

**POLE FROM PAGE 1**

student-initiated, student-organized and student-led event. See You at the Pole, the global day of student prayer, began in 1990 as a grass roots movement with only 10 students praying at their school. Twenty years later, millions pray on their campuses on the fourth Wednesday in September. To continue their student-led day of prayer, approximately 300 high school students and 450 middle school students from local church youth groups converged on Hill Country Daily Bread

Ministries (HCDBM) last Wednesday evening. The students were given supplies to create care packages that included scripture, colorful crosses and uplifting messages. With the help of HCDBM, these care packages will reach hundreds of families in need. The evening concluded with a devotional from Gabriel Mandujano of HCDBM, emphasizing that even though the students attend different schools and churches, it's important to come together as one for the purpose of serving God. More information and resources about the See You at the Pole movement can be found at <https://syatp.com/>.

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to 3:45 p.m. in the Family Life Building, Rooms 151

and 153 Oct. 31: YMCA, 1361 S. Main, Boerne, 8 - 11:30 a.m. in the bloodmobile Oct. 31: Dynamic Systems, 28845 IH10 West, Boerne, 1:30 to 4 p.m.

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At the polls, registered voters must present a photo ID, if available. Otherwise, voters may sign a declaration explaining why they do not have an approved photo ID and present proof of identity and address with a utility bill or voter registration certificate.

Early voting begins Oct. 24 and ends Nov. 4. Hours at the annex, which is the main early voting location, will be from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. A temporary early voting branch will be open at the Comfort Baptist Church, 100 Amber Drive, Comfort, on Saturday, Oct. 29, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sample ballots are available online at [www.co.kendall.tx.us](http://www.co.kendall.tx.us) (county departments, elections, election information).

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project for the San Antonio River Authority and a City Hall renovation for Dilley. He is currently providing management services for

an 835,000-square-foot \$325 million expansion and renovation to the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in San Antonio. "We've worked on big projects, we've worked on small projects," Dean told council members during their Sept. 27 regular meet-

ing. "We're very flexible." Councilmember Joe Anzollitto asked whether Dean would be the onsite manager. Dean responded that a staff member of the consulting group, who is currently responsible for half of the convention center project, would be on

the job. Dean said he is safety certified, has been with the company for two years, and speaks Spanish fluently. Council approved Dean Consulting in a four to zero vote. For more information on Dean Consulting, go to [deanconsultinggroup.com](http://deanconsultinggroup.com).

**Protect & Preserve Gala celebrates conservation**

By definition, the word change is "to make radically different." In our own lives we are programmed to know that it is also constant and inevitable. But in spite of this ongoing change, the Cibolo Nature Center and Farm has worked tirelessly to conserve natural resources through education and stewardship for 28 years as the area around us has become increasingly populated and urbanized. On Oct. 21, the nature center will hold its Protect and Preserve Gala luncheon to celebrate the successful culmination of these years of conservation efforts. This has been a milestone year for the nature center as we accomplished the dream of conserving the historic Herff Farm in perpetuity through a voluntary conservation easement. To put it simply, this means that this priceless community asset will continue to be an important landscape that represents our rural Texas heritage while showcasing sustainable living and agricultural



Claire Jenkins



Chet Garner



Catalina Trail

techniques to new visitors. With constant change taking place all around us, now more than ever, it is imperative to connect people not only with our precious past, but also with the natural world and all that it offers in support of our well-being and quality of life. The gala luncheon will be held at the charming Herff Farm, and guests will be inspired hearing relevant motivational stories while dining on fresh local fare and joining in a toast of appreciation for our shared cultural and natural heritage. Emcee Chet Garner, host of PBS's acclaimed Daytripper, will help us celebrate the conservation of land, water and wildlife. Catalina Trail will headline the event as our special presenter with her

incredible story of adventure and persistence discovering the Mexican wintering site of the Monarch butterfly, the state insect of Texas, in the 1970s. Tickets to this special event are still available and can be purchased online through the CNC & Farm's website. If unable to attend the event, you can also support the nature center by bidding on an items through our online auction at [www.32auctions.com/cibolonaturecenterandfarm](http://www.32auctions.com/cibolonaturecenterandfarm). The auction will feature several unique items

to bid on to include a vacation getaway to Lake Tahoe, a 1948 vintage Ford Tractor and the opportunity to host a Fourth of July fireworks viewing party at the Herff Farm among other items. Proceeds from the gala and auction will support the Cibolo Nature Center & Farm's mission to promote conservation of natural resources through education and stewardship. For more information about the Protect and Preserve Gala and to purchase tickets, go to [Cibolo.org](http://Cibolo.org).

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McNeill, to offer a more pleasant experience. "It used to be offices, but we're knocking down

all the walls, and now it's going to be more like a mini-grocery store," McNeill said. "People can come in and use grocery carts and make choices. We want to make it a good experience for everyone."



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**Boerne**  
a brief history

Jefferson Morgenthaler

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**CNC&F Happenings**

**FALL WILDLIFE FIELD RESEARCH WEEK**, Monday, Oct. 3, through Saturday, Oct. 8, Visitors Center. Sign-up for this incredible Citizen Scientist Volunteer Week at the CNC. Contact Donna Taylor at [donna@cibolo.org](mailto:donna@cibolo.org) or 830-249-4616 for more information.

**LITTLE EXPLORERS**, Wednesday, Oct. 5, from 10 to 11 a.m., Visitor Center. The Little Explorers preschoolers and their caregivers will come for fun and adventure using their five senses to discover nature, listen to stories, sing songs, play games, explore the outdoors and make crafts to take home.

**SNAKES & SNAKEBITES**, Thursday, Oct. 6, from 6 to 8 p.m., CNC. Join us for snakebites (beer and hard cider) and a presentation about snakes. Dave Barker, a world-renowned snake expert, will explore the snakes of the Texas Hill Country including their biology or behavior. \$10 for adults, free for kids.

**MONARCH BIOLOGY, ECOLOGY & MONARCH LARVAL MONITORING PROJECT TRAINING**, Friday, Oct. 7, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., CNC. Learn about Monarch biology, lifecycles, migration and milkweed ecology. The workshop is presented in collaboration with the Monarch Joint Venture by Monarch Watch Conservation Specialists Kip Kiphart and Cathy Downs and Ben Eldredge, CNC&F director of education. \$20 includes lunch, register online at [cibolo.org](http://cibolo.org).

**FARMERS MARKET AT THE CIBOLO**, Saturday, Oct. 8, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Herff Farm. Enjoy fresh air and delicious local produce, live music and more at the only Farmers Market in Texas on the grounds of a historic 1850s pioneer farm. Buy fresh local vegetables

and farm-fresh eggs, original arts and crafts, homemade breads, jams, jellies, pastries and locally produced honey.

**KIDS CLUB: UN-NATURE HIKE!** Saturday, Oct. 8, from 10 to 11 a.m., Herff Farm. We will be hiking around the farm on a search for things that don't belong in nature and then take those items and make them into recycled art. For kids from 3 to 103! \$5 per family.

**BACKYARD CHICKENS**, Saturday, Oct. 8, from 10:30 a.m., to noon, Herff Farm in the Garden Barn. How marvelous life would be if you could enjoy farm fresh eggs every morning? Thankfully raising your own flock is not as hard as it seems. Join us as the co-founder of the Cibolo Nature Center, Brent "The Chicken Man" Evans, goes through the basics of raising chickens in your own backyard. Tuition is \$15 per person. Register at [www.cibolo.org](http://www.cibolo.org) or email Tiara Chapman at [tiara@cibolo.org](mailto:tiara@cibolo.org) for more information.

**SNAKE TAGGING 101**, Saturday, Oct. 8, from 10 to 11:30 a.m., outside CNC auditorium. Join citizen scientists for a PIT-tagging demonstration provided by world renowned herpetologist Dave Barker. Some may even choose to get hands-on and help pit-tag the snakes with tiny microchips. Contact Ben Eldredge at [ben@cibolo.org](mailto:ben@cibolo.org) for more information.

**YOGA FOR NATURE LOVERS**, Monday, Oct. 10, from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m., meet at Visitor Center. The CNC&F offers classes every Monday evening conducted by Kristen Walker of Wellspring Yoga in Boerne. \$10 per class payable at the door by cash, credit card or check

*The Cibolo Nature Center is at 140 City Park Road; the Herff Farm is at 33 Herff Road, both in Boerne.*

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