

The background of the cover is a photograph of a suburban neighborhood at sunset. In the foreground, there is a landscaped area with a large, spiky green plant and a bush of red roses. To the right, a stone pillar and part of a wooden structure are visible. The sky is filled with soft, colorful clouds from the setting sun.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**SEPTEMBER 4TH, 2017**

### **HOA OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED**

Enjoy your Labor day with your family and friends.

**SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2017 5:00 PM TO 7:00 PM**

### **CELEBRATE BEER LOVERS DAY**

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**SEPTEMBER 9TH, 2017 9:30 PM TO 11:00 PM**

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**SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2017 11:30 AM TO 1:00 PM**

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**SEPTEMBER 16TH, 2017 7:00 PM TO 11:00 PM**

### **TIKI PARTY BY THE POOL**

Catered party for Adults Only. Schedule your babysitter now. More details to follow!

**SEPTEMBER 24TH, 2017 8:00 AM TO 12:00 PM**

### **FALL NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE**

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**SEPTEMBER 27TH, 2017 3:30 PM TO 4:30 PM**

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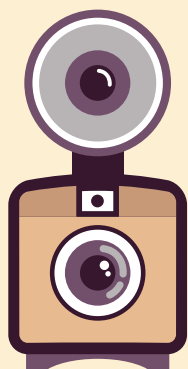
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## COVER PHOTO

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## LTlov's 6th Annual Kids Free Dental Day Event

On August 9th, members of our community came together at the Lakeway Dental Office in an effort to ensure children who may not otherwise be able to afford dental care, had access to free oral services. Over the course of LTlov's 6th Annual Kids Free Dental Day event, dental professionals and volunteers worked together in an atmosphere of purpose and camaraderie to provide basic and acute dental care to low income children ages 5 through 17 living in the Lake Travis area. The smiles on both the children's and parents' faces reflected the generous spirit of the professional and support staff volunteers. LTlov greatly appreciated the significant role each participant played, including dentists and staff from the Lakeway Dental Office, Sage Dentistry Austin, Shipp Family Dentistry, Hamilton Dental, Eaddy Dentistry and C & C Dental. Thank you to all who gave their time and energy to make this event a tremendous success. "It was a great day and we are especially excited that over 60% of the children seen were return patients," reported Marykay Crouch, LTlov's Dental Day Chair. Pictured, Dr. Trevor Hamilton, Hamilton Dental.



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## Monarchs and OE

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There are three major populations of monarchs in the United States- one 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](http://www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com)

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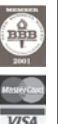
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