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## Welcome Cole Jacoby!

The Kerr County Soil and Water Conservation District and Kerrville NRCS Field Office welcomed new District Conservationist and Resource Team Leader, Cole Jacoby, in September! Cole will not only head up the Kerrville Field Office, but will also oversee the Kimble, Kendall, Bandera, and Edwards/Real NRCS offices.

*From Cole:*

"My name is Cole Jacoby, and I was selected as the USDA-NRCS District Conservationist (Resource Team Leader) in the Kerrville Field Office. In my current position, I am responsible for the following field offices and counties: Kerrville (Kerr), Boerne (Kendall), Bandera (Bandera), Rocksprings (Edwards and Real), and Junction (Kimble).

I was born and raised in neighboring Fredericksburg, TX. I graduated from Fredericksburg High School in 2003. I continued my education at Angelo State University, graduating with a Bachelor of Science (B.S. Major in Animal Science and Minor in Range and Wildlife Management) in December 2006. Upon graduation, I married my high school sweetheart, Destiny (Dartez) Jacoby, and began my career with the USDA-NRCS. My first duty station as a Rangeland Management Specialist-Trainee was in Alpine, TX (God's Country). In 2008 as a Rangeland Management Specialist I was transferred to Granbury, TX. Then in 2014, I was selected as the District Conservationist in Hondo, TX.



I am the proud father of two magnificent children: Landon Gage (Age 5) and Tinley Marie (Age 2). I am truly delighted to be back "home" and to serve the land stewards of the Texas Hill Country."



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## KERR COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT'S

# NATIVE TREE SALE

**BY ORDER ONLY**

**Pickup Date: November 8 or 9**

At the USDA Service Center (2104 Memorial Blvd), Next to MG Building Supply

**Orders Due by October 27**

**ALL TREES SOLD HAVE BEEN GROWN LOCALLY  
AND ARE NATIVE SPECIES. 5 GALLON POTS.**

*OTHER SPECIES & SIZES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST*

SPECIES AVAILABLE :

BIG TOOTH MAPLE	GOLDEN BALL LEAD TREE
BLANCO CRABAPPLE	MEXICAN PLUM
BURR OAK	MONTERREY OAK
CEDAR ELM	ANACACHO ORCHID
CHINKAPIN OAK	ESCARPMENT CHERRY
DESERT WILLOW	TEXAS REDBUD
EVE'S NECKLACE	



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**Dates of Interest:**

- Oct. 6 : Wildlife Seminar
- Oct. 10 : Landowner Series @ Kerr WMA
- Oct. 18 : Pasture Walk
- Oct. 27-29 : Kerr County Fair
- October 27 : Deadline to Order Trees
- Nov. 2 : Kerr Co Ag Day
- November 8-9 : Tree Pick-Up

## South Region Landowners Series

Texas AgriLife Extension will be hosting a series of multi-county landowner meetings this fall for those interested. The series will provide a variety of information beneficial to new landowners. Beginning September 19 from 4 – 7 p.m. in San Antonio, topics will be related to 1-D-1 Open Space Valuation, Evaluating Resources, Setting Goals, and Land Fragmentation. The second meeting of the series will be held **October 10<sup>th</sup> with Kerr County Extension hosting the meeting at the Kerr Wildlife Management Area** from 10 a.m – 2:00 p.m. (lunch served). This program will focus on Wildlife and Range management. The third meeting in the series will be held October 31<sup>st</sup> from 9 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in Poteet at Chris Jenschke Enterprises in Atascosa County focusing on Forage and Pasture management. The fourth and final meeting of the series will be November 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in Medina County with topics on Weed & Brush Management, Plant I.D. and Sprayer Calibration.

Registration for this program may be done by contacting Denise at the Bexar County Extension office at 210-631-0400. The cost of the program is \$15/class for individuals or \$30 for the series of 4 meetings. Couples are invited and may register for \$25/class or \$50 for the series of 4 meetings. Individuals needing CEU's for pesticide applicator licenses will have an opportunity to get CEU's at these programs.

## We're on Facebook!!

Look for the Kerr County Soil and Water Conservation District on Facebook!

Keep up to date with our events and happenings while you browse social media!

[www.facebook.com/kerrcoswcd](http://www.facebook.com/kerrcoswcd)

## 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 fall planting season!*

## 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.

NRCS is an equal opportunity provider & employer.

## Hill Country District Pecan Show

With the cooler weather here many homeowners and commercial growers are anxiously awaiting the Hill Country District Pecan Show & Central Texas Pecan Show, set for **December 5th, 2017** at the Kerr County Event Center in Kerrville. Growers throughout the Hill Country appear to be having a good crop this year and should have plenty of pecans for this year's shows. Each year pecan growers from the Hill Country area, Bandera, Kendall, Kerr and Real counties, collect and enter their pecan entries to compete for awards, recognition and advancement to the Central Texas Regional Show. Growers will compete for ribbons and plaques with the Champion Commercial, Classic and Native all receiving plaques.

Growers from this area may enter one entry of each improved variety and as many native entries as they like. Each entry must consist of 45 nuts of one variety and must be grown by the exhibitor and from this year's crop. What makes a good sample? Good pecan entries are uniform in color, shape and size; free of disease and insect markings with very little discoloration or white at the end of the pecans. Pecans should be free of splits or cracking to insure a good sample. Pecans may not be altered by marking, filing or excessive polishing, which will disqualify the entry. Each entry will be selected based on a random sampling of 10 nuts selected from the entry. The 10 nuts are then weighed in shell, shelled and a kernel weight is then taken. Based on the size of the nuts, percent edible kernel, color and appearance, the nuts are placed.

If you would like to compete in this year's Hill Country District Pecan Show please bring your pecans to the Kerr County Extension Office no later than Thursday, December 1st. Please call the office at 830-257-6568 with questions!



## 38th Annual Kerr County Fair

October 27th, 28th, and 29th

Enjoy all of the delights of the Fair this year, including a rodeo and dance, parade, scholarship pageant, cook-offs, arts and crafts competitions, petting zoo, and prospect shows for youth! Also be sure to check out the vendor area too!

### Gates Open:

Friday 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Saturday 10:00 am - 10:00 pm

Sunday 11:00 am - 6:00 pm

There will be a carnival/Midway again this year as well! Wristbands can be purchased each day. **Carnival will be open:**

Thursday 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Friday 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Saturday 1:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Sunday 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Join Us at the Kerr County Fair for a good time & fun family activities!

At the Hill Country Youth Event Center, 3785 TX-27, Kerrville

For more information, visit the website [www.kerrcountyfair.com](http://www.kerrcountyfair.com)

### Kerr County Fair Schedule:

#### Thursday, October 26th:

Creative Arts Check In and Judging  
Carnival and Midway Open in the evening

#### Friday, October 27th:

Vendor Area Open  
Chili Cook-off

Carnival and Midway Open

#### Saturday, October 28th:

Swine Prospect Show  
Parade 11:00 am  
Baked Goods Check In and Judging  
BBQ Cook-off

"Fun Pull" Antique Tractor Pull

Carnival and Midway Open

Mutton Busting, Bull Riding

Dance to close the night!

#### Sunday, October 29th:

Steer, Lamb and Goat Prospect Show  
Scholarship Pageant  
Carnival and Midway Open