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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

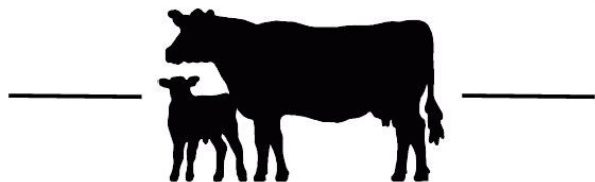
Facebook page gets a prize!

~Missie Dreiss, Kerr County SWCD District Technician

Save The Date!



COW POKES & LAND FOLKS



TEXAS A&M
AGRI LIFE
EXTENSION

Conference

Friday, May 3, 2024 8:00am - 4:00pm

Hill Country Youth Event Center ~ 3785 Hwy. 27 Kerrville, TX 78028

\$35.00 Early Bird Special ~ \$50.00 At The Gate

CEU's (Pesticide Lic.) www.kerrcountyswcd.com/events

Please make checks payable to Kerr County SWCD and Mail to: 2104 Memorial Blvd. Ste. 103, Kerrville, TX 78028

KERR CO. SWCD NEWS

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TEXAS SOIL & WATER STEWARDSHIP WEEK

APRIL 28 - MAY 5, 2024



CONSERVATION POSTER CONTEST



1st Place

2nd Place

1st Place

2nd Place

K-2 grade

K-2 grade

3-6 grade

3-6 grade

Chandler Nash

Hazel Hurt

Kimberley Crenwelge

Zaden Garcia

As we celebrate Texas Soil and Water Stewardship Week, the theme "May the Forest Be with You Always" takes center stage, emphasizing the connection between soil and water conservation and the resilience of our forests.

Forests contribute immeasurably to the well-being of our communities, our state, and the planet! Beyond producing oxygen and storing carbon, as well as being havens for biodiversity, forests play a crucial role in safeguarding our soil and water resources. They stand as protectors, preventing erosion, filtering contaminants, and fostering healthy watersheds. This year's theme invites us to appreciate the intricate relationship between soil, and the abundant forests that shape our Texas landscape.

Forest landowners are an important part of Texas agriculture. They work closely with their local Soil & Water Conservation Districts (SWCD) and the Texas A&M Forest Service to implement conservation practices that promote the health and sustainability of forests and forest ecosystems.

Since 1939, the Texas State Soil & Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB) and SWCDs across the state have tirelessly worked to encourage responsible natural resources management. Now, more than ever, the collaborative efforts of TSSWCB, SWCDs, the Texas A&M Forest Service, and our conservation partners are crucial in developing strategies to protect and conserve our precious soil and water resources.

Our goal is to shine a light on the forestry industry's integral role in tandem with agriculture. The collaboration between these sectors is essential for maintaining the health of our soil, water, and forests. Recognizing their relationship is a step towards fostering sustainable practices that benefit us all.

District Directors:

Zone 1

Barbara Oates

Zone 2

Jack Thorn, Vice-Chairman

Zone 3

Paula Russ, Secretary

Zone 4

David Symm

Zone 5

Jack Clarke, III, Chairman

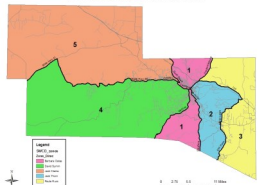
District Clerk

Denise Griffin

District Technician

Missie Dreiss

Kerr County SWCD Zone Map 2018



Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

Resource Team Leader

Cole Jacoby

District Conservationists

Nathan Orsac

Rangeland Specialist

Christian Hopkins

Programs Assistant (Farm Bill)

Katy Meador

OFFICE HOURS:

NRCS 8:00-4:30 Mon-Fri

SWCD 9:00-3:00 Tues-Thurs

(830) 896-4911x3

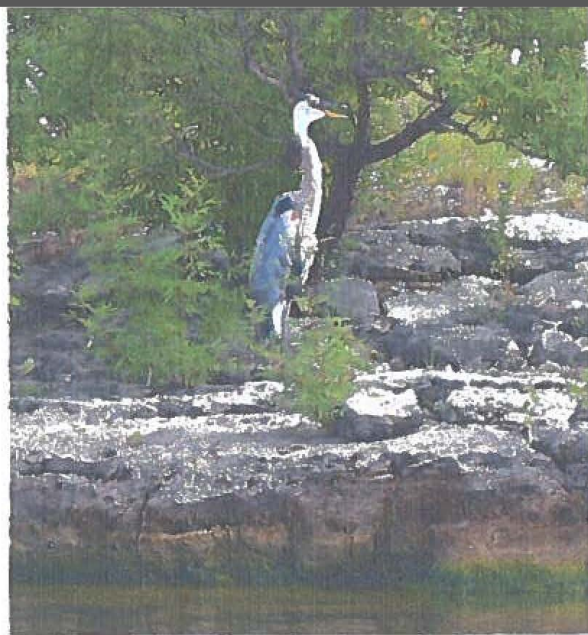


Photo by Alan Fish

Bird City Kerrville

This community-focused certification program has been created to help people protect birds and their habitats where we live, work, and recreate. Science-based bird conservation initiatives and community-centric action are the heart of this statewide initiative. The criteria required to attain certification are designed to be impactful and efficient against habitat loss and other harmful factors impacting birds. Our group is working to obtain this certification for Kerrville.

Learn more: www.kerrbirdcity.org
Katy Kappel 512-589-1498



NATIVE TREE & PLANT SALE

Orders due by: Monday, May 20th
Pick Up: Thursday, May 23rd 9-3pm

<https://kerrcountyswcd.com/events>

1 gal.— 45 gal. pot sizes

American Beauty Berry	Button Bush
Esperanza	Texas Sage
Anacacho Orchid Tree	Desert Willow
Goldenball Leadtree	Mexican Plum
Texas Redbud	Native Pecan
Flame Leaf Sumac	Cedar Elm
Montezuma Cypress	Burr Oak
Chinquapin Oak	Live Oak
Mexican Buckeye	



Channel Catfish - The catfish that has been a "standard catfish" for many years. Henneke's channel has been improved and grows faster. A fun fish to catch!

SPRING FISH SALE

Orders due Monday, May 13th Delivery Thursday, May 16th 11:30am

- BASS
- CATFISH
- COPPER NOSE BLUEGILL
- HYBRID SUN PERCH
- REDEAR PERCH
- CRAPPIE
- FATHEAD MENNOWS
- GOLDEN SHINER MINNOWS



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"Helping People Help the Land"



Kerr County 2023 Report

FY23 Conservation Program Implementation:

\$326K



EQIP Environmental Quality Incentives Program

NRCS and producers invest in solutions that conserve natural resources while also improving agricultural operations.

\$456K



CSP Conservation Stewardship Program

For producers who want to take their conservation efforts to the next level.

Conservation Outcomes:



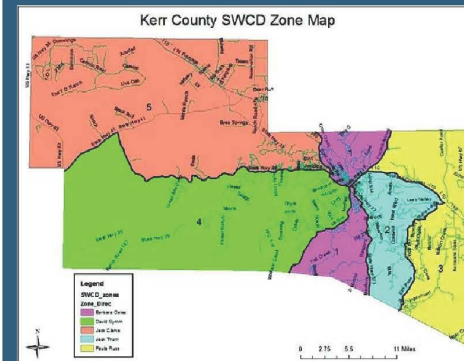
CONSERVATION PLANS were written on:
30,168 acres



WILDLIFE HABITAT was enhanced on:
54,049 acres



ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY was enhanced through conservation practices on:
62,008 acres



NRCS MISSION:

We deliver conservation solutions so agricultural producers can protect natural resources and feed a growing world.

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