

THE BULLETIN

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News for the Residents of Belterra



Free Family Film Series Sky Cinemas Dripping Springs 10:30am - 12:30pm

AUGUST 1 - SPY KIDS

AUGUST 8 - MONSTER HOUSE

AUGUST 15 - E.T. THE EXTRA-TERRESTRIAL

The Free Family Film Series runs from June through August with a new film being presented every Wednesday morning at 10:30am. Tickets are available one week prior to the screening date. Morning admission is FREE but Sky Cinemas will also present a paid admission encore screening for each film on Wednesday evenings. Seats are on a first-come, first-served basis until capacity is reached.

DSHS Students Visit Germany As Part Of Exchange Program

Dripping Springs High School German teacher Jillian Bessemer accompanied eight of her students to Dortmund, Germany, for three weeks in June and July to kick off the school's first GAPP (German American Partnership Program) exchange. DSHS will host 13 students from the Phoenix Gymnasium School, which is located in the Hörde neighborhood of Dortmund for three weeks this fall.

GAPP is a short-term exchange program, which means that instead of just traveling to tourist sites, students stay with German host families and attend classes at the partner school. DSHS students were able to experience what the education system is like in Germany and took classes in art, Italian, religion, and physics. Students also visited Heidelberg, Cologne, Düsseldorf, Münster, and the Haus der Geschichte Museum in Bonn.



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SCHOOL CALENDAR

2018-2019

First Day of School
August 21

Student Holidays

- September 3 Labor Day
- October 8 Columbus Day
- Nov. 19-23 Thanksgiving
- Dec. 24-Jan. 4 Winter Break
- January 7 Staff Development
- January 21 MLK Day
- February 18 President's Day
- March 18-22 Spring Break
- April 19 Student Holiday
- May 27 Memorial Day

Possible Weather Make-Up Days

February 18, April 19

Last Day of School
May 31

Graduation Date
May 31

New Teacher Induction
August 8-10

- Staff Development Days**
- August 13-17, 20
 - October 8
 - January 7
 - January 21
 - February 18

	Holiday
	New Teacher Induction
	Staff Day/ Student Holiday
	Bad Weather Make-Up
	Standardized Tests
	Final Exams
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	First Day of School
	Last Day of School

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11th Annual Dripping with Taste Wine and Food Festival Saturday, September 8, 2018 12 pm - 6 pm

What pairs best with a afternoon in the Texas Hill Country?

Savoring all the flavors of the Texas, of course. Come out and sample the largest assortment of Texas wines, craft beers, gourmet foods and spirits available under one roof, at the 11th Annual Dripping with Taste Wine & Food Festival. Sponsored by the Dripping Springs Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau, the festival was created to showcase the growing number of local vineyards, breweries, distilleries and gourmet food fares peppering the area. That number continues to grow and so does the festival. This year's festival includes over 75 "tasteful" vendors and an estimated 2500 food and wine enthusiasts.

One of the more exciting additions to the festival has been the inclusion of Distilleries. As of last year, rum, vodka, gin and even a little whiskey have joined the party, many of which are made right here in the area. But, the fun doesn't stop at the tasting. The festival also includes cooking demonstrations, drink mixology classes, live music, specialty vendors, a free photo booth and actual grape stomping. You can even get a t-shirt to prove you did it!



"This isn't your typical, snooty, wear a tie, spit out good booze festival. It is a true celebration of the Texas Hill Country and the flavor of Texas," says 9th year festival attendee, Stephanie Holtzendorf.

The 11th Annual 2018 festival takes place on Saturday afternoon, September 8th, at Dripping Springs Ranch Park & Event Center.

Find more information including FAQs on the Dripping Springs Visitors Bureau webpage: <https://www.destinationdrippingsprings.com/p.aspx?pID=events/drippingwithtaste&>

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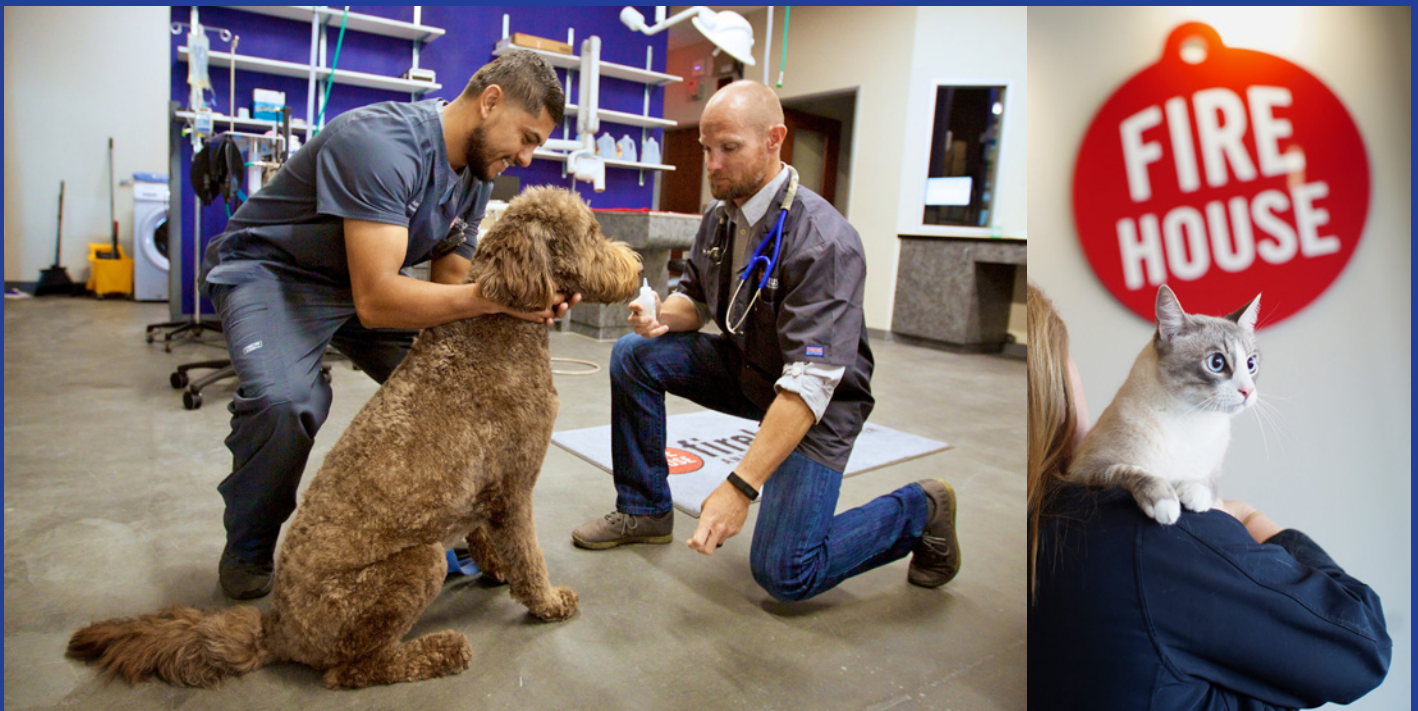
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NATURE WATCH

THE PERSEID PHENOMENON

by Jim and Lynne Weber

Every August, one of the best-known meteor showers – the Perseid -- makes its appearance! Comets shed debris as they travel, and that debris becomes most meteor showers. As comets orbit the sun, an icy, dusty stream of debris trails along the comet's orbit. If the Earth travels through this stream, we are treated to a meteor shower. Depending on where the Earth and the debris stream meet, meteors appear to fall from a particular place in the sky, sometimes within the neighborhood of a constellation.

As such, meteor showers are usually named by the constellation from which the meteors appear to fall, a spot in the sky that astronomers call the radiant. The Perseid meteor shower is so named because the meteors appear to fall from a point in the constellation Perseus. The source of the shower is the Comet Swift-Tuttle, while itself is nowhere near the Earth, its' wide tail intersects the Earth's orbit. As tiny, pea-sized bits of comet dust hit the Earth's atmosphere at approximately 132,000 mph, each makes a vivid streak of light when it disintegrates, and the shower is most intense when the Earth is in the dustiest part of the comet's tail.

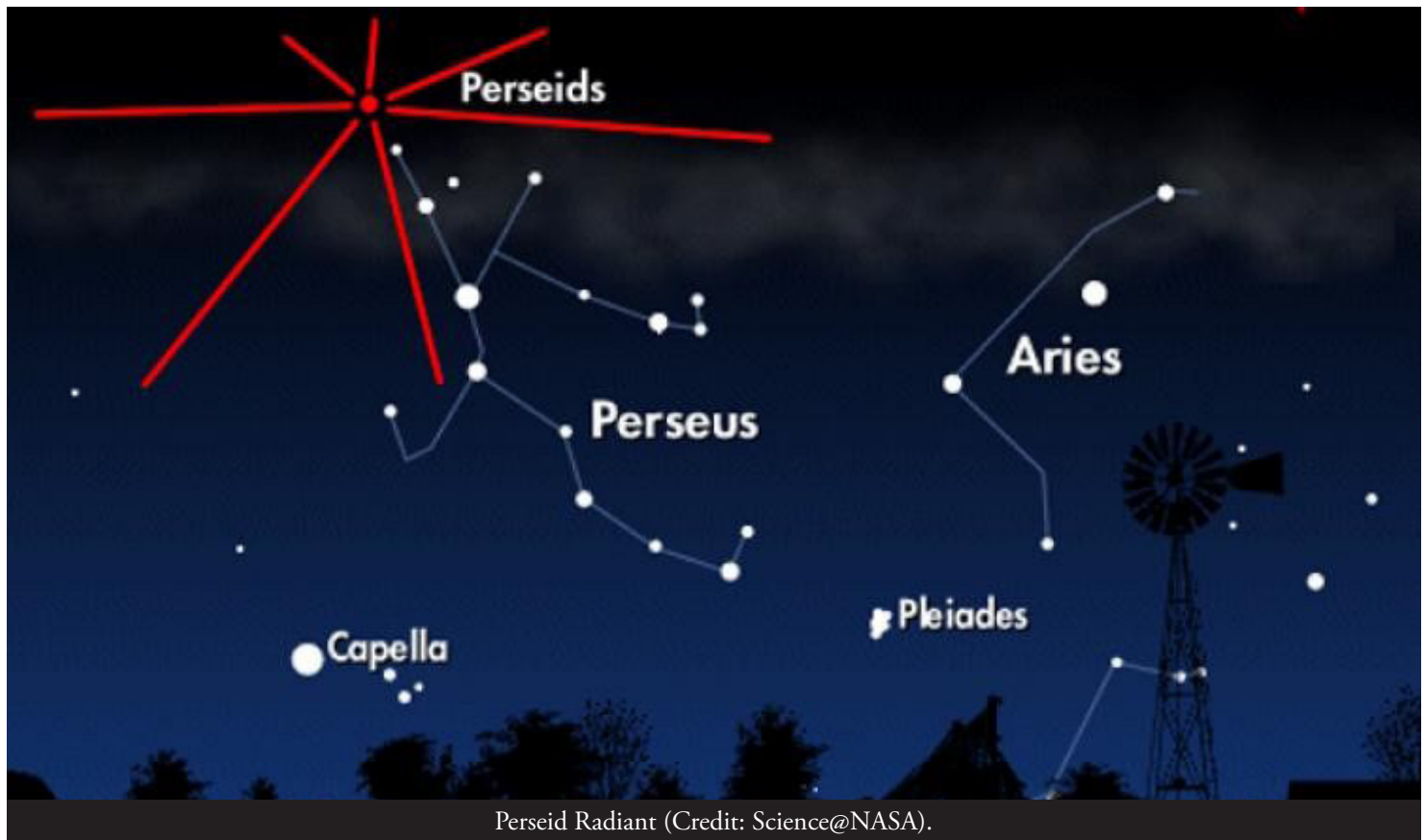
Peak activity for the Perseid meteor shower is expected around the night of August 12th, with a sharp increase in the hours after midnight. Assuming we have clear skies that night, escape the city's light pollution and find a dark, secluded spot where oncoming car headlights won't ruin your sensitive night vision. You'll know your eyes are properly adjusted and your site is dark enough if you can see each star of the Little Dipper constellation. Position yourself so the horizon appears at the edge of your

peripheral vision, with the sky and the stars filling your field of view. Meteors will instantly grab your attention as they streak by.

A very good shower will produce around one meteor per minute per given observer under a clear, dark sky. Any cloud cover, light pollution, or moonlight considerably reduces the count. The Perseids are among the strongest of the readily observed annual meteor showers, and have been observed by humans since at least 36 AD, reported by a Chinese skywatcher. Belgian astronomer Adolphe Quetelet first identified it as an annually recurring event in 1835. Maximum activity at the showers peak will normally yield a statistical average of 60 to 100 meteors per hour. In reality, however, what usually is seen is what some call the "clumping effect." Sometimes you'll see two or three meteors streak across the sky in quick succession, followed by a lull of several minutes before the sky suddenly puts on a display once again.

While the Perseid meteor shower is an annual astronomical event, this year gives us the opportunity for optimal conditions due to its occurrence near the new phase of the moon, which occurs on the night of August 11th. The thin crescent moon will set early in the evening of August 12th, leaving the dark skies required for a spectacular show!

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Perseid Radiant (Credit: Science@NASA).

Invasive Species in Austin

Texas Invasive Plant and Pest Council – Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, UT-Austin

We Need Your Help to Stop the Spread!

There are many things you can do to help stem the tide of invasive species. One of the most effective ways to manage invasive species is for recreationalists such as boaters, fishermen, pet owners, and gardeners to Take Action. Here are some easy everyday things you can do to meet the Invasive Species Challenge:

BOATERS AND ANGLERS

You can “Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers” by following these tips for preventing the transportation of aquatic invasive species:

• CLEAN, DRAIN AND DRY YOUR BOAT, TRAILER AND GEAR EVERY TIME YOU LEAVE A BODY OF WATER!

- Inspect your boat, trailer and gear and remove all plants, animals and foreign objects from hulls, propellers, intakes, trailers, and gear before leaving a launch area.

- Drain all water from your boat, including the motor, bilge, livewells and bait buckets before leaving a lake.

- Wash your boat, trailer and other equipment before traveling to a new waterway.

- If you are leaving a water body that is known to have zebra mussels, leave your boat and trailer out of the water for at least a week or wash it at a commercial car wash using high-pressure, hot (140 degrees F) soapy water to kill microscopic zebra mussel larvae that may be hitching a ride.

- Never transport water, animals, or plants from one waterbody to another -- either intentionally or accidentally! Do not release live fish, including bait, into a new body of water.

- Anglers should be sure to remove material from and wash all fishing tackle, downriggers and lines to prevent spreading small, larval forms of aquatic invaders.

- Before leaving any body of water, examine all your equipment, boats, trailers, clothing, boots, buckets etc and remove any visible plants, fish or animals. Remove mud and dirt and even the smallest plant fragments.

- Whether you have obtained bait at a store or from another body of water, do not release unused bait into the waters you are fishing. If you do not plan to use the bait in the future, dump the bait in a trashcan or on the land, far enough away from the water that it cannot impact this resource. Also, be aware of any bait regulations, because in some waters, it is illegal to use live bait

PET, AQUARIUM AND WATER GARDEN OWNERS

If you have acquired an undesirable pet or fish species for your aquarium or water garden, it is important not to release these plants or animals into the environment. Follow these tips for aquarium hobbyists and backyard pond owners.

- Buy from reputable dealers, whose non-native pets are properly labeled, legally imported, and not harboring foreign pests and diseases.

- Don't release aquarium fish, other animals, or plants of any kind into a natural body of water. Some ornamental fish can and have

established themselves in the wild and have a negative impact on native species. Lionfish and the algae eater, Plecostomus, are examples.

- Don't release pets into the wild. Cats prey on small mammals and birds, and some pet amphibians and reptiles can impact native species and carry diseases.

- When you and your pet are in an area with known invasive plants, be sure to remove all seeds from your clothing and your pet's fur before traveling to a new place.

TRAVELERS, HIKERS, BIKERS, BIRDERS, AND CAMPERS

If you engage in terrestrial recreational activities like camping, hiking, biking or birding, take care not to be an unwitting vehicle of dispersion.

- Don't transport items such as fire wood, hay, soil, or sod from one area to another. They may contain seeds, diseases, insects, or other potentially invasive organisms that are not yet found in Texas.

- Prevent carrying invasive species on your cars, bicycles and motorcycles. Check vehicles for seeds and pieces of plants.

- Wash your boots and socks before you hike in a new area. Invasive weed seeds are common hitchhikers.

- Abide by local laws to prevent the spread of serious insect pests (like the Emerald Ash Borer), weeds (like Cogongrass), and diseases (like Oak Wilt).

GARDENERS

Not all non-native species are bad, but some plants that look lovely in your garden might be harmful invaders that will make their way into natural areas. Learn to be plantwise for some easy tips on how to manage your garden to preserve the unique qualities of neighboring wildlands.

- If you don't know it, don't grow it!

- Avoid exotic plants that self seed and show up outside of your garden.

- If you see your local nursery selling invasive plants or seeds, let them know about your concerns.

- Landscape and garden with plants native to your area. Visit the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center's Native Plant Information Network for resources to help with creating low-maintenance and colorful native plant gardens.

More information can be found online at <https://texasinvasives.org>



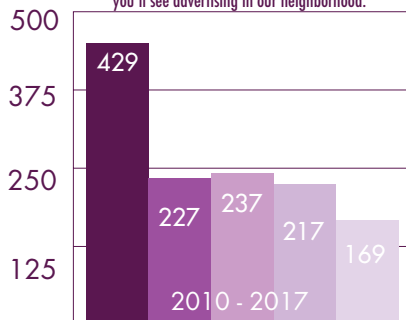


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