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## KERR COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT'S

# NATIVE TREE SALE

**Date: Saturday, November 14, 2015**

**Time: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

**Location: 2104 Memorial Boulevard**

At the USDA Service Center, Next to MG Building Supply  
QUANTITIES LIMITED, COME EARLY!

SPECIES AVAILABLE :

BIG TOOTH MAPLE	LACEY OAK
BLANCO CRABAPPLE	ESCARPMENT CHERRY
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CEDAR ELM	ANACACHO ORCHID TREE
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GOLDEN BALL LEAD TREE	ANAQUA
MONTERREY OAK	<b>ALL IN 5 GAL. POTS!!</b>

**Plant Native, Drought Resistant Trees!**



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### Dates of Interest:

- Oct. 1 : Deadline for Kerr County Hay Show
- Oct. 2 : Kerr WMA 1st Friday Tour
- Oct. 22-25 : Kerr County Fair
- Oct. 23: Deadline for Tree Orders**
- Oct. 28 : Forage Production Seminar
- Nov. 14 : Native Tree Sale**

## NEW EMPLOYEE IN THE KERRVILLE NRCS OFFICE

Justin Gibson is a Range Management Specialist with the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) in Kerrville, Texas. He graduated from Humboldt State University in northern California in May of 2015, with a bachelor's degree in Rangeland Resource Sciences. During his time in school Justin was an intern with the NRCS in Texas through the pathways program. He worked three summers as an intern in the Hebronville, Post, and Gainesville field offices. Prior to this Justin was in the US Coast Guard for 5 years, where he worked as a Damage Controlman.

Justin was born and raised on his families' ranch in southern Arizona. He is married and has two daughters. He likes to spend his free time outside with his family. Justin's future goals are to become a zone Range Specialist.



## Kerr County Fair—October 22 - 25, 2015.

The Kerr County Fair kicks off October 22 with the Creative Arts competition at 7 pm and the Midway Carnival opening from 5 - 10 pm. The fun continues on Friday with vendors setting up for the weekend and the cook-off participants getting ready for the Chili Cook-Off! Gates will open at 5 pm to the public where you can enjoy the Midway Carnival, Petting Zoo, the Cook-Off and vendors. On Saturday, don't miss the Parade! It will start at 10:00 am in downtown Kerrville! Also, a Jackpot Swine Show early that morning and gates to the fair will be opening at 10. Throughout the day, more cook-off competitions (salsa, pinto beans, BBQ) will go on along with bull riding in the Outdoor Rodeo Arena starting at 7:30. The bull riding will be followed at 9 pm with a dance with John Christopher Wway playing live. Sunday is also a big day, starting with Jack-pot shows for our youth with steers, lambs, and meat goats. Come support and cheer on our youth as they prepare for more livestock shows this winter! Gates will open to the public at 11 am and will close at 8 pm. The Scholarship Pageant will take place at 2 pm!

**Don't miss out on all the family fun at the Kerr County Fair!**



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## 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 830-896-4911x3 and ask for Deanna (SWCD) or Laura (NRCS) for assistance or to start the application process.

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## UGRA's River Clean Up

The Upper Guadalupe River Authority is hosting the 12th Annual River Clean Up at Flat Rock Park on Saturday, July 25th from 8 AM – 12 PM. Volunteers can pre register now or just show up at 8 AM on Saturday July 25th. The first 200 volunteers will receive a free River Clean Up t-shirt. Refreshments will also be provided and prizes will be raffled off. For more information please contact UGRA at 896-5445 or visit [www.ugra.org](http://www.ugra.org).

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## 2015 Kerr County Hay Show & Forage Production Seminar

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to join us for the 2015 Kerr County Hay Show. Kerr County Hay production started out great in 2015 looking to be a good year. The past two months have turned hot and dry as you would expect. Nonetheless, in the fall each year Texas A&M Agrilife Extension hosts the Kerr County Hay Show. This show enables hay producers an opportunity to exhibit entries from this year's hay production season and learn how their management practices have affected the quality of hay produced. Information to producers from the test will provide crude protein, digestible energy, and total digestible nutrient levels of the hay. This information can be very beneficial when it comes to marketing or feeding your hay. **Producers interested in participating in the Hay Show may bring their hay samples by the Kerr County Extension office by Tuesday, October 1st.**

Entries will include one small square bale and a producer may enter as many bales as they wish. In cases of round bales an entry will consist of 20 pounds of hay sacked, bound and tied. Entry fee is \$10.00 per bale. Classes include; Sorghum Sudan, Winter Annuals, Legumes, Perennial Grasses, Coastal Bermuda, and other bermudagrasses. Bermudagrasses will be divided into irrigated and dryland.

On October 28<sup>th</sup> Texas A&M Agrilife Extension will host a Forage Production Meeting with an online presentation with Dr. Larry Redmon, Extension Forage Specialist. Dr. Redmon will discuss weed and pest control, fertility, and management. Producers with Private, Commercial or Non-Commercial pesticide applicator licenses can receive 2 hours of CEU's towards their license. Registration for the meeting will be free of charge for hay show participants with non-participants registration is \$10.00. For more information contact the Kerr County Extension office at 830-257-6568 or Roy Walston at [RWalston@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:RWalston@ag.tamu.edu).

Thank you,

*Roy Walston*

County Extension Agent –Ag.

## UGRA Water Enhancement Cost Share Program

The Upper Guadalupe River Authority (UGRA) promotes water enhancement through brush management by funding a supplemental cost share program. UGRA's Water Enhancement Cost Share Program is implemented in conjunction with the Natural Resources Conservation Service's Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board's Water Supply Enhancement Program.

The program is available for brush control projects located in the North Fork, South Fork, or Johnson Creek watersheds. Landowners who have a contract in one of these watersheds may be eligible to receive an additional 25% reimbursement from UGRA. For more information, contact UGRA at (830) 896-5445 or visit [www.ugra.org](http://www.ugra.org).



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