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NATURE NIGHTS

at the Lady Bird Johnson
Wildflower Center



Join us for free family fun Thursday evenings this summer, beginning June 8! Nature Nights are exciting explorations of plants, animals, and the ecology of Central Texas. Each evening features interactive presentations, hikes with experts in their fields, and nature activities for kids of all ages.

June 8: Reptiles & Birds of Prey

The free family fun begins with an up-close look at predators who slither and fly — featuring presentations from experts and appearances from real live raptors and snakes!

June 15: Habitats

Explore the ecology of Central Texas by learning who lives where and what makes an ideal home for critters and plants alike.

June 22: Pollinators

If you ate something today, you probably have a pollinator to thank for it! Learn how bees, butterflies and other pollinators impact our lives.

June 29: Water, Rocks & Mud

Looking for a reason to play in the dirt? Get down to earth to celebrate International Mud Day and learn about the ground beneath your feet!

Additional Details:

The parking lot fills up quickly. If the lot is full, please park on the street. Please only park in designated parking spots. The Wildflower Café will be open until 8 p.m. serving their regular menu.

When there is an auditorium presentation, tickets will be given to the first 232 visitors. Tickets can be picked up at check in at the Admissions Kiosk and are first come, first served. Tickets will be taken at the Auditorium doors and you must have a ticket to be admitted.

Nature Nights are supported through volunteer efforts by local organizations. Admission is free from 6-9 p.m.; regular admission prices apply during the day.

Introducing:

Get to Know Your Neighbors



We are all very fortunate to call Villages of Western Oaks home. But, Villages of Western Oaks is more than just a place to live; it is a vibrant community brimming with family-friendly neighborhoods, chock-full of fascinating, talented people. Our variety is what makes us so both unique and extraordinary. However, sometimes, we get so busy, we lose sight of how interesting and diverse we've become.

We believe that getting to know the people who live nearby will help us create a sense of belonging and shared identity. We have created a column entitled, "Get to Know Your Neighbors" which we hope will strengthen connections, build trust in our wider community, and contribute to a happier neighborhood for everyone.

If you know of a person or a family that you believe is making Villages of Western Oaks a better place to live, please let us know. We would like to introduce them to your neighbors.

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3-Meat Pizza Ring



Preparation: 20 minutes **Cook Time:** 20 minutes **Serves:** 8

Ingredients

- 1 lb. Italian Sausage
- 1 (15 oz.) can pizza sauce, divided
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 1 1/2 c. shredded pizza cheese
- 1/2 c. diced Canadian bacon
- 1/2 c. chopped pepperoni
- 2 (8 oz.) tubes refrigerated crescent rolls

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees.
2. In a large skillet over medium heat cook sausage and garlic until no longer pink. Drain grease off. Stir in 1/2 c. pizza sauce, pepperoni, Canadian bacon and 1 c. pizza cheese.
3. Unroll crescent dough and separate into triangles. Arrange triangles on a 14 inch ungreased pizza pan with points toward the outside and wide ends overlapping at the center, leaving a 4 inch opening in the center. Press overlapping dough to seal.
4. Spoon the mixture onto the wide ends of the triangles. Fold pointed ends of triangles over filling, tucking points under to form a ring. The filling will be visible.
5. Baked for 12-15 minutes or until the crescents are golden brown. Sprinkle with remaining cheese. Bake 5 minutes longer or until cheese is melted. Serve with remaining pizza sauce.

HOUSE FLIES TEXAS A&M AGRI LIFE EXTENSION



Moving into summer, we should prepare for the inevitable....house flies. While many see house flies as a nuisance, they are capable of spreading diseases such as dysentery or food poisoning. Due to the locations house flies frequent- garbage, manure, and carrion- they can pick up bacteria and other disease organisms which can transfer to other areas where they may land such as dishes, food, or countertops. House flies regurgitate onto food to liquefy it before eating and they can further contaminate items by defecating upon surfaces.

The common house fly has two wings and is dull gray with black stripes on the thorax (the section where the wings are attached). Adult flies can only eat liquid foods and have sponging mouthparts specialized to help them feed.

Eggs are usually laid on decaying matter such as animal fecal material, grass clippings, or garbage. Around 100-150 eggs are laid by the female. Depending upon temperature (warmer temperatures speed things up); eggs may hatch within 8 hours to 2 days.

Maggots, the immature stage of a fly, are small, white, carrot-shaped, and

legless. There are 3 larval molts then mature larvae seek a dry location for pupation. Pupae are reddish brown and somewhat oval in shape.

During the summer, house flies may live up to 2.5 weeks while during cooler times of the year they may live up to 3 months.

The key to fly management is sanitation, or cleaning. Eliminate breeding sites by picking up animal waste one to two times per week; empty garbage cans regularly; clean garbage cans at least once a month with soapy water. Keep garbage cans located away from doors that lead into the home and make sure they have tight fitting lids.

Other items that can help reduce fly problems include keeping window screens in good repair; making sure doors and windows have a tight seal and weather stripping is in good condition; and using fly swatters or sticky fly paper to get rid of adult flies.

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600. Check out my blog at www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com

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We are proud of each and every one of our graduates.

It has been a great year for James Bowie High School!
Some of our Accomplishments...

National Awards...

The Lone Star Dispatch, Student Newspaper - Winter Guard -
Bowie Cheer- JBHS Outdoor Performing Ensemble

UIL Academic Teams Finish Strong...

Accounting - Computer Science - Mathematics - Literary Criticism - Ready Writing Science - Persuasive Speaking - Current Issues & Events - Calculator Applications Number Sense - Informative Speaking - Forensics (Speech & Debate) - One Act Play Social Studies - Spelling & Vocabulary - Theatrical Design - Choir - Poetry Interpretation - Prose Interpretation - Editorial Writing - Headline Writing - News Writing - Lincoln Douglas Debate - Philharmonic & Symphony Orchestra - Guitar Solo

Tops in the State...

World Winter Guard - Bowie Band - Girls Cross Country - Girls Track Team - Bowie Congressional Debate - Orchestra - Choir - The Lone Star Dispatch, Student Newspaper Lone Star Yearbook - JROTC - Forensics

Going to Regionals...

Science Fair Students - Bowie Golf Team - Choir - Orchestra - Tennis Team

Bowie Band - One Act Play - Girls Volleyball

District Champs...

Girls Lacrosse Team - Girls Cross Country - Lady Dawgs Basketball Team - Varsity Tennis - Boys Track - Varsity Football - Bowie Wrestlers - Girls Track Team

Bringing Home the Trophies & Awards...

Silver Stars Dance Team - Bowie Swim & Dive Team - Power Lifting Team - Vision & Voice Poetry - Mountain Bike Team - Bowie Anglers - Girls Cross Country - Forensics Speech & Debate - Scholastic Art Winners - Hospitality Internship Program - Bowie Wrestlers - Bowie Band - Varsity Cheer - Bowie Piano - Boys Soccer

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If you want more information, contact Liz Jensen at 512-301-6966 or lizleej@gmail.com or Peter Berardino (The King of SWING) at 512-695-2334 or peterberardino@gmail.com.

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AISD

AISD Trustee Yasmin Wagner invites all Southwest Austin residents to a community meeting on June 8 from 6-8pm. One topic of conversation will be the district's upcoming bond plan. Another will be the potential new Southwest Austin elementary school and how without it, every elementary school in our area will be overenrolled and regional school boundary lines would likely have to be redrawn. Please feel welcome to attend all or part of this time whether or not you currently have students in AISD. The meeting will be held at the Circle C Community Center at 7817 La Crosse Avenue.



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