable to:

Washington County Appraisal District or WCAD

Mail this registration form and check to:
Washington County Appraisal District, Attn: Wildlife
PO Box 681 Brenham, Texas 77834



Texas Plant Protection Conference

December 5 & 6, 2017 / The Brazos Center / Bryan-College Station, TX

Conference Registration and Exhibitors / Sponsors Form

Name _____ Nickname for badge _____

Organization _____

Address _____

City / State / Zip _____

Telephone _____ E-Mail _____

Conference Registration (before 11/11)-----	\$85
Conference Registration (after 11/11)-----	\$100
Student Registration- (with a poster -Free)-----	\$25
Farmer Registration-----	\$25
Conference Exhibitor / Sponsor (includes 1 membership dues & 1 conference registration)-----	\$350

Total \$ _____

TPPA is an IRS-Approved 501-(c)(3) corporation. Therefore a portion of the registration fee may be deductible as a charitable contribution for federal income tax purposes; consult with a tax professional for confirmation. TPPA funds are not used for lobbying expenses. TPPA Federal Tax ID # 74-2744185

Payment Options

*Faxes will be accepted before 11/11 to qualify for the early
Registration fee (Fax 936/539-9526)*

Payment enclosed (Make checks payable to TPPA)

Credit Card (Please pay online at the TPPA

Website: www.TexasPlantProtection.com)

ADA: Please mark if you need assistance to fully participate in this program. We will contact you to determine your specific needs.

Please send completed form to:

Texas Plant Protection Association
PO Box 1897
Conroe, TX 77305-1897

Or FAX: 936/539-9526

Signature _____

Questions? Web site: www.TexasPlantProtection.com Phone: 936/537-7083 or e-mail: tppa@consolidated.net

2017 Texas Large Animal Emergency Rescue Class

Sponsored by:

Montgomery County Adult Horse Committee

This class is designed for: Veterinarians, First Responders, animal incident managers and responders, and those who own or manage animals/livestock.

Date: December 8-9, 2017

Location: Texas A&M AgriLife Extension—Montgomery County

9020 Airport Rd Conroe, TX 77303

Cost: \$100 (includes lunch) Checks payable to Montgomery County Ag Committee



Dr. Rebecca Gimenez of Technical Large Animal Emergency Rescue will cover two days of lectures and hands-on demonstrations that will include:

- Incident Prevention
- Emergency Scene Management
- Large Animal Restraint
- Basics of Mud, Water, Ice Rescues
- Confined Space Rescue
- Livestock Trailer Incidents
- Barn Fires and Wildfires
- Integration of Veterinarians into Emergency Response
- CE Approved—ACO, LVT, DVM
- CE Pending—TCOLE, DSHS, Fire Service

For more information and registration information, contact Texas A&M AgriLife Extension:

Phone: 936-539-7822 Web: <https://montgomery.agrilife.org/agriculture-natural-resources/>

Registration is limited. Register by Friday, December 1st.



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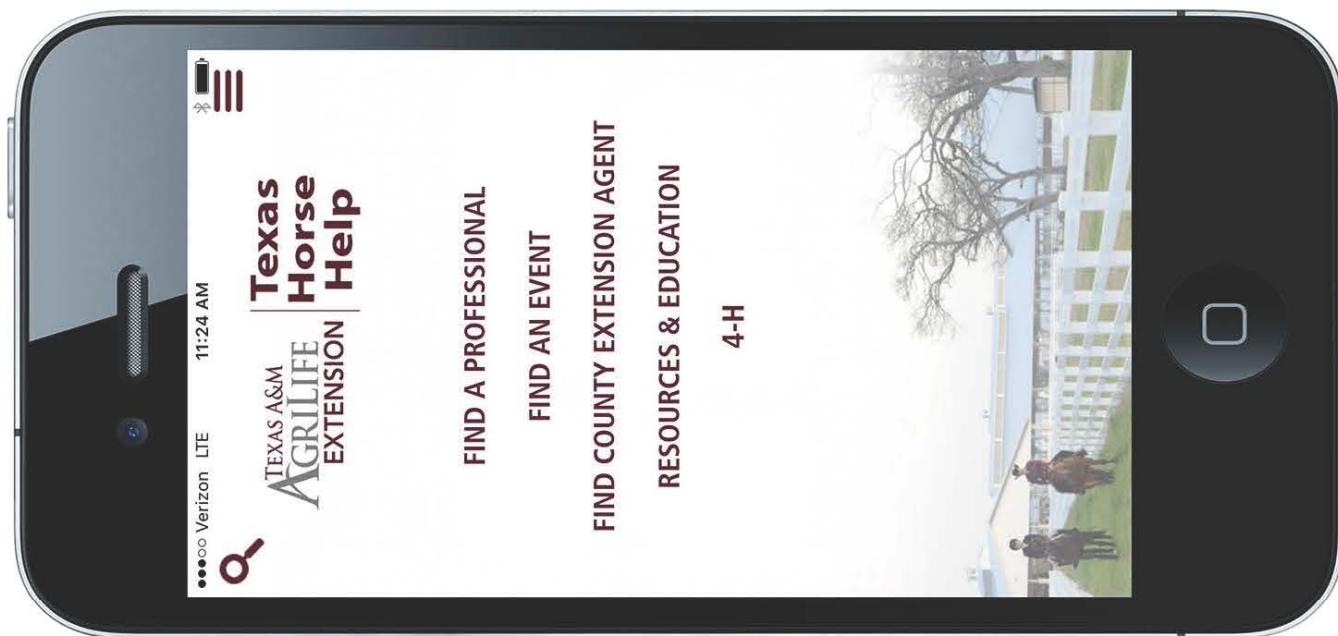


www.cowboyfellowship.org
www.ranchsorting.com

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Texas is a big state, and sometimes it's hard for horse enthusiasts to find equine professionals, businesses or events. As a service to the equine community, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension and the Department of Animal Science are developing a mobile application to help horse professionals and horse enthusiasts to get connected.

In the app Texas horse owners will be able to easily find professionals, extension services and educational materials; along with events such as competitions, clinics and 4-H programs in their area. The technology will be made live in January 2018 and we invite you to submit your professional information and 2018 events. To take advantage of this FREE advertising simply visit horse.tamu.edu and click on Texas Horse Help App.





Cooperative Extension Program

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Help stray livestock get home safely

OWNER/AGENT:
Waller County Sheriff's Office 979-826-8282 #XXXX

Property Gate Signs

\$12 each

Signs are available for Waller County residents signs are about 5"x20" in size.
Attaches to gates or fences where they are visible from the road.
Individualized for each producer with an assessing number and a place for a phone number, Ranch name, or Owners Name.

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