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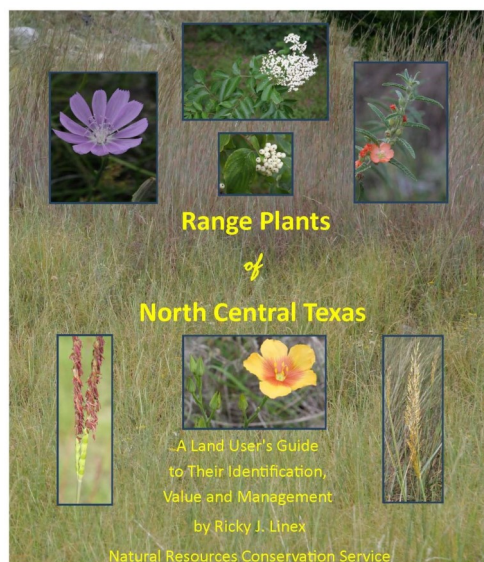
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Meet Sid! I've hidden him inside this Newsletter. The first person to find him and post it on the Kerr County SWCD's Facebook page gets a prize!

-Missie Dreiss, Kerr County SWCD District Technician



\$25.00

Donation



\$40.00

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COW POKES & LAND FOLKS Conference
Friday, May 8, 2020 8:00am - 4:00pm
Hill Country Youth Event Center ~ 3785 Hwy. 27 Kerrville, TX 78028

\$38.00 Early Bird Special ends May 1st - \$45.00 At The Gate
5 CEUs (Pesticide Lic. 3 hours A.T. (Master Materials))
Please make checks payable to Kerr County SWCD and Mail to: 2104 Memorial Blvd. Ste. 103, Kerrville, TX 78028

8:00 a.m.	Registration - Coffee & Donuts Provided	
8:30 a.m.	Welcome & Introductions	
8:45 a.m.	Riparian Protection Program	Sharon Buck NRA General Manager
9:15 a.m.	Preservation of Open Space	Mark Crider TSW-TW-Distric Chapter President
9:30 a.m.	Break	
9:45 a.m.	Texas Farm Bureau	Steve Bauer - President
10:00 a.m.	Pesticide Laws & Programs	Jason McDaniel Department of Agriculture
11:00 a.m.	Drones for Ag Use	Clayton Clayton Agrilife Extension
12:00 p.m.	Lunch break (bring your own lunch, cash bar)	Riverside Catering Mr. Eric White
1:00 p.m.	Diversifying Land Use for Optimal Balance	Y.O. Ranch - Manager Stephanie Bradley Fryer Kelly Dempsey
2:00 p.m.	Lessons, Liability & Estate Planning	Richard Atkinson, NRCS Soil Cons.
3:00 p.m.	Identify & Treatment for Wicked Plants	

SPRING FISH SALE
May 15, 2020

CANCELED DUE TO COVID-19

Place your order by Tuesday, May 12th
For more information or an order form, please contact us at:
830-896-4911 x 3
missie@kerrcountyswcd.com

Delivery will take place in Kerrville at the Kerr County SWCD Office (2104 Memorial Blvd, Kerrville, TX 78028).
Time of Delivery to be Determined.
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Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic we have cancelled our Annual Cow Pokes & Land Folks Conference scheduled for Friday, May 8th and our Annual Spring Fish Sale scheduled for Friday, May 15th. We plan to reschedule both events as soon as possible so stay tuned to our website and Facebook for new dates.

Temporary Office Hours

Because it is everyone's responsibility to stop the spread of this virus, our office staff will be teleworking from home. Please feel free to email missie@kerrcountyswcd.com or leave a phone message by calling (830) 896-4911x107.

Board Meetings

The Kerr County SWCD has a 10am Regular Board Meeting the 2nd Thursday each month. We will conduct a Zoom Video &/or teleconference meeting that includes the opportunity for public participation. Members of the public may call (346)248-7799 (meeting ID 5937969835) or you may login online at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5937969835> to participate in the zoom meeting. The agendas are posted on our website.

District Directors:

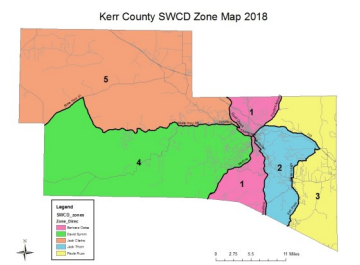
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- Zone 2
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- Zone 3
Paula Russ
- Zone 4
David Symm
- Zone 5
Jack Clarke, III, Chairman

District Clerk

Denise Griffin

District Technician

Missie Dreiss



Natural Resources
Conservation Service (NRCS)

Resource Team Leader

Cole Jacoby

Programs Assistant (Farm Bill)

Katy Meador

Soil Conservationist

Richard Atkinson

OFFICE HOURS:

NRCS 8:00-4:30 Mon-Fri

SWCD 9:00-3:00 Tues-Thurs

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Welcome

Christian Hopkins!

The Kerr County Soil & Water Conservation District and Kerrville NRCS Field Office would like to welcome our new Rangeland Specialist, Christian Hopkins.

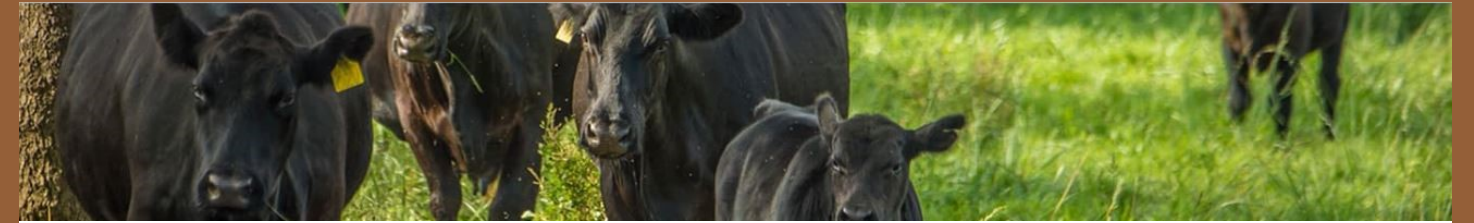
From Christian:

My name is Christian Hopkins and I recently obtained the position of a Rangeland Specialist at the NRCS office in Kerrville. I come from a fourth-generation ranching family native to Caballo, New Mexico. I graduated from Hot Springs High School in 2015 and then attended New Mexico State University where I obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Rangeland Management last December. Outside of college and summer employment, this is my first real job. Before getting the Rangeland Specialist job in Kerrville, I was a seasonal employee of the Forest Service working as a Wildland Firefighter. I am excited to meet the kind folks of the Texas Hill Country and assist them in any way possible.

Grass & Wildflower Seed Sales

Kerr SWCD can take care of your seed needs! From custom grass mixes, wildlife/deer/dove mixes, tank dam mixes or specific species seed, we can order exactly what your needs call for!

Call the office to discuss what you are looking for & get your seed in time for the planting season!



Coronavirus Food Assistance Program

Are you a farmer or rancher whose operation has been directly impacted by the coronavirus pandemic? The Coronavirus Food Assistance Program will provide direct relief to producers who have suffered losses during the 2020 marketing year due to COVID-19.

About the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program

USDA Secretary Sonny Perdue announced the Coronavirus Food Assistance program on April 17, 2020. CFAP will use funding and authorities provided in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, and other USDA existing authorities. This \$19 billion immediate relief program will provide critical direct support to our farmers and ranchers, maintain the integrity of our food supply chain, and ensure every American continues to have access to the food they need.

Direct Support to Farmers and Ranchers

CFAP will provide \$16 billion in direct support to agricultural producers impacted by the coronavirus pandemic.

Direct support for farmers and ranchers available via CFAP will include:

- CFAP will provide direct support based on actual losses for agricultural producers where prices and market supply chains have been impacted.
- CFAP will assist producers with additional adjustment and marketing costs resulting from lost demand and short-term oversupply for the 2020 marketing year caused by COVID-19.

USDA evaluated commodity specific losses occurring during the January to April time frame for immediate assistance. In addition, near-term adjustment costs and supply disruptions over the next few months were also evaluated to the extent possible for sectors where prices have declined significantly for additional assistance.

CFAP is available to farmers regardless of size and market outlet, if they suffered an eligible loss. We know that the disruption to markets and demand is significant and these payments will only cover a portion of the impacts on farmers and ranchers.

USDA will announce more details related to CFAP soon.

For More Information go to: <https://www.farmers.gov/cfap>