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Citizen science: How a community saved the Key deer

When a member of a Florida Keys community found an old survey collar, a local Facebook group dedicated to a native endemic species pulled together and reached out to NRI, reminding us how critical citizen science can be for wildlife. [Read more.](#)



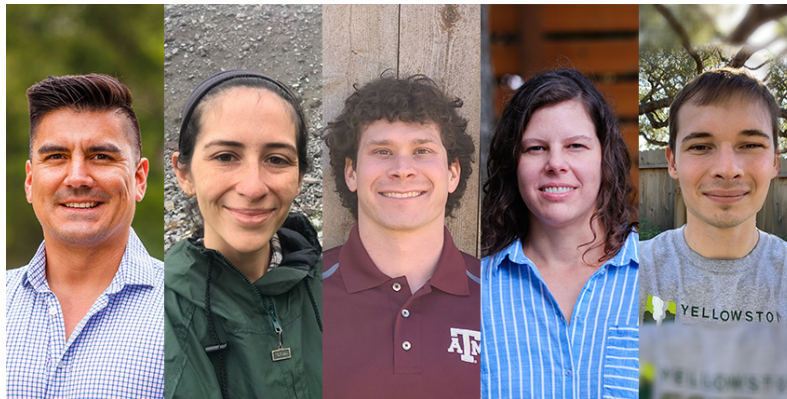
Ogallala Aquifer Virtual Summit asks stakeholders to tackle tough questions

The Ogallala Aquifer Virtual Summit, designed to tackle issues faced by communities that rely on the declining Ogallala Aquifer resource, is set for Feb. 24-25, almost a year after it was originally scheduled. [Read more.](#)



Sentinel Landscapes: Uniting people, securing the future

In 2013, the U.S. Department of Defense, Department of Agriculture, and Department of the Interior came together in collaboration to launch the Sentinel Landscape program. It is an innovative approach to landscape conservation recognizing the values of national security, conservation and working lands to unite people and secure the future of landscapes across the country. [Read more.](#)



Mills Scholarships awarded to five TAMU students

TWRI has awarded 2021 Mills Scholarships to five graduate students conducting water-related research at Texas A&M University. Winners include Ennis A. Rios, Jacqueline (Jackie) Rambo, John Brien, Anna Marie Van de Graft and Charles Schaub. [Read more.](#)



Leopold Live: Chapter one

Just like old times, only different. Adjusting to social distancing measures allowed us to think creatively in how we approach our engagement and education work, and partnering with the Selah, Bamberger Ranch Preserve was a smart match for our team and like-minded missions — educating land stewards by demonstration and practice. [Read more.](#)



Rain, wind and fire: What La Niña means for Texas' winter fire season

Texas' winter wildfire season is driven by winds on dry grass. La Niña worsens the dry fire situation and invites "high impact fire weather events" that make wildfire conditions worse. [Read more.](#)



Soaking up rising floodwaters in growing cities

Land use changes and climate change are making flooding worse. Experts say that protecting cities will require adding up many solutions. [Read more.](#)



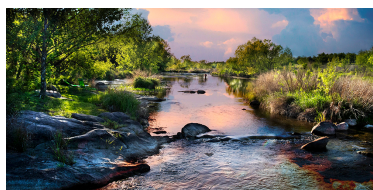
Meet a scientist: Nathan Glavy

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Sentinel Landscapes Partnership announces 2021 designation cycle

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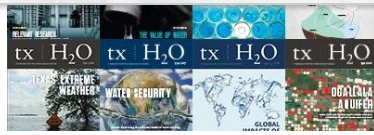
Texas Water Journal publishes first article in Volume 12

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TSSWCB receives additional funding from USDA-NRCS to address feral swine in Texas

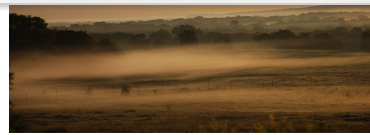
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Ogallala Aquifer Summit

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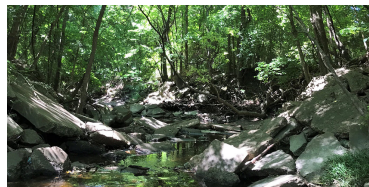


ICYMI: Financial, ecological benefits of conservation easements on working lands

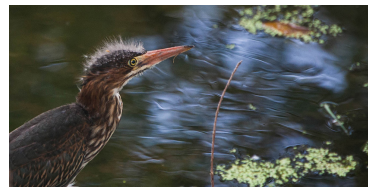
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Events

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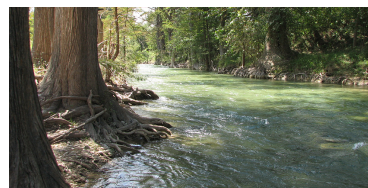
[I-Plan Online Meeting for Middle Neches Watershed,](#)
February 19, Online



[Texas Chapter of the Wildlife Society Annual Meeting,](#)
February 24, Online



[Conservation Wrangler Summit and Celebration Dinner,](#)
April 20, Dallas



[Texas Watershed Planning Short Course,](#)
April 26-29, Bandera

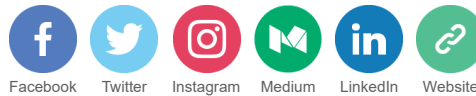
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 - [Researchers find controlling the nanoscale structure of membranes is key for clean water,](#) Penn State News
 - [Texas A&M University Launches Green Labs Certification Program,](#) Texas A&M Today
 - [USBR grant funds research into contaminant detection for water reclamation systems,](#) Texas State
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- [Hackers try to contaminate Florida town's water supply through computer breach,](#) Reuters
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 - [Toxic substance or water supply? Lawmakers to weigh whether wastewater from oil fields could replenish the state's aquifers,](#) Texas Tribune

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