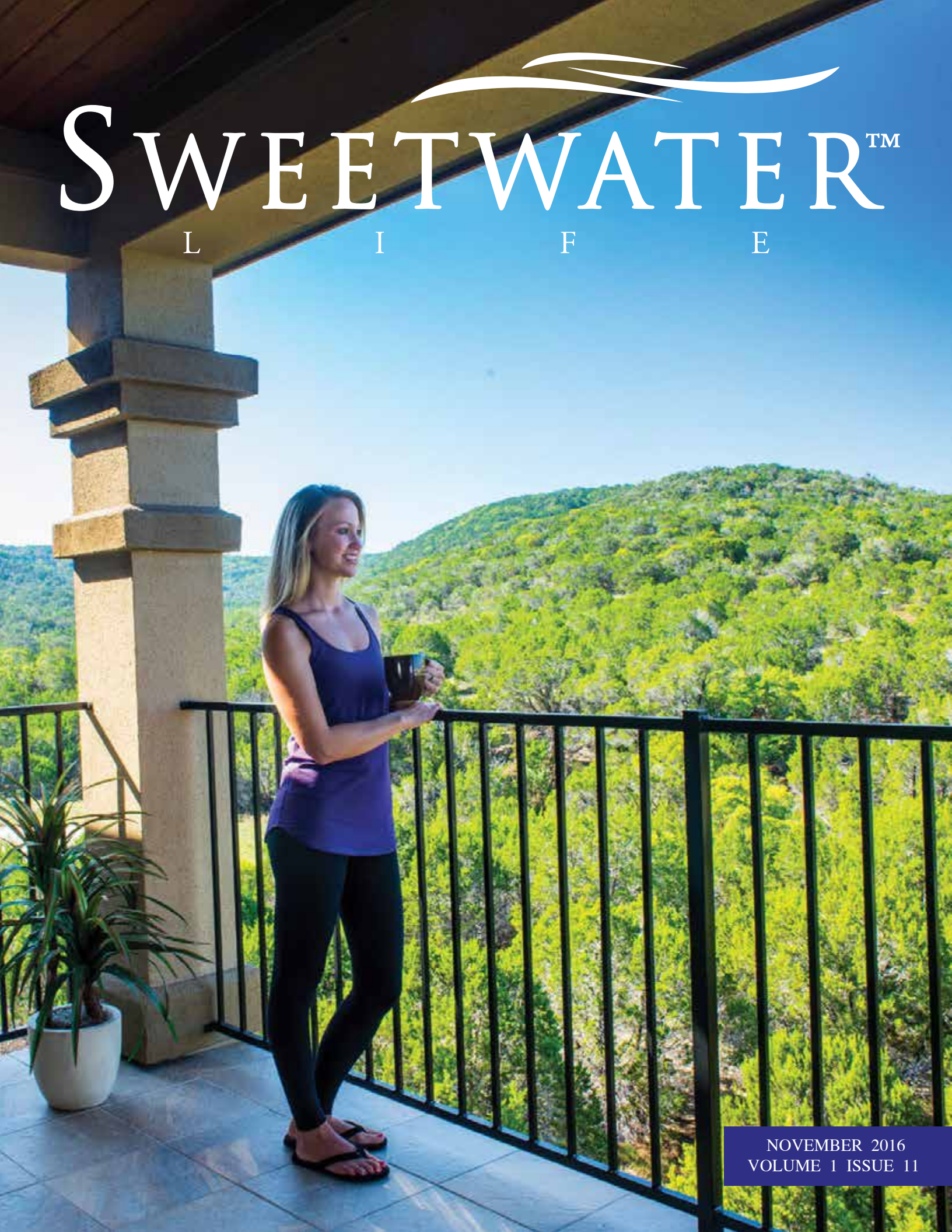


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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### NOVEMBER 2ND & 16TH

#### SWEETWATER STORYTIME

9:30AM - 10:00 AM

Sweetwater storytime will be filled with fall crafting and plenty of wonderful fall stories and songs for moms, dads, and tots to enjoy!

### NOVEMBER 2ND

#### BOOK CLUB

7:00 - 8:00 PM

Join the book club in the clubhouse to discuss *The Husband's Secret* by Liane Moriarty. The book club continues to grow in popularity, so even if it's your first time, come on out!

### NOVEMBER 5TH

#### THE SPIRIT OF SWEETWATER LIVE MUSIC & STREETDANCE

6:00 - 9:00 PM

This is a special event that we are so pleased to host here in Sweetwater! Dance to your hearts delight to the Sophia Johnson Band who will perform live from 6-9pm under the beautiful Sweetwater sunset pavilion. Texas Chili Queens and Wholly Cow Burgers will be back in Sweetwater providing delicious food perfect for a Hill Country Fall night under the stars. This is one event you don't want to miss!

### NOVEMBER 9TH

#### FAMILIES IN NATURE SCAVENGER HUNT AT THE PARK

3:00 - 4:30 PM

Join the Sweetwater Families in Nature Club for a scavenger hunt at the park by the pool.

### NOVEMBER 12TH

#### THE SWEETWATER DIWALI FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS CELEBRATION

5:00 - 9:00 PM

Join your neighbors for a special celebration of Diwali right here in Sweetwater! For only \$5 per person, enjoy food, dancing, henna, and more! You don't want to miss this unique celebration!

### NOVEMBER 13TH

#### THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY POTLUCK

2:00 - 5:00 PM

Bring your favorite holiday dish to share and come join your neighbors for a Holiday feast. Turkeys will be provided and Thanksgiving Bingo is sure to be a hit!

### NOVEMBER 18TH

#### LADIES NIGHT HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE

7:00 - 10:00 PM

Get your holiday shopping done while socializing with your best buddies! Usborne books, Younique, Personal U, Stella & Dot, Origami Owl & Decorator for Hire, Jamerry, Mary & Martha, Karen Stinnett handmade jewelry, handmade clothing, scentsy, and Rodan & Fields will all be present for your shopping pleasure! Enjoy snacks and socializing while you shop!

### NOVEMBER 20TH

#### LITERATURE IN THE GARDEN

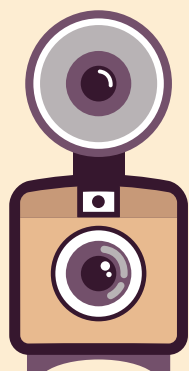
2:00 - 3:30 PM

Join the Sweetwater Families in Nature Club for storytime under the sunset pavilion and a craft. Join your family and get outside!



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## SWEETWATER SOCIAL WRAP-UP

Sweetwater is full of fun and September showed us how special our neighbors are to us. There were block parties, brunches, storytimes, movie nights, and more! But not to worry, fall is still jammed packed with activities for all ages in Sweetwater.

**BLOCKTAIL NIGHT** was a huge success with people coming out together to watch football, cook, hang out, and show their Sweetwater Spirit. The Highland Lakes/Stone Creek/Hillcrest block party swept the awards! They won most spirited, tastiest treats on the block, and best grill masters. What a fun evening!

The Sweetwater Newcomers brunch attracted some folks who have just moved in and some who have been in Sweetwater for a few months ready to meet their neighbors. Getting out and meeting neighbors was definitely the theme of September and it showed!

**THE GREAT MOVIE NIGHT** was a huge success! The inflatable movie screen, treats, and popcorn were welcomed by many families who came out to watch Bee Movie all dressed for

fall and equipped with blankets and chairs. The film had both kids and parents entertained and it was a great way to start October off with a bang! A big thank you goes out to Warren Chirhart for sponsoring the treats and popcorn for this event; we appreciated it!

Make sure to come check out The Lake Travis Community Library Bookmobile Unit on storytime days! It is not just for the kiddos! We had adults come check it out, check out books, get library cards, and request books from other libraries. Feel free to come out anytime storytime is taking place and you can visit the bookmobile unit and see for yourself!

Be sure to go to [www.sweetwaterlife.com](http://www.sweetwaterlife.com) for more details on upcoming events! Please email me if you are not receiving the event emails.

*Don't miss the fun in November and December!*

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# Sweetwater Life

## SWEETWATER PHOTOS



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## Reminders from the Property Management Office

**The 2016 Annual Meeting will be held Thursday November 17th in the Clubhouse.** The official notice will be in the mail in up coming weeks.

**Trash day has changed.** Trash pick-up is now on Thursdays. Trash cans and recycling cans may be placed at the curb the night before trash pick-up (Wednesday evenings) and should be put away by the morning after trash pick-up (Friday morning)

**Keep the following things in mind in the upcoming weeks:**

- Vehicles may not be parked in the street longer than 4 hours at a time.

- Please make sure you are mowing and weeding your yard on a regular basis. A clean and healthy yard helps maintain the beauty of the community.

- Please remember that all items (BBQ pits, trash cans, landscaping stones, etc.) must be stored out of plain sight from the street.

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Zac Leifeste

Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday - 10am – 5 pm

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Cell Phone: (512) 850-9097

Email: [SweetwaterManager@goodwintx.com](mailto:SweetwaterManager@goodwintx.com)

### HOW DO I OBTAIN A POOL KEY?

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## A LITTLE BIT OF VITAMIN N

Sweetwater is partnering with The Families in Nature Program to create the first ever Sweetwater Families in Nature Community Club! We are very excited and are looking forward to all of the awesome programming the Families in Nature Program have to offer!

### START OR JOIN A FAMILY NATURE CLUB

None of us raises our children by ourselves. Parents need the help of other family members- their own parents and grandparents, for example- and we need the companionship of other families. The gap between children and the rest of the natural world has widened in the recent decade. Therefore, many young parents today had little experience with nature when they were kids.

#### Here are some benefits of nature clubs for families:

- They break down key barriers, including fear of strangers. There's perceived safety in numbers.
- They can be created in any neighborhood - whether inner-city, suburban, or rural – and in any economic setting.

- They can be joined or created by any family- single parents, extended families, friends who feel like family.

- Motivation: It's much more likely you and your family are going to show up at a park on Saturday morning if you know there's another family there waiting for you.

- Shared knowledge: Many parents want to give their kids the gifts of nature, but they don't feel like they know enough about nature to do so.

- Friendship: Parents and kids make new friends, and widen their social network.

Today, there are more than two hundred family nature clubs in North America, many of them with hundreds of member families. What if there were thousands of nature clubs for families? We'd be well on our way to true cultural change.

Keep on the lookout for upcoming events with our Sweetwater Families in Nature Program!

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On December 31, 2016, there will be a New Year's Eve Gala benefiting Help Our Wounded. The Gala will be hosted at the Sonesta Bee Cave Hotel. Cocktails will begin at 7:00 p.m. on the Rooftop Terrace, followed by dinner at 8:00 p.m. in the Colony Ballroom. Dancing will be to the music of the band Groove Knight, and at midnight, we will have a champagne toast to welcome 2017.

The Sonesta Bee Cave Hotel is offering a special \$99 room rate for the Help Our Wounded Gala. For reservation information, call 1-855-463-3097 and use the group code 1229HOWGRB or use the following link, Help Our Wounded Gala Room Block. Offer expires December 1, 2016.

Tickets are \$125 per person. VIP tickets are \$175 per person, which includes an invitation to a VIP cocktail party on December 30, 2016. To make reservations, go to [www.helpourwounded.org/gala](http://www.helpourwounded.org/gala) or make your check payable to Help Our Wounded and mail it to Diane Jackson, 2303 RR 620 S, Ste 135-443, Lakeway, TX 78734. Tables for 10 guests, partial tables, or individual reservations are available. The first \$50 of each ticket covers the cost of the event; everything over that amount is a tax deductible contribution. The deadline for buying tickets is December 23, 2016.

Help our Wounded was founded by Rosie Babin in 2009. The mission of HOW is "to help our wounded service members, and those who care for them, by providing direct aid, resources and support, unique to their needs." Babin explains "as HOW representatives interview and get to know the needs of the wounded veterans, HOW ensures the veteran understands the assistance provided is a hand up, not a hand out. HOW gives the veteran the needed grants to empower them through their transition out of the military and either into the VA system or back into their community."

There are many great nonprofit organizations assisting combat veterans. What makes HOW unique is that once a veteran is vetted, HOW moves quickly to provide the necessary financial assistance, and whenever possible, HOW works directly with creditors to ensure that the veteran gets needed assistance. Because of this unique ability to respond quickly to veteran's needs, other nonprofits turn to HOW to provide needed help to our veterans.

The past three New Year's Eve Galas have raised a combined total of over \$300,000. That money was used to help wounded veterans and their families with mortgage assistance, medical supplies, transportation, utilities assistance, rent eviction prevention, and more.

For additional information, contact Dottie Stevenson at 512-266-6460, Ann Neighbors at 512-261-2980 or Brooke Toeller at 512-808-7115. Other committee members are Donna Lochow, Diane Jackson, Joan Astorino, Gretchen Nearburg, and Paula Tye.



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## LARGE SCALE LEAF DROP

Though this is slightly after the fact, I want to address the dual events this year that initiated the highest call rates I've had in a long time. Both last March and this August, we had an inordinate amount of rain. Within two weeks to over a month after the rain had ended, I received calls from the entire central Texas area about Live Oaks dropping the vast majority of their leaves. Often the trees could be right next to some others that did not drop any leaves, causing the property owners to be very concerned about the possibility that they had oak wilt. My standard practice when receiving calls about leaf drop when it occurs after rain, is to ask what the leaves look like and if possible request a photo of five or so "suspicious-looking" leaves. Live Oak leaves that drop on account of heavy rainfall have certain characteristics: mottling, speckling, blotching all of brown or yellow and occasionally black dots. Symptomatic oak wilt leaves on the other hand are very different ([www.texasoakwilt.org/gallery/oak-wilt-in-live-oaks/](http://www.texasoakwilt.org/gallery/oak-wilt-in-live-oaks/)).

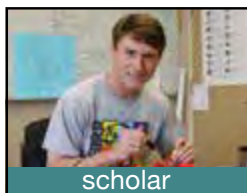
This phenomenon is caused by an extended period of "field saturation". All soil has macro and micro pores/spaces in it, whether it is sand or clay or silt. When all these pores fill up it with water – there is no air left in the soil. Tree roots actually need to breath – even the Bald Cypress trees in the swamp send up little breathing "apparatuses", which we call "knees". So a combination of not enough air in the soil, an excessive engorgement of water by the tree which causes swelling in stem - leaf attachment, and the general toxicity of excessive water in the system all play a part in the discoloring and abscission of the leaves by the tree which is an attempt to help itself. Excessive rain, though it may cause some of your Live Oaks to drop their leaves temporarily, rarely kills them unless it is standing water over entire root zone for two

weeks or more. Generally, excessive Spring rains that cause leaf drop – new leaves will form within a couple of weeks after the leaf drop. Late Summer or fall rains – the tree may just go into a premature fall dormancy and wait for next Spring to fully leaf out. It is more of a curiosity than a health threat – be reassured.

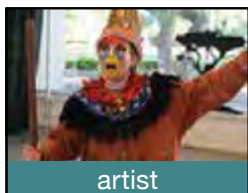
Next month we will look into the largest tree pest most of us deal with - deer.

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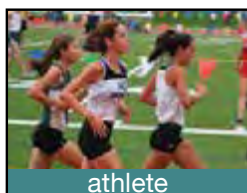
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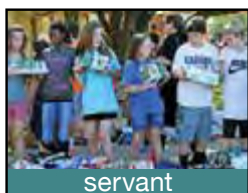
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## NATUREWATCH Hardy Brushfoots

by Jim and Lynne Weber

Fall and winter are hardly a notable time for watching butterflies, except for those in the Nymphalidae family known as the brush-footed or brushfoots. Most of these species are medium-sized to fairly large butterflies that hold their wings flat when resting and have a reduced pair of forelegs. This group is also commonly called four-footed butterflies, because they are known to stand on only four legs while the reduced pair are held up against their mid-section or thorax.

In some species, these shorter forelegs also have a brush-like set of soft hairs called setae, and it is unclear why these forelegs have become vestigial, or appearing to lose most of their ancestral function. One theory is that these forelegs may be used to amplify the sense of smell (yes, many butterflies 'taste' with their feet), while others believe they are used to improve signaling and communication between individuals of the same species, while standing on the other four. The latter seems to be the leading theory so far, as that ability would prove most useful in terms of reproduction and the continuing overall health of the species.

More remarkably, brushfoots are experts at overwintering, or the process by which they pass through or wait out the winter season. While many insects overwinter as eggs or pupae, brushfoots overwinter as adult butterflies. They take cover in places such as building crevices, under loose bark, or beneath fallen leaves or other plant matter. These places shield the brushfoots from the adverse conditions of winter, and their activity ceases until conditions become more favorable. On the occasional warm winter day in Central Texas, these butterflies often



emerge to bask in the sun and feed on various nutritional sources such as tree sap, rotting fruit, or animal scat. While many brushfoots are brightly colored on their uppersides, their undersides are largely dull and cryptic, mimicking dead leaves and bark, offering them additional protection in their chosen overwintering sites.

Examples of the most frequently encountered and easily recognizable brushfoots in our area include the Question Mark (*Polygonia interrogationis*), Red Admiral (*Vanessa atalanta*), and Common Buckeye (*Junonia coenia*). The Question Mark is fairly common in woodland openings, and is recognized by its deep orange wings spotted with brown and angled sharply at the edges. Its cryptic underside is textured brown, resembling a dead leaf, and its hind wing is 'punctuated' by a curved silver line and dot, which gives it its common name. Red Admirals are almost

unmistakable, dark above with bright orange-red slashes and white dots on the outer part of the forewings, but exquisitely colored in mostly browns and blues below. The Common Buckeye prefers open habitats, and can be identified by its overall golden brown color above, interrupted by large and striking multicolored eyespots.

The next time the weather is sunny and warmer, make a point to go outside and take a walk in the woods, a field or your garden, and see if you can find some of these hardy brushfoots!

Send your nature-related questions to [naturewatch@austin.rr.com](mailto:naturewatch@austin.rr.com) and we'll do our best to answer them. If you enjoy reading these articles, check out our book, *Nature Watch Austin* (published by Texas A&M University Press), and our blog at [naturewatchaustin.blogspot.com](http://naturewatchaustin.blogspot.com).

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WITH JOSH STIVERS

Years ago, one of my wealthy, good ol' boy clients taught me his two rules of income tax planning.

**Rule 1: Having to pay tax is a good problem to have!**

**Rule 2: Don't pay any tax today you don't have to.**

Obviously, most of us would agree the first rule is a good problem to have. If we are paying taxes, then it means we are making money somewhere. This could be through regular income, business proceeds, investments, etc...

The second rule, though, is a bit trickier. While easy to say, it is often much more difficult to implement. And on top of that, what if paying taxes today makes sense.

I know it doesn't seem like it, but we are currently in a period of historically low income tax rates. If you don't believe me, Google historical income tax rate charts and you will see what I mean.

If you could pay the tax today, and never have to pay it again in the future, this might be a good idea in light of our nation's current economics. Not many people would argue against the fact that taxes will most likely be going up in the future.

Many people utilize Roth IRA and Roth 401k accounts to accomplish this purpose by contributing after tax dollars today that will never be taxed again in the future. Sounds great doesn't it?

But what about people who aren't eligible to contribute to these programs or have already maxed them out and still want to save for the future in a tax efficient manner?

I think we would all agree that paying taxes on money you are not currently using is frustrating at the least. This is where the

argument for tax deferral comes in.

For years, accountants have told us to save money pre-tax because when we take it out in retirement we will be in a lower income tax bracket. I have met with many clients over the years who employed this tax-deferral strategy in their retirement accounts only to find their taxation in retirement was not as low as anticipated. Much of this is due to much lower deductions and requirements to make taxable withdrawals from retirement accounts. So what do you do?

Sometimes kicking the can down the road, when it comes to paying taxes, can be a good planning strategy. Allowing the gains on your accounts to grow with compound interest without the drawdown of annual taxes can lead to serious accumulation of wealth.

If you have ever received a tax form showing interest, dividend, or capital gain income on money you are reinvesting or currently not using, then you can probably relate. This is what I call being taxed on accident.

When you put together a tax-deferral investment plan it allows you to control when you pay your taxes, which is what I call being taxed on purpose.

It time to take control of your tax picture and start making the most of your hard earned dollars.

I would be happy to visit with you further about your specific situation. Feel free to give me a call or email:

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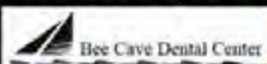
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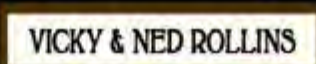
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# INSPECTING FOR BED BUGS

## WHEN TRAVELING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

*Submitted by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service*

Before the holiday travel season begins, it is wise to know what to look for when traveling so you do not bring home unwanted guests. Bed bugs are small, dark brown to reddish colored insects with no wings. Their bodies are oval and the color and size often depends on if the insect is engorged with blood. Immatures, or nymphs, resemble the adults but are smaller and lighter in color. Usually adults are about the size of a watermelon seed.

Most feeding occurs at night when bed bugs pierce skin while people sleep. The bugs inject a fluid while feeding that can cause some people (about 50%) to have an allergic response. The allergic response causes the skin to become irritated and itchy at the bite location.

After feeding (it takes about 12-15 minutes for a bed bug to become fully engorged), bed bugs crawl away into hidden areas- mattress seams, headboards, nightstands, behind baseboards as well as other locations. They prefer to hide in locations that are close to where they feed, but they will crawl several feet to get to a meal. Bed bugs hide in their chosen location for about 3 days while they digest the blood meal. Over time, congregation areas become marked with blood, fecal material, hatched eggs and cast skins of molted bugs.

When travelling, always inspect rooms thoroughly for bed bugs before moving luggage into the room. Luggage should be placed until the bathtub until the room has been inspected. Make sure to carry a small flashlight with for to help with inspection. When you return home, place clothing in the dryer (before washing) on high heat for about an hour.

### **TIPS ON INSPECTION:**

- Look in sleeping areas (bed, pull-out couches)
  - o Inspect linens as they are removed from the bed
  - o Check mattress and box spring seams, bottom of the

box spring and near the mattress tag

- o Inspect the dust ruffle

- If possible, lift the boxspring and inspect the bed frame

- If possible, pull out or remove the headboard to inspect behind it

- Check bedside tables and everything on them, including opening all drawers

If you find bed bugs, go to the front desk to inform them of what you found and request a different room. Do not get a room that is adjacent, above, below or across from the infested room (bed bugs can travel through wall voids to adjacent areas).

*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:*

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## Cloudy with a Chance of Technology

We all know about the clouds that shade the sun and carry rain. Now it's time to get to know the other cloud—the one that delivers computing power, handy applications, and the ability to share information with others wherever and whenever you need. Like the atmospheric mass that provides its name, the technological phenomenon impacts our daily lives.

Cloud computing sounds mysterious and untrustworthy, but chances are you're already working, playing and surfing in the cloud. If you've purchased an iPhone, Kindle, or any smartphone, tablet or computer recently, you're probably taking advantage of its benefits. If you've downloaded a song from the Internet, chatted on Skype or purchased something from Amazon.com, you've used the cloud.

So, what does the cloud mean to you, and how can you harness its power?

It means you can pay your assessments online. You can access association documents and board meeting minutes from wherever you are. It might also mean, for the owners of second homes, that you can tune in to board meetings from the other side of the country.

It means you can work from a remote office without losing a beat. You can collaborate with others on a document without having to e-mail the file back and forth. You can store photos, music and files online without taking up precious space on your computer.

The cloud offers cheaper, stress-free alternatives to expensive hardware and maintenance. All you really need to take advantage of the cloud is reliable Internet access, but you should carefully consider security, privacy, the provider's reliability and contract terms first.

How secure is your data and information on the cloud? What privacy rules are you subject to? Some cloud services include clauses that allow providers to access and use a customer's data —often for marketing purposes—and can retain that data long after you're done using the service.

What if the company providing the cloud service goes out of business? What happens to all your information? Do contract terms lock you into one program or application?

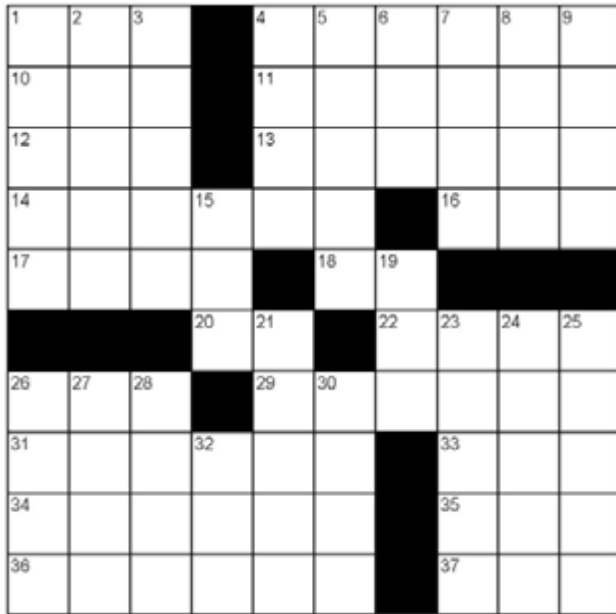
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### ACROSS

1. Ornament
4. Sacred poems
10. Morse code "T"
11. Cover Girl's competitor
12. Hubbub
13. Docket
14. Searching for metal
16. Put
17. Ratify
18. Year (abbr.)
20. Kansas
22. Wager
26. Tax agency
29. "\_\_\_ and World Report"
31. Harry
33. Pock
34. Lush
35. Whiz
36. Military attack
37. Downwind

### DOWN

1. John \_\_\_ (U.S. President)
2. Radiuses
3. Leather strip
4. Frame
5. Waterlogged
6. To be
7. Glasses part
8. Fixed
9. Louvre
15. Pen stuff
19. Dashed
21. Japanese dish
23. Asian country
24. Again
25. Sugar-free brand
26. Pixies
27. Rolled chocolate candy brand
28. Mumble
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