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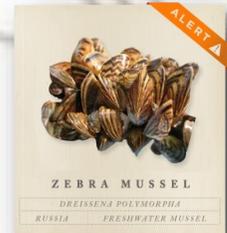
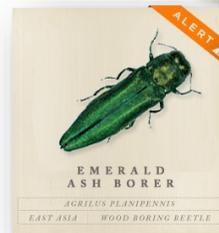
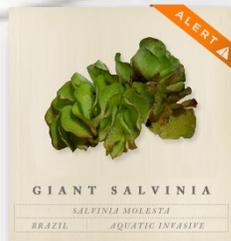
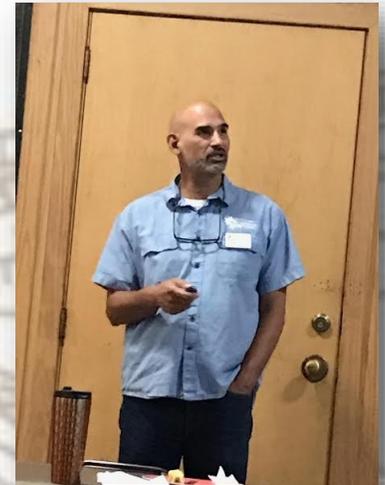
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## October's Chapter Meeting

Dr. Hans Landel was our presenter for October. Dr. Hans has over a decade of experience in field research, including studies of endangered wildlife species. He joined the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center in 2015 and oversees the Center's work combating and educating on invasive species.

Dr. Hans introduced us to the top twenty three invasive plants, animals and insects that are either already in Texas and being monitored or are creeping closer to our borders. Zebra mussels, Emerald Ash Borer, feral hogs, nutria, fire ants, Giant Salvinia are just a few of the names on the invasives list for our state.

To learn more about these and other invasives and what can be done to help stop them from spreading visit the Texas Park's and Wildlife's website, [www.texasinvasives.org](http://www.texasinvasives.org).



The Longleaf Ridge chapter of  
Texas Master Naturalists  
is now 8 years old!

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY LONGLEAF RIDGE!!



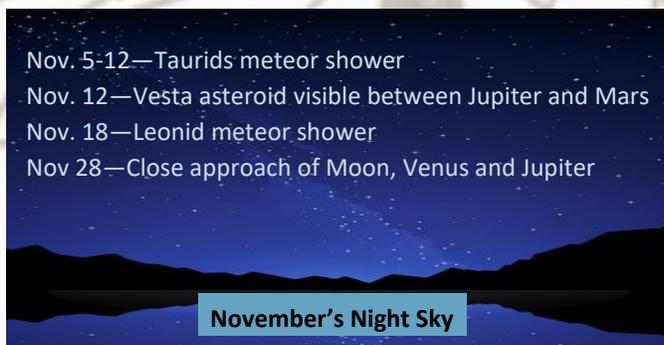
## UPCOMING EVENTS

### November—

- 2nd—And all Saturdays in Nov. at 10am, Eagle hike on Island trail at MDJSP
- 7th—**LRMN Board meeting**—Agrilife office—10am
- 9th—Guided canoe trip—MDJSP reg. at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/guided-canoe-trip-tickets-70701226271>
- 12th— **LRMN Chapter meeting** 6pm , MDJSP Dining Hall, Ranger Amy Kocurek— Nature Center Activities
- 15th—Jasper Newton Counties Forest Landowners mtg - Courthouse annex, 8:30am - 2:30pm, free lunch
- 16th—Longleaf seedling planting in the Angelina Nat. Forest— meet at Angelina Ranger office, Zavalla- 7:30- noon
- 16th—LRMN booth at Farmer’s Market Holiday Event, 9am-2pm, Chairman Richard Peters [bethshebaherps@yahoo.com](mailto:bethshebaherps@yahoo.com)
- 21st—Sandy Creek Park Water Quality mtg, Courthouse Annex at 3:30pm

### December

- 5th— **LRMN Board meeting**—Agrilife office—10am
- 5th— Jasper Christmas parade at 5:30pm then MDJSP party @ the Belle-Jim
- 10th—Foot bridge removal at MDJSP, 9am
- 10th—**LRMN Christmas party**, 6pm MDJSP Dining hall, bring and dish and a gift to exchange
- 14th— Project Wild & Aquatic Wild Certifications course at MDJSP, check with Ranger Amy for more info
- 22nd—Re-Certification hours are due to Laura Clark for the 2019 year (to be reviewed and submitted before the 31st)



- Head Start—Contact Claire Boutte - [fdclaire@gmail.com](mailto:fdclaire@gmail.com)
- Martin Dies Jr. State Park - Contact Ranger Amy at [amy.kocurek@tpwd.texas.gov](mailto:amy.kocurek@tpwd.texas.gov)
- MDJSP service projects - Contact Lori Horne at [lori.horne1965@gmail.com](mailto:lori.horne1965@gmail.com)
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### FREQUENTLY USED WEB SITES

- Longleaf Ridge Master Naturalists web site..... <https://txmn.org/lr/>
- Longleaf Ridge Master Naturalists FaceBook...<https://www.facebook.com/LongleafRidgeMasterNaturalists/>
- Martin Dies Jr. State Park events.....[https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/martin-dies-jr/park\\_events](https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/martin-dies-jr/park_events)
- Watson Preserve.....[http://watsonpreserve.ning.com/?xg\\_source=msg\\_mes\\_network](http://watsonpreserve.ning.com/?xg_source=msg_mes_network)
- Big Thicket National Preserve.....<https://www.nps.gov/bith/index.htm>

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# Saddle Paddle 2019



Putting them in

Seven volunteers, Phillip Hight, Lori Horne, Keith Stephens, Garry and Sharon Lamoreaux, and Jerry and Laura Clark, helped launch and welcome at the finish line, kayakers participating in the Dam to Dam Saddle & Paddle event sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce on October 5th. Three entrants paddled from the Highway 63 bridge to Bevilport, and 23 paddled from Bevilport to the boat launch behind the Dining Hall at Martin Dies, Jr. State Park.



Checking them off as they finish



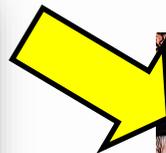
One of those kayakers who made the eight plus mile trip from Bevilport boat ramp to Martin Dies, and who arrived third—was our very own Brenda Marshall! Everyone cheered her accomplishment.

A great time was had by all.

—adapted from Longleaf Ridge website article by Laura Clark



Helping them out



Thanks for voting to help the parks get the funds they need.

In preparation for Jasper's annual Fall Butterfly festival and to participate in the Keep Texas Beautiful Fall Sweep, many of our group met on October 11th, at the Jasper arboretum on a cloudy morning, that eventually turned stormy.

Finishing touches were made to pathways and flower beds. The greenhouse and butterfly enclosure were spruced up in anticipation of the visitors that would be coming through on festival day, October 19th. Master Naturalists and Master Gardeners worked side by side with one common goal: Keeping Jasper Beautiful.

Our Lori Horne, is now the chairman for the Keep Jasper Beautiful organization which will help our city and also give us plenty of opportunities for service. Check our website (<https://txmn.org/llr/>) for calendar updates.



This was Brenda Marshall's entry for the Festival's Scarecrow contest. It won 2nd place. Yay Brenda!



October 19th was a beautiful day in Jasper. LRMN participated in the annual Fall Butterfly Festival. Don Fralick was the chairman and he recruited several members to man the booth which featured photos of local flora and fauna, local artifacts and an educational craft for the kiddos. Thanks to all that helped make this a great day.



Richard Peters set up our LRMN booth at the Farmer's Market on October 26th on a cold and blustery morning. With Halloween only days away, he featured bats as the educational subject of the day. He also included a bat mask that the kids could color and wear. Garry and Sharon Lamoreaux were there to lend a hand.

James Pulliam, one of our newest pledges and National Honor Society member at Jasper High School, made the news when he saw a need and then came up an idea for a solution.

Seeing that officers are equipped with weapons and other emergency equipment, the NHS members realized that police sometimes need other amenities such as aspirin or soap.

After researching the matter, Pulliam and the other students talked to many in law enforcement and came up with a list of answers to many needs and presented the bags of supplies to the officers of the Jasper Police Department this month. Thanks to all who helped with this endeavor.



-Adapted from a KJAS.com article

## GET YOUR HOURS TURNED IN!!!

With the holidays looming on the horizon, and families beginning to get busy, now is the time to grab a few more hours of volunteering to finish up this year's service requirements. Check the event calendar on our website for some opportunities. <https://txmn.org/llr/>

If you need Advanced training hours, November's chapter meeting is going to be a lot of fun. All hands on, Ranger Amy from Martin Dies Jr. State Park will be bringing some of the activities that she uses for visitors to the Nature Center for us to try. Also, we'll learn how to set up the LRMN booth for Outreach service hours.

Texas Master Naturalists must recertify annually to retain the Master Naturalist designation and receive the current year's certification pin and milestone awards.

Forty hours of volunteer service and eight hours of advanced training must be completed and submitted by December 31st to receive the current year's pin. Pin design is retired each year.

The 2019 certification pin is the Golden-cheeked Warbler.



Look who I found at Walmart!

A future forester,

Murphy Lewis Plunkett,

born on October 15th, 2019.

Congratulations Ben and Samantha!

### Highlights from the October Friends of the Park meeting:

FOP members voted to provide (either donate or buy) several pieces of needed equipment for the maintenance building at the park

The FOP officers from this year will continue for another term: Keith Stephens -President, Lori Horne-Vice president, Hugh Pickle-Treasurer, Sharon Lamoreaux-secretary, Beth Pickle and Garry Lamoreaux-Directors

The park will be entering a float in the Christmas parade on Dec. 5th. We are invited to help prepare the float and ride in the parade with them. Directly after the parade, all will proceed to the Belle Jim for their annual Christmas party. Bring a gift for exchanging. More details on this as the day approaches.

A work day will be held on December 10th, at 9am to begin removing some foot bridges that will be replaced with culverts to allow maintenance equipment access to the trails.

The next meeting will be January 17th, 2020.

