# BULLETIN

Belterra Community News

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News for the Residents of Belterra



# Austin Area Nonprofit Helps Kids in Poster Care Return to Class with Confidence

While most kids anticipate end-of-summer rites of passage like picking out new outfits and being reunited with old friends, foster children often experience high levels of anxiety when school is back in session.

For many kids in the care of the Department of Family and Protective Services (CPS), it can be overwhelming to cope with an unfamiliar home, a new town or school district, new teachers, new friends, and different school subjects — all while also feeling the pressure to keep up with the latest fashion trends.

Austin-area nonprofit Partnerships for Children is hosting its annual back-to-school drive to raise in-kind donations and more than \$10,000 to provide every foster child in Central Texas with new clothes, school supplies, backpacks, and shoes before school starts in August. Teenagers in care receive gift cards to go shopping on their own.

The back-to-school drive helps ensure every child in our community will start the school year with his or her head held high. For more information about how you can help, visit https://partnershipsforchildren.org/.

## **ABOUT PARTNERSHIPS FOR CHILDREN**

Partnerships for Children is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization founded in 2003 to provide critical resources to over 10,000 abused and neglected children in our community in the care of Child Protective Services (CPS). Located inside the CPS corporate office in Austin, Texas, Partnerships for Children leads a collection of programs including The Heart Gallery of Central Texas, the Rainbow Room, Y.E.S. Mentoring, and Foster Community. These programs offer resources, support and comfort for foster children and families in our community. For more information, visit www.partnershipsforchildren.org.

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# **IMPORTANT NUMBERS**

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The Dripping Springs Farmers Market is each Wednesday from 3p - 6p.

# **TEENAGE JOB SEEKERS**

NAME	AGE	BABY SIT	HOUSE SIT	PET SIT	PHONE
Jakob Becker*	15	🗸		🗸	917-213-6143

+ CPR TRAINING / FIRST AID TRAINING \* HAS REFERENCES

If you are a teenager and want to be included on the babysitter/pet sitter/house sitter list or if you are on this list and want to update your information, contact advertising@peelinc.com.

# 6 Ways to Save Money When Shopping on Amazon



These days, everyone's looking for bargains and ways to save while shopping online from the comfort of their own homes. With low prices, a wide selection and fast shipping for customers, Amazon has a lot to offer to save you both time and money. Below are six easy ways to

save when shopping on Amazon:

- 1. Discounted offers: Customers receiving government assistance through EBT or Medicaid can enjoy the benefits of an Amazon Prime membership for a discounted monthly price of \$5.99, with the ability to cancel anytime. With Prime, members can enjoy fast, free shipping, exclusive savings, and easy access to entertainment with Prime Video, Prime Music, Prime Reading and more. Learn more and sign up for a free 30-day trial at http://amazon.com/qualify.
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- **4. Scout out deals as they pop up.** You can track the best deals on Amazon with Lightning Deals, which offer new deals daily to help you save money. It allows you to find the best prices on items you need, want and love. You can also sign up for "watch a deal" alerts so you'll never miss out on a discount!
- **5. Earn rewards by waiting.** Not in a hurry to get your package? Here's a little-known Prime perk for those who don't need their order right away selecting the "No-Rush" shipping option at checkout earns you rewards and discounts on future purchases. Rewards are automatically added to your Amazon balance, so you can start saving right away. Keep an eye out for this option next time!
- **6. Discover Bargain Finds.** Check out Amazon's Bargain Finds for a wide selection of seasonally relevant products that are priced even lower items can vary from clothing and jewelry to gifts and home decor.

Shopping online does not have to break the bank, and you don't have to spend all your time surfing and comparing prices. Thanks to Amazon, you can enjoy some of the best options available for shopping all in one place, and do it within your budget.

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by Jim and Lynne Weber

# **NIGHT BLOOMERS**

Many night blooming flowers have white or light-colored blossoms, a strong fragrance (although not always to human noses), and are open by night and close by day. These flowers are extremely important nectar sources for pollinators, and they are attracted to these flowers' nectar mainly by scent. Two of our best night blooming native plants are Berlandier's Trumpets (Acleisanthes obtusa) and Jimsonweed (Datura

Also known as Vine Four O'Clock, Berlandier's Trumpets is an upright perennial herb or climbing vine up to 6 feet long, easily controlled but often clambering over shrubs and small trees if left unchecked. Its opposite, bright green leaves are triangular shaped, about 1.5 inches long, with slightly wavy edges. But it is its white to light pink trumpetshaped flowers, about 2 inches long, that bloom from April to December, producing a fragrant scent when open at night. Berlandier's Trumpet does well in full sun to part shade, is drought tolerant, and easy to grow and maintain.

Jimsonweed is a 3 to 6 foot tall stoutly branched herb, with alternate, coarse, large gray-green leaves that are broad at the base and pointed at the tip. While its foliage is often described as rank-smelling, its flowers are sweetly fragrant white trumpets, up to 8 inches long, sometimes tinged with purple at the edges. It blooms from May to November, and its flowers close during the heat of the day. The fruit of this plant is a very distinctive spiny, globular capsule up to 1.5 inches in diameter, which opens fully when ripe. Jimsonweed has several other common names such as Sacred Thorn-apple, Angel Trumpet, Devil's Trumpet, and Sacred Datura. Some of these names refer to its use as a hallucinogen in Native American ceremonies, but it is important to note that all parts of this plant are toxic to humans.

Both of these native night blooming species attract several species of Sphinx moths (sometimes known as hawkmoths or hummingbird moths) as well as other pollinating insects such as long-tongued bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds. But it is the Jimsonweed that has mastered the art of mutualism. While it is common for this plant to benefit from its relationship with the Carolina Sphinx (Manduca sexta) in the form of pollination, in turn it provides nectar for the adult moth and is the host plant for the moth's caterpillars. These large caterpillars (known to gardeners as 'hornworms'), consume many or all of the Jimsonweed's leaves. But the plant is prepared for the attack, storing resources in its massive root enabling it to produce more leaves. In effect, it grows its own pollinators to ensure its reproductive success!

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# **HEALTHY BACK TO SCHOOL LUNCH IDEAS!**



# Chinese Mandarin Pasta Salad

Prep time: 20 minutes Servings: 1

16 ounces rotini pasta 6 mini sweet peppers, sliced 3 mandarin oranges, peeled and segmented 3 green onions, sliced 2 cups baby spinach, chopped 1/2 cup matchstick carrots 1/2 cup sesame ginger dressing 1/4 cup chow mein noodles 1 kiwi, peeled and sliced 1/2 cup steamed edamame

Cook pasta according to package directions. Drain and rinse with cool water.

In large bowl, mix pasta, peppers, oranges, green onions, spinach, carrots and dressing. Toss to coat well. Top with chow mein noodles.

Place in lunchbox with kiwi and edamame.



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# Dripping Springs High School

# **Tiger Football**

# 2019 VARSITY SCHEDULE



23	Fri	Scrim	New Braunfels		Home	TBD
30	Fri		Kerrville Tivy		Away	7:30 PM
6	Fri		Hays		Home	7:30 PM
13	Fri		NB Canyon		Away	7:30 PM
20	Fri	R	*Travis		Home	7:30 PM
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4	Fri		*McCallum		Home	7:30 PM
11	Fri		*LBJ	at Nelson Field	Away	7:30 PM
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District 12 - 5A Game

Homecoming Game Mascot: Tigers

Colors: Maroon/Gold Senior Night - Band

Senior Night - Football/Cheerleaders/Hi Steppers



AD/Head Coach: Galen Zimmerman Assistant AD: Marisa Tuzzi Superintendent: Dr. Bruce Gearing Principal: Angela Gamez

Assistant Principals: Natalie Farber, Joe Green, Kelly Miller, Amanda Silkett

Athletic Trainers: Larry Lechow, Kelly Stoots

Assistant Head Coach: Marte Amrine Offensive Coordinator: Al Pena Defensive Coordinator: Chris King

Assistant Coaches: Carlos De La Cerda, Tim Hulon, Tony Marsh,

Trevor Marshall, Jeff Mayfield, Ben Reid, Brian Thiebaud, Matt Wilkins

Athletics Admin Assts: Karen Andrus, Cynthia Louthan

Band Director: Derek Woods

Asst. Band Directors: Jason Dye, John Pearson, Amanda Petro

Dance Director, Tracy Neef Asst. Dance Director: Christen Manning Cheer Coach: Carissa Puls - Varsity Asst. Cheer Coach: Kristen Iglesias - JV

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