

THE BULLETIN

Belterra Community News

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News for the Residents of Belterra

INTRODUCING *Get To Know Your Neighbors*

We are all very fortunate to call Belterra home. But, Belterra is more than just a place to live; it is a vibrant community brimming with family-friendly neighborhoods, chock-full of fascinating, talented people. Our variety is what makes us so both unique and extraordinary. However, sometimes, we get so busy, we lose sight of how interesting and diverse we've become.

We believe that getting to know the people who live nearby will help us create a sense of belonging and shared identity. We have created a column entitled, "Get to Know Your Neighbors" which we hope will strengthen connections, build trust in our wider community, and contribute to a happier neighborhood for everyone.

If you know of a person or a family that you believe is making Belterra a better place to live, please let us know. We would like to introduce them to your neighbors.



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STAR-SPANGLED RED, WHITE & BLUE SLAB PIE



Ingredients

- 3 Pillsbury™ refrigerated pie crusts, softened as directed on box (from 2 boxes)
- ¼ cup sugar
- 2 packages (8 oz each) cream cheese, softened
- 2 containers (6 oz each) Yoplait® Original lemon burst yogurt
- Juice and grated peel of 1 lemon (3 tablespoons juice and 1 teaspoon peel)
- 6 cups assorted berries (sliced strawberries, blueberries, raspberries and blackberries)
- 1 cup strawberry glaze (from 13.5-oz container)

Instructions

1. Heat oven to 450°F. Remove 2 of the pie crusts from pouches. Unroll and stack on lightly floured surface. Roll to 17x12-inch rectangle. Fit crust into ungreased 15x10x1-inch pan, pressing into corners. Fold crust even with edges of pan. Prick crust several times with fork.
2. Bake 10 to 12 minutes or until golden brown. Cool completely, about 30 minutes.
3. Meanwhile, remove another pie crust from pouch. On lightly floured surface, unroll crust. Roll to 12-inch circle. Cut stars using 1-, 1 1/2- and 2-inch cookie cutters. Place 1 inch apart on large ungreased cookie sheet. Brush with water; sprinkle with 1 tablespoon of the sugar.
4. Bake 5 to 7 minutes or until golden brown. Cool 1 minute on cookie sheet. Remove to cooling rack. Cool completely, about 15 minutes.
5. Meanwhile, in medium bowl, beat remaining 3 tablespoons sugar, the cream cheese, yogurt, lemon juice and lemon peel with electric mixer on high speed until smooth and creamy. Spread evenly into crust-lined pan. Refrigerate about 30 minutes or until chilled.
6. In large bowl, mix berries and glaze until well blended. Spoon berry mixture evenly on top of cream cheese-topped pie crust. Place pie crust stars on top of berry mixture.

2017 POOL SCHEDULE

Regular Swim Season

June 3- August 19

Sunday, Noon to 8 pm

Monday- Saturday, 9 am to 9 pm

August 20- September 24

Sunday, Noon to 8pm

Weekdays, 3-9 pm

Saturday, 9 am to 9 pm

Lap Swim*

April 1- October 29

All week, 5 am to 9 pm

Swim Team Practice

Weekdays (lower pool)

May 1- June 2- 4:30-8 pm

June 5- July 29- 7-11 am

* If you're over 18 and would like to access pool during swim at your own risk hours, please complete the Adult Swim Pool Waiver form and submit to the Community Manager to lkenzik@ccmcnet.com. If you have signed a pool waiver in the last three seasons, you do NOT need to sign the waiver for adult lap swim access this season.

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NATURE WATCH

COMMON CENTAURIES

by Jim and Lynne Weber

As members of the Gentian Family, there are many species of *Centaurium* worldwide, and three of them are native right here in Central Texas. The genus was named after the centaur Chiron, famed in Greek mythology for being a great healer through his skill in using medicinal herbs. Herbalists today still use the

extract from certain species in this genus, commercially often called 'stomach bitter', to aid in the process of digestion. More recently, molecular studies have reclassified the genus, and the species that belong to the 'Texas group' have been renamed *Zeltnera*.

Mountain Pink (*Zeltnera beyrichii*), also called Meadow Pink, Catchfly, or Quinine weed, is an annual herb less than a foot tall and best described as a neat bouquet of small, pink flowers. Blooming May through July, Mountain Pink sprouts up like an inverted cone 8 to 12 inches high, on rocky



Mountain Pink Bouquets

hillsides, limestone outcrops, and along gravelly roadways. Its leaves are threadlike and are held below the multiple 0.5 to 1.0 inch wide showy pink five-petaled blooms that provide nectar for moths, butterflies, bees, and other insects. Pioneers used this plant as a medicinal plant to help reduce fevers, which is the origin for one of its common names.

Lady Bird's Centaury (*Z. texensis*) is named in honor of Lady Bird Johnson, and is a delicate plant 3 to 7 inches tall with an open, branched habit. Found in dry, grassy areas of the Edwards Plateau and Blackland Prairies, its leaves are linear and shorten in length on the upper part of the plant. Smaller than the other *Centaurium* species, its light pink five-petaled flowers bloom June to August, and are only about 0.25 inches wide.

Rosita (*Z. calycosum*), also called Shortflower Centaury, Buckley Centaury, or Arizona Centaury, prefers moist, open



Rosita

areas in otherwise dry habitat, along streams, on hillsides, and in prairies and meadows with intermittent drainages. An erect, branching plant up to 18 inches tall, it has larger, oblong leaves at the base and smaller linear leaves on the uppermost stems. Blooming May to July, the rose-pink five-petaled flowers are 0.5 to 1.5 inches wide, occur in an open array along the stalks, and have distinct, spirally curved, yellow pollen-producing anthers. Of all three species in our area, this one is a bit less common.

Long used in herbal medicine, today's science has discovered another interesting pharmacological feature of plants such as *Centaurium* in the Gentian family. They naturally produce organic substances called xanthones that exhibit antioxidant properties, which are thought to inhibit microbial infection, inflammation, proliferation of cancer cells, and the aggregation of platelets, among other benefits. Not a bad resume for these common centauries!

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Lady Bird's Centaury

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26Th Annual Alzheimer's Texas Walk October 7, Camp Mabry

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This year marks the 26th Annual Alzheimer's Walk for support, care, and research hosted by Alzheimer's Texas. The walk will be held on the morning of October 7 at Camp Mabry in Austin, Texas. Alzheimer's Texas, a local nonprofit organization serving Central Texas for 35 years, separated from the National Alzheimer's Association in January 2006. As a result, 100% of the funds raise at will remain local to be used here in Central Texas. Along with the new logo, Alzheimer's Texas changed its signature colors to blue and gold.

"We are, and always have been, deeply committed to providing families in Central Texas with compassionate services that are relevant to their needs, like our caregiver support groups and great educational programs," says Christian Wells, President of Alzheimer's Texas. "When people walk with us on October 7th, they know that they are supporting the services they value and will directly touch the people living with Alzheimer's in Central Texas."

The 2017 Honorary Family is The Amos Family. The Amos Family Team has participated in the event for several years and is led by family member, Sharhonda Broaders. "The Walk has always been a fun local event, but now more than ever it is an opportunity for Central Texans to get together to celebrate the difference we're making on a local level, for those affected by Alzheimer's, like the Amos Family," says Wells.

The Alzheimer's Texas Walk will be held Saturday, October 7 at the Camp Mabry, with check-in beginning at 8:15 am. There are two scenic routes for Walkers to enjoy, a 1 mile course and a 2.5 mile course. In addition to the Walk, the event will feature food, music, activities for kids, prizes, and more. All participants who raise \$50 or more will receive a free event T-shirt. Teams who raise the most money and have the most members are recognized along with top fundraisers. To learn more and register for the 2017 Alzheimer's Texas Walk and keep your fundraising dollars for Alzheimer's local, visit www.txalz.org/walk.

About Alzheimer's Texas

Alzheimer's Texas is dedicated to eliminating Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research and to enhancing care and support for individuals with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders, their families, and caregivers. The organization provides care consultations, 24-hour help line, support groups, respite care, educational and social engagement programs, and professional training. Alzheimer's Texas was founded in 1982 and serves Central Texas. For more information, visit www.txalz.org.



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