NEWS FOR THE RESIDENTS OF THE VILLAGES AT WESTERN OAKS AND LEGEND OAKS I

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# **PRUNING GUIDELINES** for Prevention of Oak Wilt in Texas

Oak wilt, caused by the fungus Ceratocystis fagacearum, is the most destructive disease affecting live oaks and red oaks in Central Texas. Most of the tree mortality results from treeto-tree spread of the pathogen through interconnected or grafted root systems, once an oak wilt center becomes established. New infection centers begin when beetles carry oak wilt fungal spores from infected red oaks to fresh, open wounds on healthy oaks. Wounds include any damage caused by wind, hail, vehicles, construction, squirrels, birds or pruning. Research has shown that both oak wilt fungal mats on infected red oaks and insects that carry oak wilt spores are most prevalent in the spring. Below is a brief description of how you can reduce the risk of fungal spread when pruning.

- Always paint fresh wounds on oaks, including pruning cuts and stumps, with wound dressing or latex paint immediately after pruning or live tree removal at all times of the year.
- Clean all pruning tools with 10% bleach solution or Lysol<sup>TM</sup> between sites and/or trees.

- If possible avoid pruning or wounding of oaks during the spring (currently defined as February1 through June 30). Reasons to prune in the spring include:
  - To accommodate public safety concerns such as hazardous limbs, traffic visibility or emergency utility line clearance.
  - O To repair damaged limbs (from storms or other anomalies)
  - To remove limbs rubbing on a building or rubbing on other branches, and to raise low limbs over a street.
  - On sites where construction schedules take precedence, pruning any live tissue should only be done to accommodate required clearance.

• Dead branch removal where live tissue is not exposed.

Pruning for other reasons (general tree health, non-safety related clearance or thinning, etc.) should be conducted before February 1 or after June 30.

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#### Pruning Guidelines- (Continued from Page 4)

Debris from diseased red oaks should be immediately chipped, burned or buried. Regardless of the reasons or time of year, proper pruning techniques should be used. These techniques include making proper pruning cuts and avoiding injurious practices such as topping or excessive crown thinning. If you are uncertain about any of this information, you should consult with a Texas Oak Wilt Certified arborist, ISA Certified Arborist, or an oak wilt specialist from a city, county or state government agency such as the Texas Forest Service or Texas AgriLife Extension Service.

References (available at http://www.TexasOakWilt.org):

Appel, D.N., and R.F. Billings (eds.). 1995. Oak wilt perspectives: Proceedings of the Nation Oak Wilt Symposium, June 22-25, 1992. Austin, TX. Information Development, Houston, TX. 217 p. Billings, R.F., and D.N. Appel (eds.). 2009. Proceedings of the National Oak Wilt Symposium. June 4-7, 2007, Austin, TX. Texas Forest Service Publication166. 267p.

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## THE VILLAGE GAZETTE "Circle C Tennis Club Players Receive Awards"

#### Several junior Members of the Circle C Tennis Club were recipients of special awards during the Capital Area Tennis Association (CATA) banquet held at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Austin on Sunday, May 1st. Guest speaker for the event was Dennis Ralston, former US Champion, Wimbledon Champion, and US Davis Cup player, coach and captain of the US Davis Cup team. Over 200 players, parents and coaches attended the event honoring Junior High, Senior High, Club players and scholarship winners for 2011. In addition, Samantha Jorden, was the recipient of a 2011 CATA Scholarship. Three former members also receiving awards included Summer Biggs, Lorenzo Salazar and Caitlin Camp.

Front row: Paige Johnson and Jackson Cobb, Most Valuable Players from Circle C Tennis Club; Rachel Cole, Most Valuable Player Austin High School; James Bronson, Most Valuable Player Anderson High School; Spencer Cobb, Most Valuable Player Bailey Middle School. Back Row: Danny Rodriguez, Mandon Maloney and Darin Pleasant, Tennis Professionals who train these players at the Circle C Tennis Club.





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## "Circle C Tennis Club Hosts Training for Wheelchair Tennis Pros"

The Circle C Tennis club recently hosted a Professional Tennis Registry Wheelchair Workshop. Geoff Norton from Augusta, Georgia conducted the workshop for eleven instructors, tennis pros and USTA leaders from all over Texas. Each participant was given a "tennis wheelchair" to perform all the drills, and learn to play tennis as a person would when in a wheelchair. General Manager, Fernando Velasco, mentioned after the event that "I have much more respect for the players that I see and coach in a wheelchair, but after having been in a wheelchair for several hours and trying to play tennis, I have even and even higher level of respect for them". Velasco, Dennis Ralston, and Circle C Resident Mike Haynes, who is also a wheelchair



tennis player, are presently training a 14 year old young man who is in a wheelchair, Dustin Strelsky. A year ago in January, Dustin, was in a car accident that left him paralyzed from the waist down. Dustin is presently playing for his junior high team and has a 6-2 record. Participants of the workshop will continue working with players in wheelchairs and eventually conduct clinics and events for them.

The Circle C Tennis Club will be hosting an event that will include a "run and roll" exhibition consisting of players in wheelchairs and players with able bodies.





A colorful group of native orchids called Hexalectris or coralroots are found mainly in the mountains of northern Mexico and West Texas, but we are fortunate enough to have at least two species that grow in our area. The name Hexalectris literally means 'six cock's combs,' referring to the six prominent ridges that were thought to run down the length of the flower's lower

lip. Despite this name, most flowers have only five or seven ridges.

These orchids are micro-heterotrophic, which describes a plant that gets some or all of its food from parasitism on fungi rather than from photosynthesis. Most Hexalectris orchids have only been discovered and studied in the last fifty years. They depend heavily on an extremely delicate balance of environmental factors, which means they are not always observed every year, and it makes them impossible to transplant from the wild. In our area, April through August is the best time to spot the Spiked Crested Coralroot (Hexalectris spicata var. spicata). An uncommon orchid, it is most often found in the leaf litter on the wooded limestone hillsides and canyon slopes in oak-juniper habitats of the Edwards Plateau. Also called cock's comb or brunetta, the blooms of the Spiked Crested Coralroot grow on a tall, leafless, fleshy-pink stalk. Each bloom has creamy yellow petals and sepals striped with brownish-purple, and the central white lip is adorned with five to seven wavy crests of deep, royal purple.

Recently, the first record of the Giant or Largeflower Crested Coralroot (Hexalectris grandiflora) was discovered in the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve in Travis County. Previously thought only to grow in the Davis and Chisos Mountains of West Texas, the bright pink, leafless stalk of this species grows from 10 to 24 inches tall. Along the stalk, vivid pink flowers bloom with a white mark in the center of an elaborately shaped, three-lobed lip. This coralroot also

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#### Nature Watch- (Continued from Page 8)

flourishes in our oak-juniper woodlands, and is thought to bloom from June to September. Other common names for this beautiful wild orchid include Greenman's hexalectris or Greenman's cock's comb.

These unique wild woodland orchids are uncommon to rare in our area, and together they help define the true nature of the Texas Hill Country. Monitoring and preserving them is not only good for the sake of maintaining biological diversity and understanding changing environmental conditions, but for the future beauty of our ecoregion as well.

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