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# Fall Native Tree Sale



## Coming in November

Watch for details in the next newsletter or call the office!!

Species will include:

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|----------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Maple          | Monterrey Oak         | Chinkapin Oak          |
| TX Redbud      | Cedar Elm             | Blanco Crabapple       |
| Eve's Necklace | Escarpment Cherry     | Burr Oak               |
| Lacey Oak      | Golden Ball Lead Tree | Roughleaf Dogwood      |
| Desert Willow  | Mexican Plum          | And More as Available! |

Trees will be available in 5 g pots or larger, by order only!!

Please call 830-896-4911 x 3 or email : deanna@kerrcountyswcd.com for more details!



# KERR CO. SWCD NEWS

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## George Holekamp Awarded at Youth Range Workshop

Once again, the Kerr SWCD participated in the Youth Range Workshop's field day at the Kerr WMA. The SWCD served the campers and staff of the camp lunch. During the day, the campers participated in field experiments including hydrology and soils lessons and plant ID. After lunch, the Kerr SWCD hosts a public speaking contest and awards one camper with the George Holekamp Award. Phoebe Rodgers, sponsored by



Young SWCD, won this year's award, for demonstrating outstanding public speaking skills and knowledge on her chosen ecological topic. The YRW incorporates this contest and award into their program each year. We're proud to present the winner each year with a certificate and belt buckle. Pictured with Phoebe is (L-R) Jack Clarke, III, Chairman of Kerr SWCD, one of George Holekamp's grandsons, and Mary Virginia Holekamp.

The 62nd Youth Range Workshop is a volunteer-led camp sponsored by the Texas Section Society of Range Management. Youth, age 14 - 18, are eligible to participate in this week-long, hands-on workshop. Participants are exposed to actual land management practices and decisions through field trips to ranches and a wildlife management area. These field trips bring out facts on goals of land ownership and the responses of vegetation to practices conducted for livestock, wildlife, recreation, and rangeland restoration. The camp is headquartered on the Texas Tech University in Junction. For more information on this camp, please visit: <http://rangelands.org/texas/youtheducation.html>.

Pictured here are the members of the Kerr SWCD (L-R) Charles Bierschwale, Jack Clarke, III, Barbara Oates, Charles Flach, and David Symm, who were presented an award from the YRW for their continuing support of the camp for many years.



Mr. Charles Bierschwale was also presented with a 30 year Service Award, for his time on the Kerr Soil and Water Conservation Board at the lunch at the YRW, from the Texas State Soil & Water Conservation Board. Pictured with him are Marty Graham and Volney Hough presenting the award.

*Thank you Mr. Bierschwale for 30 years of service!!*

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### Dates of Interest:

- **Aug. 5 : Kerr WMA's Wildlife Seminar**
- **Aug. 5 : NRCS & SWCD's Local Workgroup Meeting**
- **Sept. 2 : Kerr WMA's Wildlife Seminar**
- **Oct. 7 : Kerr WMA's Wildlife Seminar**
- **Oct 21-23 : Kerr County Fair**

## USDA & SWCD's Local Workgroup Meeting on Aug. 5

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and local Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) cordially invite the public, other USDA agencies, other federal, state and local agencies with an interest in natural resources conservation and related issues and concerns to attend and participate in a **Local Working Group (LWG) meeting that will be held at Hill Country Event Center, in the small classroom located at: 3785 Highway 27, Kerrville, TX from 1-3pm on August 5, 2016.**

The meeting's purpose is to collect input from farmers, ranchers, federal, state and local agencies, agricultural leaders, organizations, businesses and other individuals who have an interest in natural resource conservation. Input allows a LWG to identify and prioritize a county's resource concerns that need to be addressed through eligible 2014 Farm Bill conservation practices and also aids in establishing ranking criteria for county based funding.

Meeting recommendations are provided to and reviewed by the State Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) which advises the State Conservationist on the conservation programs offered by NRCS. Through stakeholder meetings like LWGs, the public has an opportunity to help local conservation leaders prioritize and set natural resource concerns in their counties.

## 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 and get your seed in time for the fall planting season!*

*We also have a limited number of One Pound Bluebonnet Seed bags & One Pound Starburst Wildflower Mix bags, perfect for fall planting or gifting!*

## USDA-NRCS & TSSWCB Programs Available

Several programs are available for Kerr County residents to apply for and receive assistance in implementing management practices for agricultural land.

The Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) is designed to assist agricultural producers in enhancing their land with certain management practices. Practices that address and improve water quantity and domestic animals are given high priority in Kerr County and include such practices as brush management, livestock water systems, fencing, and seeding.

The NRCS office accepts applications for this program year round and more information can be gained by contacting the Kerrville office at 830-896-4911 x 3 or visit the NRCS Texas homepage at: [www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov).

The Water Quality Management Program (WQMP) is a stated-funded program made available through Senate Bill 503. It is a site-specific plan developed through and approved by the local soil and water conservation district for agricultural or silvicultural lands. The main goal of these plans is to abate agricultural and/or silvicultural nonpoint pollutant contributions to impaired or threatened waters as prioritized. A WQMP covers the entire operating unit and includes required practices applicable to the planned land use. The first step in obtaining a WQMP is to contact the Kerr County SWCD. There is no charge for the development of a WQMP, but there may be costs for implementing required practices outlined in the WQMP.

Financial assistance is available at this time in the form of a cost-share program for WQMPs in Kerr County. You may read more on this program at TSSWCB's website at: [www.tsswcb.texas.gov](http://www.tsswcb.texas.gov) (click on Programs, then select WQMP). You may also contact the Kerr County Soil and Water Conservation District's office at 830-896-4911 x3 and ask for Deanna (SWCD) or Laura (NRCS) for assistance or to start the application process.

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## KERR WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA Wildlife Management and Research Seminar



Join us at the Lee and Ramona Bass Conference Facility for discussions on wildlife management and research in the Texas Hill Country.

### EACH SEMINAR COVERS:

- **Improving Land for Wildlife Diversity**  
*Axe, Fire, Plow, Cow and Gun*
- **Food, Water and Cover Needs**
- **Threatened and Endangered Species**
- **Function of Genetics and Nutrition in White-tailed Deer Management**  
*Donnie E. Harmel White-tailed Deer Research Pens*
- **New Research on Feral Swine Control**  
*Kerr WMA Feral Swine Research Facility*

Aug. 5th, Sept 2nd & Oct. 7th  
@1pm-5pm

Presented at the Kerr WMA  
Free

WMA/Facility Tour to Follow  
Register at (830) 238-4483  
Or [lisa.wolle@tpwd.texas.gov](mailto:lisa.wolle@tpwd.texas.gov)



## Kerr County Fair Coming Oct. 21, 22, & 23

The Kerr County Fair is coming this October! Another year of fun events have been put on the schedule. Starting on Thursday, Creative Arts entries will check in and the Carnival and Midway will be open. Friday the gates to the fair will open to the public and the Cook-Off will take place, along with vendor booths and the Carnival and Midway again. Saturday is a full day of events! The parade will take place in downtown Kerrville. The swine jackpot show will take place that morning as well, along with a salsa and Pinto Bean tasting contests. In the afternoon, BBQ Pork Ribs and Beef Brisket contests will take place along with all Cook-Off Awards. Bull Riding and the Carnival and Midway will be Saturday evening, followed by a dance! Sunday concludes the fair with the carnival and midway all afternoon. The Steer, Lamb, and Meat Goat Jackpot Shows will take place in the morning and the Scholarship Pageant will be after lunch. For full details and schedule, along with vendor and sponsor info, please visit their website:

[www.kerrcountyfair.com](http://www.kerrcountyfair.com)