

MERIDIAN *Community Monitor*

NEWS FOR THE RESIDENTS OF MERIDIAN

Our Community Cares: Alex's Lemonade Stand

Submitted by: Jacquelyn Waldrop, Austin Real Estate Partners

On May 15th, the Smith Family on Espina Dr. held a very special lemonade stand, where all proceeds benefited Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation whose mission is to raise money and awareness of childhood cancer causes, primarily for research into new treatments and cures, and to encourage and empower others, especially children, to get involved and make a difference for children with cancer.

The family says they have been blessed with three healthy children who have survived a 1 in 10 risk of childhood cancer, caused by rare genetic condition that runs in their family. On May 15th, their youngest children Zack and Zoe turned 8 years old, officially outgrowing the risk, so they reached out to our Meridian neighbors and asked them to help celebrate by helping others. They wanted to raise awareness of this organization and their cause. They would like to thank the Meridian neighbors who came out to support their efforts. "Our deepest gratitude goes to our friends, family, and Austin community for your generosity and support of our fundraising efforts benefitting Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation. With your amazing help, we are able to donate over \$1200!" said Mom, Becca Smith.

More about Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation:

Alexandra "Alex" Scott, a young cancer patient, was only 4 years old when she decided to hold a lemonade stand to raise money for "her hospital," so doctors could help other kids like they'd helped her. Alex held her first stand in 2000 and continued to hold lemonade stands each year, inspiring support from her community and across the nation. Although sadly Alex passed away at the age of 8, she knew she had reached the ambitious goal of raising \$1 million for childhood cancer research.

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- Special offers and freebies from local Circle C/Meridian area businesses

REFRESH YOUR INTERIOR WITH THE RIGHT PAINT

Submitted by: Jacquelyn Waldrop

Looking for a quick way to rejuvenate your living space? Before you go changing layouts or knocking down walls, try giving your interior a fresh coat of paint. This fairly simple task can dramatically alter the look and feel of your home.

Changing interior paint is an easy do-it-yourself project that most can tackle in a weekend or two. Before you get the rollers out and start painting, here are some basics about the interior paint finishes available:

Flat or Matte -- Hide imperfections with flat paints, which absorb light and make the colors seem darker. The downside? This type of paint is the least stain resistant, so reserve it for low-traffic areas and ceilings.

Eggshell -- Not as dull as flat paint but less shiny than semi-gloss, this low-sheen option works well in living rooms and bedrooms. Be aware that the shine can accentuate wall imperfections, so it's best on smooth, well-prepared surfaces.

Satin -- This easy-to-clean finish is often used on windows, doors and trim. Its soft sheen sets it apart from walls painted in eggshell or flat finishes. Though it is highly durable, satin paint has less protection than shinier options.

Semi-Gloss -- Designed to stand up to stains, semi-gloss paints are the easiest to clean, making them ideal choices for kitchens and children's rooms. Semi-gloss sheen also stands up to moisture, so consider this selection when repainting a bathroom.

Low VOC -- The name says it all. This type of paint contains fewer volatile organic compounds (VOCs), which release toxic gases. Opt for low-VOC paint if you want to go green in your home and deal with less paint fumes.

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Important Info for Baldwin Fall 2016 Kindergarten Students

Submitted by: Jacquelyn Waldrop, Kinder Kick-off Chair

Join us for our June Kindergarten Summer Playdate on June 15th from 5:30-7pm at Circle C Metro Park. Meet and mingle with future Bobcat cubs and parents at our summer playdates.

July Playdate is TBD but will be a mid-morning playdate at Baldwin's Kindergarten playground in the back of the school.

Save the Date: Kindergarten Kick-Off Celebration
Saturday, August 20 from 9:30-11am

This is a special playdate where your Bobcat cub will have the opportunity to meet children in his/her class on Baldwin's large playground. Snacks will be provided. Don't miss the celebration and the opportunity to meet new friends and classmates!

Kinder Kick-off Co-Chairs:

Jacquelyn Waldrop at jwaldrop@austinreps.com / 512-923-3099
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Calling Meridian Mamas to Join Circle C Mom's Club

*Submitted by Jacquelyn Waldrop, Austin Real Estate Partners &
Circle C Mom's club member*

Circle C Mom's is a group of neighborhood moms that coordinate events for children, moms and families. Children's events include weekly age-specific playdates, holiday parties and field trips. Weekly moms' events are usually hosted at members' homes or nearby restaurants and include activities such as bunko nights, book club, craft night, movie nights, recipe/supper club, ladies-only lunches and much, much more! These activities are a great opportunity for moms to get out and enjoy a little "adult" time and meet new friends.

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*Submitted by: Jacquelyn Waldrop, Austin Real Estate Partners,
Baldwin PTA member*

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Fleas

Fleas are ectoparasites and females require a blood meal to produce eggs. After feeding on a host, females can produce about 30-50 eggs per day that fall off the host animal and into carpeting or other areas of the home or outside in areas where the animal frequents. Larvae feed on organic matter as well as partially digested blood excreted by the adult fleas. After fleas pupate, they hatch out of the cocoon in about 2 weeks, but pupae can remain dormant for up to 5 months waiting for a host.

A proper flea management program has two parts- managing fleas on any pets and managing fleas in the environment. A veterinarian should be consulted about flea control for pets; there are numerous products on the market that work well. Grooming the animal with a flea comb or bathing can help reduce flea numbers. When you find fleas on a pet, you most likely will need to treat the pet, inside the home and the yard. Treatment should be targeted to areas where the pet likes to hang out.

Fleas found in and around homes that do not have pets may be coming from wildlife. The attic and crawl spaces should be inspected to see if wildlife has moved into the area, bringing fleas with them. Wildlife should be removed with traps and the area treated with an insecticide labeled for fleas. After wildlife is removed, the area should be sealed so that wildlife cannot move in again.

It is also possible for new homeowners with no pets to have fleas. This usually results from previous owners having pets. Fleas can remain dormant for several months and become active again when they sense vibrations from hosts.

Inside, vacuum regularly, getting under furniture and along baseboards to reduce flea eggs, larvae and pupae. Place the vacuum bag in a sealed plastic bag and throw away in an outdoor garbage can at least once a week so fleas do not hatch out and re-infest the home. Wash pet bedding in hot water. Bathe pets regularly and use a flea comb to remove fleas. Avoid walking pets in known flea infested areas.

Outside, pesticide treatments should target areas where pets frequent. Full sun areas do not need to be treated as fleas will not remain in these areas.

When treating for fleas, you need to treat at least two times. The second treatment should occur 10-14 days after the initial treatment.

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600. Check out my blog at www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com





The Heart Gallery

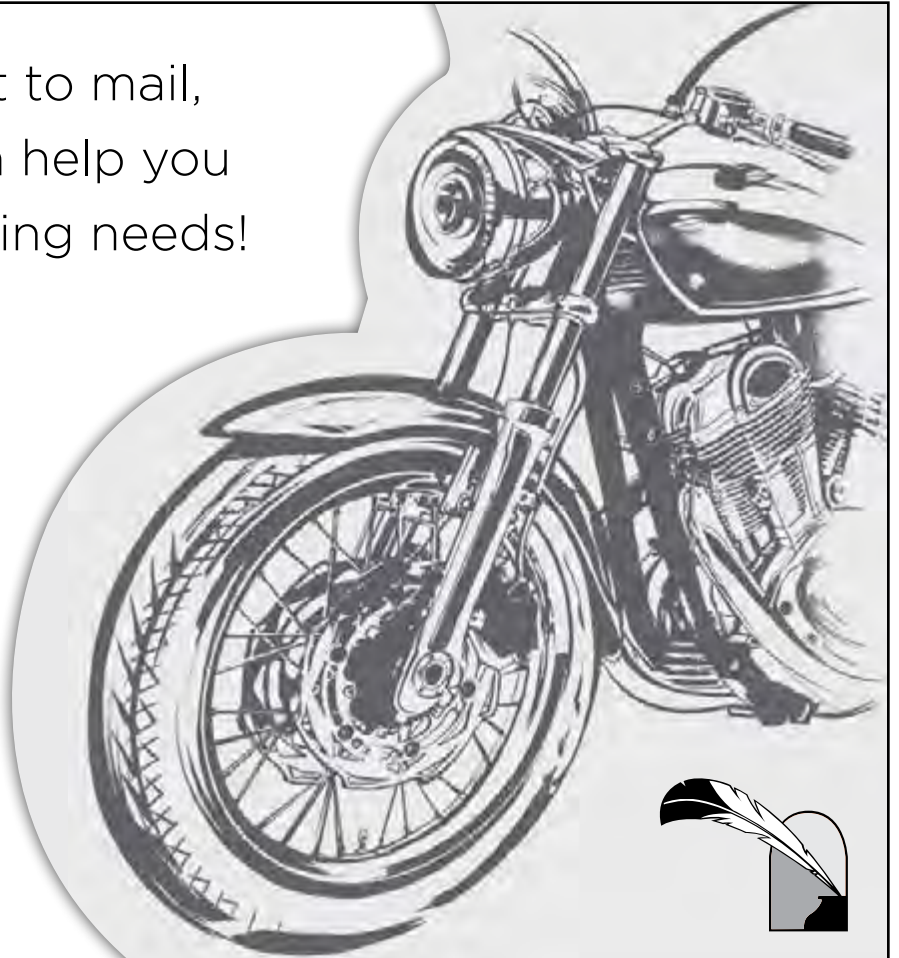
At ages 13 and 14, Tikia and Lamound have found themselves searching for an adoptive family. Tikia and Lamound want to be engaged in something fun and meaningful, and they want to feel like they're part of something. Whether singing, dancing, playing outside, or going on adventures, Tikia and Lamound's vibrant energy will light up a room. Tikia and Lamound are looking to expand their bonds of love with a forever family.

The Heart Gallery of Central Texas is a project designed to promote and encourage adoptions from foster care and to provide an opportunity for waiting children to be discovered by potential families. There are no fees to adopt from the foster care system regardless of which agency you work with. There is only one pool of children, and they are all in CPS care, every licensed agency has the ability to assist in adoption of any foster child in Texas. Learn more here: www.heartgallerytexas.com

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