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## County Eye Newsletter

The clocks are moved forward and much needed rain showers have come to start our conversion to spring in the Hill Country. Our late season winter weather with ice and snow reminds us of the unpredictable environment we live in.

Lest we forget, we are still in the midst of a drought. The river and creeks have not recovered and the underground water supply is still in much need of recharge. Water is a precious commodity and should not be wasted.

The burn ban has been lifted in all four precincts to allow spring agricultural burning and to allow property owners outside the incorporated areas of the county to burn brush or other legal items. Residents of the cities of Kerrville and Ingram are forbidden from burning in the city limits. Remember the simple rules when outdoor burning so that the local fire departments won't have to make a visit to your property for an emergency. Remember if you start a fire you are legally liable for damage to the property of others who may suffer a loss as a result of your negligence. Burn on days with high humidity, have a water hose or other source of water readily available and never burn on a day when the wind might blow the embers or sparks to other areas to spread the fire. For very large fires a call to the Kerr County Sheriff's Office to advise them will save concerns by your neighbors and the use of very limited resources to send a deputy to investigate an unknown fire.

Up to date information about the status of the burn ban can be checked by calling the county's burn ban hotline  
830-315-BURN  
(830-315-2876).

Hundreds of folks took advantage of the nicer weather on Saturday to attend the first Hill Country Swap Meet of 2015 at the Hill Country Youth Event Center's show barn. The swap meet schedule has changed from last year. The next swap meets will be Saturday, April 4 and Saturday, May 2. No swap meets will occur during the summer months but will return in September. This is a great opportunity to sell your unwanted treasures and a great opportunity for shoppers to find real bargains and unusual items. The cost for a booth is only \$15.

Kerr County Market Days will also return this year on a slightly different schedule. Market Days on the courthouse square begin on Saturday, March 28 and then additional spring markets are scheduled for Saturday, April 25 and then the two-day Memorial Day

For more information on both the Hill Country Swap Meets and Kerr County Market Days go to [www.kerrmarketdays.org](http://www.kerrmarketdays.org) or call 830-895-7524.

**market on the weekend of May 23 and 24. Market days will not take place in June, July or August but will resume in September.**

**With the May elections for city and school leaders and the Kerr County Jail Expansion Bond Issue now set for May 9 there will be more political activity and informational meetings in the weeks to come.**

**Informational meetings have been scheduled around the county related to the jail bond issue and candidate forums for city and school elections should be added in the immediate future. Take time to learn the candidates and the issues and be ready to vote when early voting begins in mid-April.**

**Early voting in all the city council races and the jail bond issue will be at the Cailloux Center. On election day, May 9, county voters will have one location in each precinct to vote on the jail bond issue...early voting will be most convenient for most of us.**