

The Pine Warbler



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Notes:

Thanks to Carlos!

Carlos Hernandez represented PWWS and HEART at the Annual Wildlife and Woodlands Expo this year in March.

He said there was a lot of interest in sea turtles and the bird ID quiz, too. "Next year we need an Easy and a Hard Quiz side-by-side," Carlos said. "I had to compete with snakes, wolves, and owls. Also, we need a board with butterflies to be identified." (Hopefully, Carlos will be there next

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Big Stone Lodge

PWWS meetings are held at the Big Stone Lodge at the new Dennis Johnston County Park at 709 Riley Fuzzel Road.

The directions to get there are much the same as to the Nature Center. Aldine-Westfield turns into Riley Fuzzel Road just northeast of Spring so there are several ways to get there.

1. Take the Rayford/Sawdust exit and go East (right) on Rayford Rd. It dead ends at Riley Fuzzel, then turn South (right) and drive to the Dennis Johnston Park past Spring Creek and on the right. or, 2. take Spring-Cypress east to Aldine Westfield through Olde Town Spring, turn left and then on to Riley Fuzzel for a short distance and turn left; or, 3. Take Aldine Westfield north from Mercer Arboretum until it turns into Riley Fuzzel. Turn right and watch for the Dennis Johnston Park on the left.



PWWS April 15th Program The Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater with Jim Fallon

Pay your taxes by April 15; then come to the PWWS program that evening!

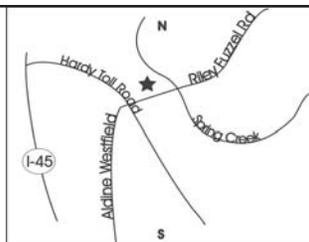
Jim Fallon, a PWWS member and excellent photographer, will present a program on his trip to Tanzania last year including the Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater. He has been interested in photography since the 70's holding out with film until 2010 when he purchased his first digital, a Sony Alpha 55. "The reason I went with Sony," Jim said, "was because my lenses for my old Minolta would fit." He took a Sony A77 and A57 on his trip to Africa.

Jim has been on two tours of Ireland enjoying scenery in the daytime and folk music in the evening. Retired in 2001 as a school counselor at the High School for Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice, Jim hopes to go to Costa Rica and Ecuador in the near future and prepare another program, but let's enjoy Tanzania first!



Date: April 15
Time: Social 6:30 p.m.
Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Big Stone Lodge
709 Riley Fuzzel Road



year with lots of butterfly photos from his fabulous photo library!)

Volunteers for the Future!

Jerry Hawken, the President of Spring Creek Education Society, a non-profit organization, may give PWWS members an opportunity to volunteer at Dennis Johnston Park or other parks along Spring Creek. His e-mail is jerry2568@yahoo.com and their website is <http://www.springcreekeducationsociety.org/>



Heart Happenings

May 10 will be the first Shell-e-bration! Fun and Free!

Be part of the shell-e-bration on the first anniversary of the Kemp's Ridley being named our official state sea turtle. This free, family event is an outdoor festival featuring a variety of turtle and marine-related activities, exhibits and crafts.

Don't miss:

- Photo opportunities with "ROB" the Ridley (11 AM-11:45)
- Turtle costume contest, judging at noon. "Ridley's rule!"
- Turtle Sand Sculptor Contest, judging at 1 PM. "Lone Star Turtle Sculptor".
- Turtle relay races, only slower! Kids be part of the "Ridley Rally!"
- Registration begins at 11 AM for costume and sand sculptor contests.

The Galveston Pleasure Pier is now home to a sea turtle conservation sign which represents hundreds of hours of work and the total dedication of a young lady named Savannah Rose Lohec of Pearland. Savannah Rose has earned the Gold Award which represents the highest achievement in Girl Scouting. The award recognizes girls who demonstrate extraordinary leadership through projects that have sustainable impact in their communities-and beyond. Savannah Rose has done just that.



Working with Joanie Steinhaus of the Sea Turtle Restoration Project's Galveston office, Savannah Rose has conducted classes about sea turtles at the Galveston Island State Park, given presentations to area schools, made receptacles for discarded fishing line and also focused attention on the importance of sea grass to Gulf beaches for nesting sea turtles by making a video. The funding Savannah Rose needed to purchase the sign came when she submitted her project to the ABC Summer of Service Awards and it was chosen among thousands of entries in a conservation competition. She is shown by the new sign (left) at the Pleasure Pier with Joanie Steinhaus and ROB the Ridley.

East Texas Nature Trees

by Diane Cabiness, Texas Master Naturalist

I think that I shall never see
A poem lovely as a tree.

A tree whose hungry mouth is prest
Against the sweet earth's flowing breast;

A tree that looks at God all day,
And lifts her leafy arms to pray;

A tree that may in summer wear
A nest of robins in her hair;

Upon whose bosom snow has lain;
Who intimately lives with rain.

Poems are made by fools like me,
But only God can make a tree. - Joyce Kilmer

I remember reading this delightful poem by Joyce Kilmer in school and thinking to myself how glorious he made trees sound in my young mind. This is one of many favorable incidents that occurred in my life that drew me from being a bookworm to actively participating in the wonders of Nature.

I did not have anyone who taught me about the grandeur of trees. As I got into volunteerism as an adult I discovered the joys of plants.

Nowadays there is a lot of competition for a child's attention. What better way to entice your grandchildren or children away from their computer games than to head out of doors. Winter and spring are a great time to plant trees as well as perennials. Here are few reminders on how to plant a tree by the Dirt Doctor, Howard Garrett:

1. Dig an ugly hole—The hole should be dug exactly the same depth as the height of the ball.
2. Run a perk test—Fill the hole with water and wait until the next day. If the water level does not drain away overnight, a drainage problem is indicated.
3. Plant high—The root flare is part of the trunk and should be placed above ground. The top of the root ball should be slightly

Soguksu National Park
Kizilcahamam



Selime Monastery



Devrent Valley



Kafe Tuvalet



View from top of the hill

Baglidere Valley Fairy Chimneys



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