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Dripping With Taste Wine & Food Festival 2012

By Around Dripping Springs

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The 5th annual Dripping with Taste Wine & Food Festival will take its popular foodie-tainment event to another level on Saturday, September 8, with a new location and expanded offerings of gourmet foods, local wines, craft beers, artisans, and live music.

Shannon Moler, Director of the Dripping Springs Visitors Bureau which sponsors the festival, said the venue relocation to the Texas Hill Country Olive Company offers the perfect setting.

"The Texas Olive Company's Tuscan-styled tasting room and orchard is breathtaking, and right in the heart of Dripping Springs," Moler said. Moler, who is also the event chair, said the festival showcases the variety and quality of foods and wines throughout the Central Texas Hill Country region, starting with Dripping Springs.

"Local wineries like West Cave Cellars and Bell Springs are coming, and Fredericksburg wineries like Grape Creek and Becker are coming," Moler said. "We have more than 20 wineries from throughout the region, as well as chefs and dozens of area gourmet and specialty foods, plus, more than two dozen creative artisan vendors, too."

"Another surprise for visitors to Dripping Springs is the local craft beers, which will be represented at DWT2012 by area breweries like Jester King, Thirsty Planet, Independence, and Twisted X."

Moler said other locally crafted, unique beverage options at this year's festival will include sparkling hard cider from Argus Cidery, and Texas Sake. Making their first appearance also will be Texas Coffee Traders from Austin. Even Williams Sonoma is sending a chef to the festival for the first time, to present two cooking demonstrations.

The lineup of live music entertainment will be varied and upbeat, with five bands scheduled to play throughout the day. The festival will close with a VIP awards ceremony from 7pm - 8pm, for the best in show chefs, wines, and foods. And speaking of VIP, even the women's bathroom facilities on site will be upscale, with "Elite

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Nature Watch

by Jim and Lynne Weber

Summertime Blues

The gossamer-winged butterflies (or Lycaenidae) are a large family of small butterflies that include the coppers, hairstreaks, and blues. Usually noticed when flying erratically in an up-and-down fluttering motion, they bask in the sun with their wings open, and when perched sit with their wings closed, often rubbing their hind wings together. The blues are especially small with a wingspan of about one inch, and while mostly blue above, the identifying field marks are found mainly on the undersides of their wings. In Central Texas, the most commonly seen blues in open, sunny habitats are the Eastern Tailed-blue, Marine Blue, and Reakirt's Blue.

Eastern Tailed-blues (*Cupido comyntas*) are common and can be identified by the one to three orange spots near the tail on the underside of the hind wing. The males are deep blue on their uppersides while the females are a lighter blue to brown. They occur in the eastern half of the United States from the coast to the Great Plains.

The Marine Blue (*Leptotes marina*) is a fast flier (for a blue) and is found from Texas west to Southern California and south to Mexico. Its' underside is strongly striped gray-brown often with a pale purple fringe. The male has a blue upperside with a strong purple overlay, while the female has a brown upperside with some blue at the base of the wings.

While the other blues fly mostly spring to fall, Reakirt's Blue (*Echinargus isola*) flies year round in Texas. The males are lavender-blue above while the females are primarily gray-brown with a touch of blue basally, and they are identified by the conspicuous row of five white-ringed black spots on the underside of their forewings.

Each of these blues utilizes legumes as their larval food plants, so you can often see them flying around plants in this family, including alfalfa, mesquite, clover, dalea, mimosa, and indigo species. The caterpillars of these butterflies are slug-shaped, somewhat flattened, and are often tended to by ants, which feed on the sweet liquids secreted by the larvae and in turn protect the larvae from other

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Local dog rescue collecting unwanted pet items September 6-9
Wags, Hope and Healing (WHH), a rescue and rehabilitation center for neglected dogs, is collecting new or slightly used pet items from Thursday, September 6, through Sunday, September 9.

The organization recently moved to a remarkable six-acre plot in southwest Austin to better enable them to assist dogs in need. WHH is reaching out to the community to help them prepare for their growing number of rehabilitating dogs and increasing financial costs.

Items on their wish list include:

- Canned and dry dog food
- Clean bedding/towels
- Collars and leashes
- Dog toys
- Kiddie pools
- Bleach
- Paper towels
- New or used fencing material (please call ahead with large items so they can be picked up same-day 512-777-9936)

Drop-off zones in the Austin area include:

- Spicewood: Paleface Feed & Garden Supply at 21120 W Hwy 71, Austin, 78669
- Bee Cave: Petsmart in Austin/Bee Cave at 12812 Shops Parkway Ste 400, Austin, 78738
- Steiner Ranch: Steiner Ranch H.O.A. office on behalf of Gusto Dogs Dog Walking, at 12550 Country Trails Ln., Austin, 78732
- Downtown: Woof Gang Bakery at 1204 North Lamar, Austin, 78703

For those who are unable to donate items on these days but would still like to contribute, please call WHH volunteer Kristen West at 512-940-1926 to make arrangements. WHH also encourages the community to learn more about their organization and make much-needed, tax-deductible online donations at www.wagshopeandhealing.org. Wags, Hope and Healing (WHH) focuses on the rescue, rehabilitation and adoption of dogs in need. They specialize in dogs that were the victims of abuse or neglect

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Food & Wine Festival - (Continued from Cover Page)

Silver Platinum” air-conditioned trailers featuring individual stalls with sinks and mirrors.

Proceeds from this year’s festival benefit the non-profit Dripping Springs Visitors Bureau, launched in early 2012 with a mission to attract Hill Country visitors and guests to the town. According to Moler, the Dripping with Taste festival is made possible through a concerted community effort that pays off for visitors and residents alike.

“This event takes a lot of energized volunteers, community leaders and business owners but the effort is worth it,” Moler said. “Visitors are delighted to learn they can experience all the Hill Country has to offer this close to Austin. Everyone loves this event and it just gets better each year.”

Tickets on sale online: www.drippingwithtaste.com

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Happy Labor Day!

Nature Watch - (Continued from Cover Page)

predators. As adult butterflies, they feed on nectar from a variety of herbs found flowering in grasslands, fields, meadows, and along creeksides.

Interestingly, these blues are part of a group of butterflies called the *Polyommatus* blues, originally studied by the self-taught butterfly expert and famous mid-twentieth century novelist Vladimir Nabokov, who hypothesized that they arrived in the New World from Asia in waves over millions of years. While few professional scientists took his ideas seriously at the time, recent DNA and gene-sequencing technology has proved him absolutely correct – that this group of butterflies originated in Asia, moved over the Bering Strait at a time when the land was relatively warm 10 million years ago, and eventually headed south all the way to Chile!

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Eastern Tailed-blue



Reakirt's Blue



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9/9	WS	Huston-Tillotson!	5 p.m.
	MS	Huston-Tillotson!	7 p.m.
9/19	WS	Trinity!	7 p.m.
9/21	VB	Mary Hardin-Baylor\$	7:30 p.m.
9/22	VB	Mississippi College\$	12:30 p.m.
	WS	East Texas Baptist^	2 p.m.
	MS	East Texas Baptist^	4 p.m.
	VB	Texas-Tyler\$	5:30 p.m.
9/23	WS	Austin College^	2 p.m.
	MS	Austin College^	4 p.m.
9/28	VB	Sul Ross State	7 p.m.

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Hill Country Education Foundation Launches 2012-2013 Membership Drive

The Hill Country Education Foundation's 2012-2013 Membership Drive is underway. Every year HCEF raises money to help fund educator grants, enrichment programs, college-readiness tools, summer library programming and much more through a variety of fundraising efforts. The Annual Membership Drive is one of these fundraising mechanisms.

Annual membership levels range from \$100 for families and \$50 for individuals to \$15 for students and \$1 for faculty. Please consider the family membership to HCEF. Secure payment can be made at www.HillCountryEdFoundation.com. Employer matching fund companies currently include Applied Materials, Dell and National Instruments.

Accomplishments

- Grant Funding. Funded \$50k to educators for programs at Grandview Hills, Laura Welch Bush, River Place, River Ridge and Steiner Ranch Elementary Schools; Canyon Ridge and Four Points Middle Schools and Vandegrift High School.
- Summer Library Program. Supplied funds and volunteers to heighten programming and interest at River Ridge Elementary and Four Points Middle Schools
- Robotics and Garden Clubs. Funded robotics programs at all eight Four Points area schools including financial support to send Vandegrift High School's awarding-winning robotics team to FLL World Championship. Host annual robotics scrimmage. Funded Garden Clubs at elementary schools. Total funded: \$21k
- College-Readiness. Pledged \$50k to LISD to fund Naviance Succeed, a top tier, college-readiness online tool for all LISD high schools through 2015-2016. Funded Readistep, an assessment test that measures the skills that students need to be on track for college success for all 8th grade LISD students for 2012-2013 school year.

Upcoming Events

October 22, 2012 – Four Points Chamber of Commerce Charity Golf Classic benefiting HCEF and Self-30. To sign up or sponsor the event, go to www.FourPointsChamber.com.

Early November, 2012 – 4th Annual FIRST® LEGO® League Scrimmage. To learn more, visit HCEF's Robotic Society at www.HillCountryEdFoundation.org.

February 23, 2013 – Annual Gala at the Oasis. Dinner, Open Bar, Silent and Live Auctions, Heads or Tails Game, Live Band and more planned for HCEF's largest fundraiser of the year. To volunteer, donate or learn more, contact mlbeck@HillCountryEdFoundation.org.

About Hill Country Education Foundation

A 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, the Hill Country Education Foundation enhances the educational experience of students living in the Four Points community of Austin, Texas. HCEF, often considered The Academic Booster Club, finances academic success in the areas of entrepreneurship, leadership, science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) with an emphasis on college-readiness. School beneficiaries include Grandview Hills, Laura Welch Bush, River Place, River Ridge and Steiner Ranch Elementary Schools, Canyon Ridge and Four Points Middle Schools and Vandegrift High School.



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