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WELCOME TO THE SPICEWOOD NEWSLETTER

A Newsletter for the Residents of Spicewood and Briarcliff

The Spicewood Newsletter is a new monthly newsletter mailed to over 4,000 Spicewood and Briarcliff residents. Each newsletter will be filled with valuable information about the community, local area activities, school information, and more. We encourage community members, groups and organizations to submit news to be included in the newsletter. Our goal is for this newsletter, YOUR newsletter, to be for you and by you.

If you are involved with a local community group, organization, school group, play group, scout goup, sports team, social group, etc., and would like to submit an article for the newsletter, you can do so online at www.PEELinc.com. Personal news - announcements, accolades, honors, celebrations, etc. are also welcome.

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We hope you enjoy! Kelly Peel Owner, Peel, Inc. Spicewood Resident





INTRODUCING "GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS"

We are all very fortunate to call Spicewood home. But, Spicewood 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 Spicewood a better place to live, please let us know. We would like to introduce them to your neighbors.



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Spicewood & Highland Lakes Lions Club

Who have organized the Spicewood July 4 Parade & Picnic since its inception in 2009, would like to thank the following for their support for this event:

- Spicewood Baptist Church
- Spicewood General Store
- Paleface Grocery
- Naumann Feed & Supply
- Spicewood Community Center
- Burnet County Sheriff Department and of course:
- Grand Marshall Johnnie Bindseil
- The many parade participants
- The over 400 picnickers
- Lion Ross Rainey & The Amigos
- Honorary Lion Emily Peterson
- Pastor Drew Ingram



See you next year!





Spicewood & Highland Lakes Lions Club is Spicewood's largest service organization and is part of Lions Clubs International, with nearly 1.5 million members worldwide.

Apart from organizing the Parade & Picnic, we conduct vision screenings monthly at the Community Library and Helping Hands Crisis Ministry and at schools, clear litter from a 2 mile stretch of Highway 71 (weather and snakes permitting!), collect and distribute warm coats for kids in the fall, adopt families in need at Christmas and much more. We also organize a Charity Golf Tournament in the spring followed by the Spicewood Party at Stone House Vineyard with silent auction. We will also be organizing a Pancake Breakfast in the fall.

We also look after the needs of Marble Falls and surrounding communities.

If you would like to join us to help serve your community, make new friends and have fun come along to one of our meetings on the first Thursday of every month at 6:30pm. We would love to meet you and your first meal is on us. Call 830-693-3645 to meet one of our members. We met regularly at The Lantern Bar & Grill but following its closure we are now meeting at members' houses until we find a new venue.

Next meetings on Thursday, September 7 or Thursday, October 5

You can also visit us on Facebook - https://www.facebook.com/ spicewoodhighlandlakeslionsclub/

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Spicewood Community Alliance

Submitted by Michael Moore

Highway 71 has experienced a significant increase in automobile and heavy truck traffic, and with that increase, traffic related deaths are increasing dramatically. As Constable Toby Miller recently stated, "There are no minor wrecks on Highway 71." TxDot has a plan that is currently unfunded to widen a three mile stretch of Highway 71 through Travis and Blanco Counties to 5 lanes, complete with center turn lane and improved shoulders. But as of yet, TxDot does not see any need for the widening to continue through Burnet County. Spicewood Community Alliance, a subsidiary of Save Our Spicewood, is teaming up with Burnet County Judge James Oakley and Joe Don Dockery, Commissioner Precinct 4, in advocating for the widening of Highway 71 through Burnet County to Highway 281. We urge all Spicewoodians to go on-line to http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/ get-involved.html and leave your statement in the "Contact Us" dialogue box, or call Cathy Kratz our local TxDot engineer at (512) 756-2316, and make your voice heard. While an uphill task, with full community support, the highway widening is possible. And, when supplemented with the Spicewood Emergency Medical Station from Emergency Services District No. 9 (coming in 2018), and the recent upgrades to the 911 Emergency System, these infrastructure improvements will go a long way in making our Spicewood Community safer for all.





The Story of the 4th Annual Poodie's Party



If you have lived in Spicewood any length of time at all, especially in the Briarcliff area, you are probably aware of a local celebrity that just happens to be one of the most famous people in the world. Willie Nelson has resided in the area since the mid 80's after arriving a few years earlier and staging two of his iconic 4th of July Picnics on Briarcliff grounds. Willie's traveling production company took a village, then and now, to

keep everything running smoothly and 'on the road again' and James Randall Locke, aka Poodie, was one of his closest compadres helping

to set the stage for the big show wherever the next event took place. In the beginning Poodie was Willie's roadie and then stage manager for a total of 34 years before he passed away in 2009. Poodie resided in Briarcliff next to Willie's



Pedernales Cut and Putt Golf Course and loved playing golf with his best buds/rock solid friends there, when he had time off from the road. He had many outstanding and sometimes hilarious qualities, including affectionately referring to people using nicknames like Baby Boy, that to this day continue to be topics of conversation among people all over the world who were lucky enough to have met him during his travels.

Louis Long, Bill Crow, Bill Noble and William Morse (BB) are four of those long-time friends that want to keep Poodie in our thoughts from this day forward and even though he may not be here in person, you too can get to know him and his one-of-a-kind personality through pictures, tales and by attending the Annual Poodie Parties that take place every fall in celebration of his birthday October 3rd. We share the memories and honor the King of the Roadies again this year on Sept 30th with a golf tournament, look a-like contest, food trailers, vendors and a full day of live music at The Cut and Putt in Briarcliff with all proceeds going to local charity. This year the headliner will be Whey Jennings, grandson of Waylon Jennings and also playing will be Waylon Payne, son of country musicians Sammi Smith and Jody Payne plus many more exceptional artists on stage throughout the day. The recipients of the proceeds will be Helping Hands Crisis Ministries of Spicewood and Rosie Babin with Help Our Wounded.org of Lakeway. For more information on vendor opportunities, donating or golf registration, call 512-496-3316 or go to Poodiesparty.com or FB.

See ya there Baby Boy....



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Spicewood Arts Society Announces New Art Treks

The Spicewood Arts Society's popular Art Treks for the 2017-18 season feature three new adventures and a customer favorite.

The Art Treks, pre-planned bus tours to Central Texas arts venues, offer area residents unique experiences. This season sees a return of the extremely popular Painted Churches tour, a holiday visit to the LBJ ranch, a peek behind the scenes of vaudeville theater, and a trip to a metal foundry and new Lost Pines art center in Bastrop.

New this year, a ten percent discount is offered with season tickets for either all four or the first three treks. Single tickets can be purchased to one or more trips.

Sign up for any of the Art Treks at the Spicewood Arts website, www.spicewoodarts.org. Participation is limited and all treks have registration deadlines.

Treks include transportation, lunch, tips and any other fees. A light breakfast is offered with the Bastrop and Schulenberg trips and wine, water and snacks available on the way home. Buses depart and return to the Barton Creek Lakeside Clubhouse, 1900 Clubhouse Drive, Spicewood 78669.

Treks will travel to:

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Visit the LBJ historic sites, lunch at East Main Grill, gallery shop in Johnson City, visit the Science Museum or tour LBJ's childhood home, wine taste at Ron Yates winery. Sign up by Sept. 28.

Bastrop-Deep in the HeART of Texas! Thursday, Dec. 7. Cost: \$120

Tour Deep in the Art Foundry, lunch at the Neighborhood Kitchen, visit the Lost Pines Art Center, tour historic downtown Bastrop, time for shopping. Sign up by Nov. 24.

Austin. . .Lights, Camera, Action! Thursday, Feb. 8. Cost: \$120

Tour Harry Ransom Center Vaudeville exhibition, lunch at the Roaring Fork, guided walking tour of Driskell Hotel and other historic buildings, visit historic Paramount Theater. Sign up by Jan. 25.

Schulenberg . . . Texas Treasures: the Painted Churches of Fayette County! Thursday, March 8. Cost: \$135

Docent-led tour of four painted churches, lunch at Garden Company Marketplace and Cafe, browse the gardens and shop. Sign up by Feb. 20.



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Spicewood Arts Society Presents THE MATT WILSON BAND

Back by popular demand, the Matt Wilson Band opens the Spicewood Arts Society's new season with a 7 p.m. show Friday, September 22 at the Spicewood Vineyards Event Center.

Matt and his band play vibrant classic soul, funk, rock, and R & B which audiences find irresistible. They've appeared at two previous Spicewood Arts Society (SAS) concerts, each time leaving audiences begging for more, said Janey Richardson, past SAS president.

The band stays busy performing frequently at weddings, events, and popular venues in Austin and beyond, but also finds time to record original material like their recently released album "Hundred Bucks." Their single "Ride" was released in March.

Wilson first came on the national scene with his starring appearance as the "Piano Man," in Billy Joel and Twyla Tharp's national tour of their Tony-award winning musical "Movin" Out." Wilson also performed at the 2000 Olympics in Sydney and guest starred at the Carolina Opry at Myrtle Beach in 2006. In 2007, he completed his theatrical multimedia tribute to the great rock piano players, "My Baby Grand."

Other band members are also known for their musical "chops." Vocalist Kristi Foster Grider has performed at the

White House and Grace Cathedral in San Francisco and is a featured musician with The Texas Heritage Music Foundation. Kenny Williams debuted on Broadway in Disney's "The Lion King," starred in national tours of "Grease" and "Smokey Joe's Café," and played opposite Jennifer Holiday at Zach Theatre in "Sophisticated Ladies."

Kevin Flatt has played with numerous outstanding bands and is a popular freelance musician on call for trumpet, guitar, and horn arrangements, playing regularly with six other Austin bands. Singer-songwriter Tje Austin, a contestant on "The Voice," was a recurring featured artist for Texas on Tour. Jimmy McFeeley's 30-year history as a professional musician includes gigs with Robert Earle Keene, Joe Ely, and Steve Earle and currently plays with many other Austin bands.

Included in season tickets, the single ticket price for the show is \$50. Parking is free and light refreshments will be offered at intermission. Spicewood Vineyards' award-winning wine will be available for purchase.

The Spicewood's Vineyards Event Center is located at 1419 Co. Rd. 409, Spicewood. For more information or to purchase tickets, see www.spicewoodarts.com or call 512-264-2820.



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One Chapel Lake Travis Offers Two Services this Fall

Spicewood, TX - One Chapel Lake Travis, located at 22800 Hwy 71 West, in Spicewood, will begin offering two services beginning Sunday, September 10, at 9:30 am and 11:30 am. The growth in population of Spicewood, Bee Cave, Lakeway, Dripping Springs and Marble Falls has certainly made an impact on the Sunday attendance, yet the engaging style of Pastor Russ Walker, and the sense of community offered by the church has made the difference in attendance.

The move to two services will accommodate the crowded church during its previous single service.

"We are family at One Chapel and welcome those who want to encounter God, and connect with others to attend one of our two new service times," said Walker. "Worship, laughter, and hanging out together are all part of our style," he adds.

One Chapel is a family of neighborhood churches united in one hope and purpose ... to keep Jesus at the center of everything they say and do. Currently, three locations serve the Austin area, one in Spicewood, one in Kyle, and one in Austin. They gather every Sunday to worship, connect with each other, and open the scriptures. To find out more, go to www.onechapel.com.



Rehab Doc To Speak At Lake Travis Retired Physicians

Lake Travis Retired Physicians will host Dr. Johnny Shane Ross on Wed., Sept. 6, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at The Hills of Lakeway. Dr. Ross specializes in physical medicine a rehabilitation for Vibra Rehab Hospital of Lake Travis. His topic will be current concepts in inpatient acute rehab, and outpatient wound care and hyperbarics.

Retired physicians and their guests are welcome to attend. Reservations are required. Buffet lunch is Dutch treat at approximately \$20/pp. For information, contact Dr. Bill Evans, group chair, at 512-261-3536, or by email to club organizer Pat Evans, patevans39@gmail.com.





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Wildland Fire Precautions

With warmer temperatures and drying vegetation, residents need to be reminded of the need for wildfire/brush fire safety awareness and preparedness.

Do not park vehicles on the dry grass. The heat from the vehicle's exhaust system can cause the grass to catch fire.

Remove combustible materials from around your home. Keep grass mowed short.

Pack critical medicines, important documents, and family heirlooms to be ready to leave at a moment's notice.

Agree on an evacuation plan that includes what to do if you get separated and where you'll go in case of evacuation.

TEN SIMPLE STEPS TO PROTECT YOUR HOME FROM WILDLAND FIRE

Wildfire can strike home if you have not taken some steps to protect your house and property. The actions and precautions listed below are designed to help you prepare your home and lessen the threat of wildland fire damage to you and your property.

1. LPG/propane tanks should be far enough away from buildings for valves to be shut off in case of fire. Keep area around the tank clear of flammable vegetation.

2. Store gasoline in an approved safety can away from occupied buildings.

3. All combustibles such as firewood, wooden picnic tables, boats and stacked lumber should be kept away from structures.

4. Clear roof surfaces and gutters regularly to avoid build-up of flammable materials such as leaves and other debris.

5. Remove branches from trees to a height of 15 feet or more.

6. In rural areas, clear a fuel break of at least three times the fuel length around all structures.

7. Have fire tools handy such as: ladder long enough to reach your roof, shovel, rake and a bucket or two for water.

8. Place connected garden hoses at all sides of your home for emergency use.

9. Assure that you and your family know all emergency exits from your home.

10. Assure that you and your family know all emergency exits from your neighborhood.

Each family should be proactive to prepare for emergencies: Prepare a Basic Emergency Supply Kit; Make a Plan for Safety and Communicating with Family; Be Informed; and Get Involved in Preparing the Community.

A wealth of information to help you is available at: http://www.ready.gov/wildfires http://txforestservice.tamu.edu/main/article.aspx?id=8512



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MONARCHS & OE

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The protozoan parasite Ophryocystis elektroscirrha (OE) infects monarch and queen butterflies. It is an obligate parasite **EXTENSION** and requires a host to live within and to

grow and multiply. It was first discovered in the 1960's infecting monarchs in Florida. Since then, it's been found in monarch populations across the world. It is thought that the parasite has co-evolved with monarchs.

There are three major populations of monarchs in the United Statesone east of the Rocky Mountains that winters in Central Mexico and migrate north into the US and Canada; another west of the Rocky mountains that overwinters on the coast of California; the third population are non-migratory and can breed year round in areas such as Florida, Texas and Hawaii. All three populations are infected with OE.

Monarchs infected with OE will have spores wedged between the scales on their body, with the greatest concentration usually occurring on the abdomen. The spores are very small and require a microscope to see.



Female monarchs pass OE spores onto their offspring when they lay

eggs. When caterpillars emerge from the egg, they eat the egg shell ingesting the spores. When spores reach the midgut of the insect, they break open and release protozoan parasites. The protozoans move through the gut lining to the epidermis where they reproduce asexually (divides multiple times increasing the number of protozoans). In the butterfly chrysalis stage, the protozoans go through sexual reproduction (again increasing the number of protozoans). Spores form so the emerging butterfly is covered in spores. Spores can also be scattered onto milkweed from butterflies laying eggs or feeding on nectar. Spores on the milkweed can be consumed by caterpillars as they eat foliage.

Once butterflies are infected, they do not recover. OE does not grow or reproduce on the adults; spores remain dormant until they are ingested by a caterpillar.

Infected pupae have dark blotches 2-3 days before emergence. Adults that are heavily infected often have problems emerging from the chrysalis and some may die before emerging. Others that do emerge may fall to the ground before their wings are expanded leading to them dying quickly. Many infected monarchs look healthy, so the only way to determine infection is by looking for spores.

What can you do? Check monarchs for spores and destroy any you find that are infected. I know this seems harsh, but infected monarchs further spread the protozoa and kill more butterflies in later generations. Cut down milkweed several times per year to get rid of any possible spores that may be on the plants and to encourage new, healthy growth.

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

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THE VALUE OF VIPERS by Jim and Lynne Weber

Throughout human history, fear of snakes has been one of our most common phobias, arising from our learned ability to detect threats to our survival in the wild. While most snake species are relatively harmless to humans, those in the Viper Family can pose a serious danger. Vipers are defined as venomous snakes with large hinged fangs, a broad head, and a stout body with a darker pattern on a lighter background. While vipers are venomous and must be treated with proper respect and caution, it is important to understand that they also exhibit many useful characteristics and are vital to keeping a healthy ecosystem in balance.

Vipers that can be found in Central Texas include the Western Diamond-backed Rattlesnake (Crotalus atrox), Broad-banded Copperhead (Agkistrodon contortrix laticinctus), and Western Cottonmouth (Agkistrodon piscivorus leucostoma). By far the most abundant and widespread viper, the Western Diamond-back



Rattlesnake exhibits a considerable color diversity from chalky gray to dull red, but always displays a row of dark, diamond markings down the middle of its back, and has a prominent black and white banded tail. On average, this snake

Western Diamond-backed Rattlesnake

grows between 3 and 4 feet long, and can be found in the wooded hills and plateaus north and west of Austin.

The Broad-banded Copperhead found in our area is an uncommon subspecies in Central Texas, occurring near woodland streams in live oak-juniper forests in the west to Blackland Prairie and Bastrop in the east. Growing 2 to 3 feet long, this snake is



Broad-banded Copperhead

stout-bodied and marked with wide, reddish-brown crossbands that alternate with narrower tan to pale brown crossbands. A heavy-bodied snake with a stubby tail, the Western Cottonmouth is named for the bright-white skin lining its open mouth, but it is also known as 'water moccasin.' It is generally restricted to the woodland borders of rivers such as the Colorado, but can be found in cool, shallow springs a short distance away from main waterways. This snake averages 2 to 3 feet in length, and typically appears almost all black with a bit of brown, but ill-defined grayish-brown crossbands can sometimes be seen, especially on the sides.



Western Cottonmouth

All of these vipers eat rodents, so they are beneficial in keeping rat and mice populations down, which is often the reason they can be found around homes and yards. They will also eat birds found on the ground, as none are very good climbers. As snakes that live in or near water, the copperhead and cottonmouth will also consume amphibians and fish. Vipers can also be prey for other animals such as owls, hawks, and even other snakes. Finally, chemicals found only in viper venoms have a distinct value to humans, as they are used to treat many serious health ailments such as cancer, heart disease, stroke, Parkinsons, and many more. Now that's the value of vipers!

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