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JESTER Easter EGG HUNT & PETTING ZOO

Saturday, April 4th
9:30 am @ Jester Club

(Note: This is the weekend BEFORE Easter weekend!)

Please drop off ONE DOZEN EGGS PER CHILD (filled with candy, money, stickers, etc... but no chocolate, please!)

Look for drop-off signs posted at various locations in the neighborhood a few days prior to the event.



Sign up for Your FREE Firewise HOME Evaluation!

by Carol Philipson

Kudos to Ti & Joe Kuebler for being safety minded and recently participating in the FREE FireWise Home Evaluation conducted by Jester FireWise Evaluators Brad Knowles and Carol Philipson. Ti & Joe thought it was so valuable, they recommended their neighbors to also have their homes evaluated to reduce the risk of fire damage.

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Oak Wilt Is Coming This Way So Do Not Trim Oak Trees After The End Of February!

Oak wilt is a disease that is devastating populations of Live Oaks and Red Oaks (Spanish Oak) in central Texas.

Oak wilt is caused by a fungus. The fungus originates on red oaks such as Spanish (Texas) Oak. On some infected Spanish Oaks, a fungal mat will grow underneath the bark. The mat will push the bark out and ooze a sweet, sticky substance that attracts beetles. Once the beetles walk on the fungal mat and get spores on their body and feet, they can transport the fungus to a fresh open wound (cut, break) on another oak up to one mile away (in extreme cases). Tree wounds can result from pruning – or any damage caused by wind, hail, vehicles, construction activity, squirrels, or birds.

After an oak initially becomes infected, the fungus will spread to nearby oaks through the root system. In fact, most oak wilt mortality is a result of infection spread this way. Roots from an infected tree interconnect or graft with other oaks' roots and pass the fungus on; oak trees within 100' – 150' radius may become infected.

One of the easiest times to spot oak wilt is in the spring/early summer after temperatures start hitting 90 – 95 degrees, and the trees are pushing sap up into the leaves. Infected, symptomatic Live Oaks have a telltale sign – a yellowing of the leaf along the veins –

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Congrats Ti & Joe Kuebler for participating in a FREE Firewise Evaluation!

From the Kuebler's recommendation, next door neighbor, Anne Beck signed up and discovered many ways to reduce the risk of fire damage to her home from Jester FireWise evaluators, Keith Craik and Gary Seeger.

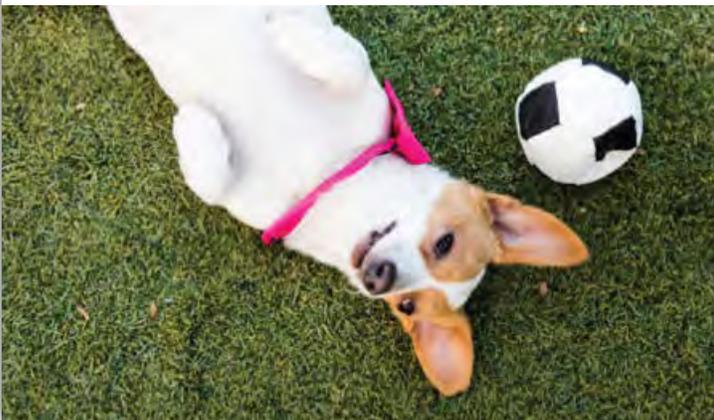
The more neighbors near your home that also take precautions to reduce risk, the more effective the program works.

IT'S FREE, and only takes about 1 hour to evaluate the outside of your home.

To get your FREE FIREWISE HOME EVALUATION, go to www.jesterhoa.com

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(Oak Wilt...Continued from Cover Page)



because sap is being prevented from reaching the leaves due to clogged vascular channels. Spanish Oak leaves will become brown at the tips of the leaf lobes. (See www.TexasOakWilt.org for illustrations.) May through July is the best time to walk your property and study the health of your oaks – tree leaves should be dark green and glossy. If you find leaves with telltale signs of oak wilt, on the trees or on the ground below the trees, contact an arborist or tree service specializing in oak wilt.



What you can do

- Walk your property every May or June and examine the tree leaves for telltale signs of oak wilt. Leaves should be dark green and glossy and not show telltale signs of oak wilt: see www.TexasOakWilt.org for illustrations.

- Only prune your trees in the coldest or the hottest part of the year (periods of low insect activity), if possible. (December/January/February, July/August)

- No matter what time of year you prune, IMMEDIATELY paint the wound with spray or latex paint, or wound dressing. Cut, and then paint the wound prior to cutting the next limb.

- When removing dead or dying oaks, paint the stumps. They might not be completely dead and oak wilt can still spread through the roots.

- Clean all pruning tools with 10% bleach solution or Lysol between sites and/or trees.

- Plant a diversity of tree species, and only oaks that have a low susceptibility to oak wilt such as: bur, lacey, monterrey, chinquapin, post, shin, and vasey.

Check out the helpful information at www.TexasOakWilt.org



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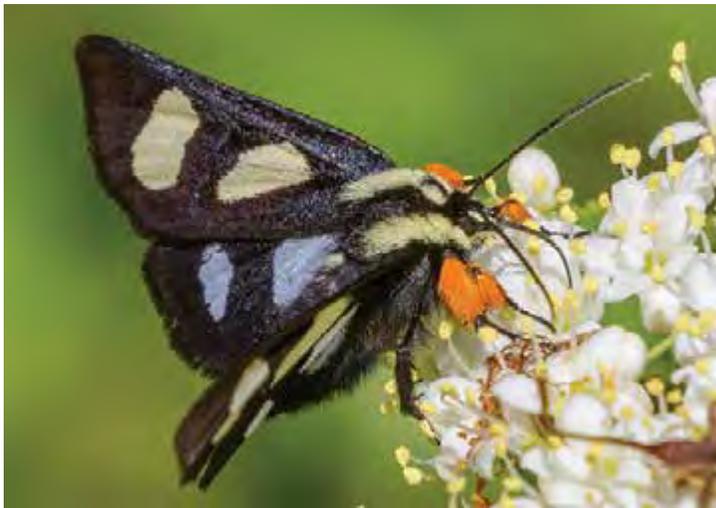
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NATURE WATCH

DAY FLIERS

by Jim and Lynne Weber

As part of the larger groups of moths known as the Noctuidae and Thyrididae, Forester and Window-Winged moths are day fliers that commonly have white-spotted black forewings and either similar or bright orange hindwings, and are often found in open woodlands and flowery meadows. This time of year, you can frequently spot them nectaring on early blooming trees and shrubs, including Mexican Plum, Escarpment Black Cherry, Texas Redbud, and Mexican Buckeye.



Eight-spotted Forester Moth

In our area, the Eight-spotted Forester (*Alypia octomaculata*), Grapevine Epimenis (*Psychomorpha epimenis*), and Mournful Thyris (*Pseudothyris sepulchralis*) are the more typical species to be found. The Eight-spotted Forester has velvety black wings with two large cream-colored spots on each forewing and two large white spots on each hindwing, alluding to its 'eight-spotted' common name. It has a wingspan of about one and a half inches, and its legs are adorned with showy orange tufts where they attach to its body. Flying from March to June with a second brood in August, the larva of this moth have broader orange bands with black dots, alternating with fine black and white stripes, and an orange head and hind end. They feed mainly on Virginia Creeper and other various grapevines.

Grapevine Epimenis is another Forester moth that also has velvety black wings, but each forewing has one bold white patch near the outer edge, and each hindwing has a broad orange-red band. With a wingspan of about one inch, it flies from February to April, and sometimes has a second brood in October. Its larva feed on various grapevines, most notably Mustang Grape in Central Texas, and are mainly black and white striped with an orange head and hind end.



Grapevine Epimenis Moth

Mournful Thyris is a Window-Winged moth, a chunky-bodied small moth with just under a one inch wingspan, that habitually spreads its wings when alighting on flowers or on wet sandy soils along forest trails. Its wings are black patterned with multiple various sized white spots, and translucent median patches that form 'windows.' It flies from February to April, and its larva also feed on grapevines, most commonly Mustang Grape in our area.



Mournful Thyris Moth

Contrary to popular belief, a surprising number of moth species are day fliers, and many are as beautifully patterned as, and often mistaken for, butterflies. If you'd like to attract these splendid little moths to your yard, simply plant the trees, shrubs, and vines listed above, and they will grace you with their presence each spring!

Send your nature-related questions to: naturewatch@austin.rr.com and we'll do our best to answer them. If you enjoy reading these articles, check out our books, *Nature Watch Austin*, *Nature Watch Big Bend*, and *Native Host Plants for Texas Butterflies* (all published by Texas A&M University Press), and our blog at naturewatchaustin.blogspot.com.



congrats!

TINA CARTER

Jester's own Tina Carter, a Senior Girl Scout in Troop 350, earned her Gold Award by creating a horse crossing at CedarS Camps. The Gold Award tasks girls with spending at least 80 hours improving their community in a sustainable manner. Tina saw an expansion of the horse program at her favorite camp as an opportunity to work with state and local officials, residents, and horse enthusiasts to install a horse crossing in Lebanon, Missouri. After consulting with the equestrian staff to design the crossing, Tina worked with contractors, riding educators, County Commissioners, residents, and others, to get areas on both sides of the road graded; a new gate installed; traffic signs erected; hand-held warning sign system installed; and staff training conducted for staff to know how to train campers in safe road crossing.





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Teresa’s level of insight was invaluable, and she was the perfect agent for the sale of our home. We would, without any hesitation, recommend her services to others.”



March Events



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| Feb. 29 - | Sherwood Forest Faire - (weekends) | sherwoodforestfaire.com |
| Apr. 19 | A medieval good time for the whole family | |
| Mar. 11 | The Office! A Musical Parody <i>Singing! Dancing! Paper!</i> | Paramount Theatre austlintheatre.org |
| Mar. 11 - 22 | Aladdin - The Hit Broadway Musical | texasperformingarts.org |
| Mar. 12 | Chris Stapleton - All-American Road Show | uterwincenter.com |
| Mar. 13 - 22 | SXSW Music and Film Festival - One of the most diverse, collaborative and inventive communities | sxsw.com |
| Mar. 14 - 28 | Rodeo Austin - Where weird meets western | rodeoaustin.com |
| Mar. 15 | St. Patrick's Day Festival Austin <i>An authentic display of Irish culture and pride</i> | stpatricksdayaustin.com |
| Mar. 22 | Buddy Guy - Legendary Blues Artist | Moody Theater acl-live.com |
| Mar. 25 - 29 | PGA Golf Tournament - Austin Country Club | pgatour.com/tournaments |
| Mar. 27 | Ricky Skaggs- Grammy Award Winning country singer | oneworldtheatre.org |
| Mar. 28 | Mighty Texas Dog Walk <i>Dress to impress - This year's theme - Dogs are Magic!!</i> | servicedogs.org |
| Mar. 28 | April Fool's Comedy Jam II <i>Featuring Bruce Bruce, Bill Bellamy, & others</i> | Moody Theater acl-live.com |
| Mar. 29 | The Roadshow 2020 - w/Bethel Music, Matt Maher, & More | hebcenter.com |
| Mar. 29 | Zilker Park Kite Festival - Let's go fly a kite | abckitefestival.org |
| Mar. 31 | Paw Patrol Live! Race to the Rescue - Using unique skills and teamwork, the pups show "no job is too big, no pup is too small." | HEB Center hebcenter.com |

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