

# Lindheimer Texas Master Naturalists learn about water monitoring

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Guest Writer**

On Friday, January 22, members of the Lindheimer Chapter of Texas Master Naturalists met at the Agri-Life Extension building in New Braunfels to learn about monitoring water in our area.

John Oyer and Neal Denton from Texas State University taught attendees about the organization of the Texas Stream Team, how to run tests on water collected in local waters, and how to report results.

Lindheimer chapter members also learned how to calibrate meters, record air and water temperatures, how to test for PH levels and conductivity, how to test for the amount of dissolved oxygen in the water, and how to test for E. coli.

Class members then went to Landa Park in New Braunfels to practice their newly-acquired skills. Here, they learned how to take a proper water sample, how to judge the clarity, depth, color, and odor of water, and how to note water conditions.

At the end of the day, the Master Naturalists were pleased with the presentation and with

themselves for learning something new. Data that they report will help policymakers in our area become more cognizant of the issues related to the need for themselves for learning something new. Data that they report will help policymakers in our area become more cognizant of the issues related to the need for

an abundance of clean water. So, if you see some folks along side a body of water in the area, totting a large bucket, a black case, and wearing goggles, they are probably working on behalf of the Texas Stream Team to report water conditions in that area. Give them a wave to say "Thank you!"

## LMN chapter to hear about native artifacts

The monthly meeting of the Lindheimer Chapter of Texas Master Naturalists will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 15, at the Agri-Life Building in New Braunfels (325 Resource Drive, behind the recycle center).

The speaker will be Floyd McKee, who will bring some of his many Native American artifacts, dating from the Archaic

to Early Prehistoric periods. He lives along the banks of the Guadalupe River and recently found an archeological treasure trove in his backyard. His site has been described as one of the richest archeological sites ever found on the Guadalupe River.

Meetings of the Lindheimer Chapter of Texas Master Naturalists are open to the public.

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## Schaule to give Exploritas program

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Diane Shaule of the Lindheimer Chapter of Texas Master Naturalists has again been asked to provide a program on her organization for an Elderhostel group visiting the New Braunfels area.

Elderhostel recently changed its name to Exploritas.

## TMN class to talk about deer

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Schaule, who has made presentations in the past, will speak on the Texas Master Naturalist organization on both February 18 and March 18 at the CRRC in Sartter.

Ray Laxson, will speak on "Those Amazing Whitetails. But Enough Already." The talk will include the life-cycle of whitetail deer, as well as an update on efforts to manage whitetail population growth.

Ray Laxson, an engineer by education and a naturalist at heart, operates his property near Spring Branch as a Wildlife Management Area. He has also raised whitetail deer for a number of years under a TPWD program called the Scientific Whitetail Breeder Program.

The public is invited to join the Lindheimer Chapter for another interesting talk.

The monthly meeting of the Lindheimer Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalists will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, February 18, at the Agri-life Extension Building on 325 Resource Drive.

One of Lindheimer's own,