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County Eye Newsletter

Dust off your boots and hats, or tennis shoes and caps, and join us for the annual Cowboy Breakfast on Friday, January 15 on the courthouse square from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. The event marks the kickoff of the 72nd Hill Country District Junior Livestock Show.

The stock show gives students in FFA and 4-H programs from around the state the opportunity to have their animal projects judged and many go on to larger stock show competitions in San Angelo, San Antonio, Fort Worth and Houston. Others are sold at the annual auction, this year on Saturday, January 23.

The venue for the annual stock show is the new Hill Country Youth Event Center and will mark the first show after the completion of the renovations of the event hall and only the second year since the show barn was replaced.

If you haven't visited the upgraded facility, now is the time to support the local youth during the week-long stock show by attending the judging events and the auction. Kerr County residents can be proud of the new facilities now in place for the stock show and other events now being booked into the event center.

Progress is moving rapidly on the final stages of planning for the first phase of construction on the East Kerr County Wastewater Collection System slated to provide sewer lines for Center Point residents and the area between Center Point and Comfort. The wastewater lines will carry the effluent to Comfort's wastewater treatment facility and promises more development in that part of the county.

The local election season has arrived with campaign signs, mail-outs and forums scheduled. The March 1 party primaries will include the presidential primaries which should draw significant numbers of voters to the polls.

With only four local contested races on the ballot for Kerr County voters to ponder, the need to be an informed voter is even more important. Contested races for commissioner and constable in Precinct 1 will surely draw the most interest but the constable's race in Pct. 3 is no less important for voters in that precinct.

The fourth contested race that local voters should be concerned is the race to replace retiring State Senator Troy Fraser. The field of five candidates will likely lead to a runoff, as will the Pct. 1 commissioner's race.

With no contested races in Pct. 2 or Pct. 4 other than the senate race, voter turnout in those two precincts will likely be more dependent on the presidential primary interest.

Deadline to register to vote in the March 1 Primary is February 1. Early voting will begin Feb. 16 and run through Feb. 26 at the Cailloux Center for the Performing Arts. Be sure to bring your voter registration card and a photo ID with you to vote.

If you have not received your new voter registration card in the mail contact the voter registration division of the Kerr County Tax Assessor's office at 792-2242.

A reminder that 2015 property taxes are due to all local taxing entities on January 31...after that date you will incur a penalty. For more information contact the property tax division of the Kerr County Tax Assessor Collector's office at 792-2243.

Hope to see you Friday for breakfast on the courthouse square and next week supporting our youth at the annual stock show...