

CNC&F hosts Wildlife Tax Valuation Workshop

The Cibolo Nature Center and Farm will hold a comprehensive workshop on Wildlife Tax Valuation on three consecutive Saturdays, Jan. 7, 14 and 21. The three-part workshop will guide landowners through the requirements and best practices for Wildlife Tax Valuation with special emphasis on managing for songbirds.

Attendees will complete the workshop ready to submit an application for wildlife tax valuation.

The first session of the workshop, *WTV History, Overview and Property Inventory*, will give a summary of wildlife management planning, property inventory including assessing ecosystems and wildlife, offer online tools and resources and give an overview of stocking levels



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and rotational grazing.

The Jan. 14 workshop, *Management Practice and Application Procedures*, will cover habitat control, deer management and supplemental shelter; plant diversity and supplemental food; predator control; habitat planning and census for birds.

The last workshop, *Current Law and Regulations*, will have a representative from the Kendall Appraisal District. They will review management plans, give an overview of the application procedure and offer a question and answer session.

As described on wildlife-evaluation.com:

Since 1995, landowners in Texas have had the opportunity to claim a wildlife tax exemption, or wildlife valuation, on their property. Landowners have been provided this opportunity due in part to the ever-growing wildlife recreation industry in Texas, as well as the value the state sees in its native wildlife and habitat.

Many property owners in Texas are now receiving more income from recreational and commercial enterprises such as ecotourism and deer management than from traditional agricultural enterprises. Farming and ranching values are dwarfed by the economics of consumptive and non-consumption recreation.

The wildlife management valuation provides an opportunity for Texas landowners to actively manage for native wildlife habitat on their land.

Pre-register for the workshop at www.cibolo.org. The cost is \$75 per person and \$95 per couple for members and \$90 per person and \$115 per couple for non-members.



The nature center will hold a Wildlife Tax Valuation Workshop with special emphasis on managing for songbirds such as this painted bunting.

CNC&F Happenings

CNC&F Offices closed. Park & Trails will be open from 8 a.m. to dusk daily Monday, Dec. 19, through Monday, Jan. 2.



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Champion musicians land spots in All-Region Band

Several Boerne-Samuel V. Champion Charger musicians earned positions in the competitive Texas Music Educators Assn. Region 29-5A All-Region Band. They are: on flute - Christine Perera, Maria Matamoros, Cheyenne Aikens, Jack Staudt, Nicole Johnson; on clarinet - Aaron Boswell, T.J. Pole, Kelsey Seidel, Lauren Soliz, Sydney Sommers, Allison Campbell, Tyler Carson; on bass clarinet - Andrew DiFranco, Sarah Kelly; on bassoon - Emma Ghiurau; on alto saxophone - Elana Osterman, Jacob Dean, Caleb Williams; on tenor sax - Kendalyn Lytle; on baritone sax - Mason Fiedler; on trumpet - Tyler Zinck, Tyler Harris, Dylan Pole, Jack Chatelle, Andrew Zinck; on French horn - Blake Moreland, David Wilson, David Dutton, Paetra Vroman-Lucas, Nathan Crosby; on trombone - Zachary Bell, Marcus Lemoine, Jack Leist; on bass trombone - David Marantes; on euphonium - Zoe Sueltenfuss; on tuba - Caden Fortenberry, Kendall May; and on percussion - Lance Henderson,

Matthew Maldonado, and Daniel DeMoor.

The music students have to play is extremely difficult, often written at the extreme edges of the instrument's capability. It has been chosen by professional musicians for this difficulty level as these etudes comprise the music used in the Texas Music Educators Association's All-State audition process.

The students get only one shot on the etude being performed. Mistakes are costly and there's no second chance.

"I am so proud of all of our students who tried out for the Region Band," Boerne-Champion High School Director of Bands Kevin Arnott said. "First of all, the music is very challenging and it takes a lot of dedication and practice to learn it, then comes the audition where you have to play in front of all of the other kids. And you know they're just waiting for you to make a mistake that will give them a better chance! Very nerve-wracking."

"The pressure for a successful performance is

staggering for a teenager to handle," Arnott said. "Many of the student musicians from the Champion Charger Band opted to brave this pressure and audition for a spot in this esteemed group."

Out of the 81 spots available in the Region Band, the Charger musicians took 40 of them.

"Our kids are great!" Arnott said.

In addition to earning a spot in the All-Region Band, students who placed high enough in the audition to advance to the Area level are: Christine Perera, Maria Matamoros, Aaron Boswell, T.J. Pole, Kelsey Seidel, Lauren Soliz, Andrew DiFranco, Sarah Kelly, Elana Osterman, Mason Fiedler, Tyler Zinck, Blake Moreland, David Wilson, David Dutton, Zachary Bell, Marcus Lemoine, David Marantes, Caden Fortenberry and Matthew Maldonado.

That audition will be held at the University of Texas at Austin. The Area auditions are extremely competitive as the competition will include students from the area bounded by Del Rio to Austin to Houston.

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