

Woodwind Lakes

NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2024

WOODWIND LAKES WOMEN'S CLUB PRESENTS

Styles and Stems

The Women's Club of Woodwind Lakes is having a fashion show on Tuesday April 9th at the Windfern Forest MUD building. The festivities and Prosecco will begin at 10 am with a buffet lunch starting about 11:15, followed by members modeling fashions from Chico's.

There is a \$15 charge for non-members, and tickets are limited and must be purchased by April 5th from Marianne West. You may contact her at mariannewest@outlook.com or 713-818-9543 to arrange for payment and pick up of the tickets. Paid for tickets (yes you can use Zelle) may be held in your name and picked up at the door.

The Women's Club would like to extend a special thank you to local realtor, Kate Weatherford with eXp Realty for sponsoring this event. Her generosity helped make this event happen!



Look for these signs around the neighborhood

Women's Club 20th anniversary celebration luncheon

Twenty years ago this month, the Women's Club was founded by some awesome ladies. To celebrate this anniversary the club honored the founding members at the March meeting. After twenty years of fun, camaraderie, making great memories and lasting friendships, they are looking forward to many more!



Guest of Honor and Founder of Women's Club – Marianne West



Event Committee with Guest of Honor and Founder



Women's Club Board



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HERE'S TO THE NEXT TWENTY YEARS!

SPRING Garage Sales

**Woodwind Lakes, Rolling Fork
and Terrace Brook will be holding
Spring Garage Sales on
April 6, 7am-2pm.**



Section 4 gates will be open from 7am to 2pm

**GARAGE
SALE**



The top dog *Both red and gray wolves were abundant in Texas*

Cheryl Conley, Lake Creek Preserve Board of Directors

As youngsters, we are told to be afraid of the “big bad wolf” but in reality, wolves don’t see us as prey and attacks on humans are very rare.

Although you won’t find wolves in Texas, it’s interesting to know they were once a necessary and important part of the state’s ecosystem. Both red and gray wolves were abundant in Texas with red wolves occupying the eastern half of the state and gray wolves in the west. Extensive hunting, trapping and habitat loss led to a rapid decline in their numbers. They are now considered extinct in Texas but I thought you might like to learn a few things about this fascinating animal.

Texas had two different species

The two wolf species that roamed Texas were the southeastern red wolf and the gray wolf. There was also a subspecies of the gray wolf that was called the Mexican gray wolf or Lobo, which is the Spanish word for wolf.

Wolves travel and hunt in small packs usually consisting of a male, his female mate and their young from both the current breeding season and past seasons. The leaders of the pack, Mom and Dad, are sometimes referred to as the “alpha” wolves although some think the word “alpha” is outdated. L. David Mech, a renowned biologist, discourages the use of the word and explains the “alpha” couple are just parents to the wolves in the pack.

Monogamous (well, usually)

For the most part, wolves are monogamous and will stay with each other for life. Occasionally, however, the male parent has a wandering eye and may cheat. If a partner dies and after a mourning period, the other one will eventually find a new mate. New packs are formed when a wolf leaves the pack and finds a mate. They breed and a new pack is formed.

Wolves breed once a year and the gestation period is about 63 days. The female will normally give birth to four



Yup, even your little Fluffy is descended from wolves.

to six pups. The pups are born blind and deaf. Interestingly, all wolves in the pack care for the young. The pups nurse from their mother but between five and ten weeks of age, they will begin eating regurgitated food from the others in the pack. They begin to hunt at six months of age and are considered adults at two years old. In the wild, their lifespan is only five to six years.

Amazing communication skills

Wolves don’t really howl at the full moon like some believe but they do howl as a way of communicating with each other. Their hearing is 20 times better than ours and they can hear a fellow wolf howling ten miles away. Wolves have other ways of communicating as well like growling, barking and whimpering. Body language is used too, like posturing, using facial expressions and eye contact.

Wolves are carnivores. They prefer large hooved animals like elk, moose and deer but will also prey on beavers, rabbits and rodents, along with fish and even birds.

It is believed that our beloved family dogs are descendants of wolves. For the most part, scientists believe domesticated dogs evolved from gray wolves over 15,000 years ago. It remains a mystery when and where wolves began to evolve into dogs and with what group of humans.

Looking at some of the dog breeds like tiny chihuahuas and fluffy pomeranians, it’s hard to believe they are relatives of wolves. Though their physical appearance doesn’t resemble wolves, their genetic makeup remains similar to that of a wolf. There are some dog breeds, however, that are genetically closest to wolves. They are the Alaskan Malamute, the Siberian Husky, the Shiba Inu, the Pekingese, the Saluki, the Afghan Hound, the Chow Chow and the Shih Tzu.

We can thank wolves for giving us our faithful furry companions. The next time you hug your dog, you’re really hugging a domesticated wolf. Pretty amazing, wouldn’t you say?

The 2024 Woodwind Lakes Spring egg hunt

This annual family event was enjoyed by old and young alike!

These photos are also available for viewing at <http://www.woodwindlakeshoa.com/photo-galleries.html>



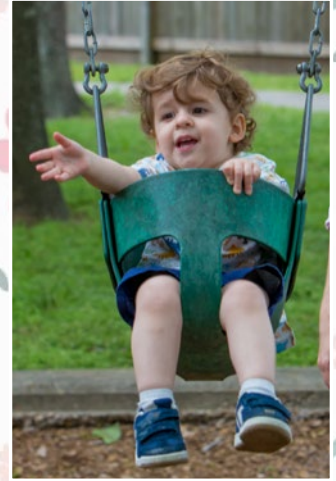
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Genista Caterpillar

Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist

Spring seems to have arrived in Central Texas and my mountain laurels are putting on blooms. If you're like me you'll enjoy going in for a good sniff of those grape candy smelling flowers. While you're there take a look around for caterpillars that may be munching on foliage. Genista caterpillars can be quite common on mountain laurel but may also be found on crape myrtle and honeysuckle.

These caterpillars can grow up to one inch in length and are greenish yellow to orange in color with small black and white dots along their body. They have hairs that emerge along the body but are not densely covered. Genista caterpillars create webbing like that of webworms but to a lesser degree. Larvae or caterpillars feed on leaves within the webbing causing defoliation of the plant.

Eggs are laid in overlapping clusters on the underside of leaves. Pupation occurs in a small, white silken cocoon that is attached to plants or structures. There are two generations per year.

Use pesticides carefully

Normally genista caterpillars do not cause significant damage to trees, so no management is required. If you feel management is needed because of a large population, it can be rather simple. If plant size allows, caterpillars can be hand-picked and either smashed or dropped in a bucket of soapy water.

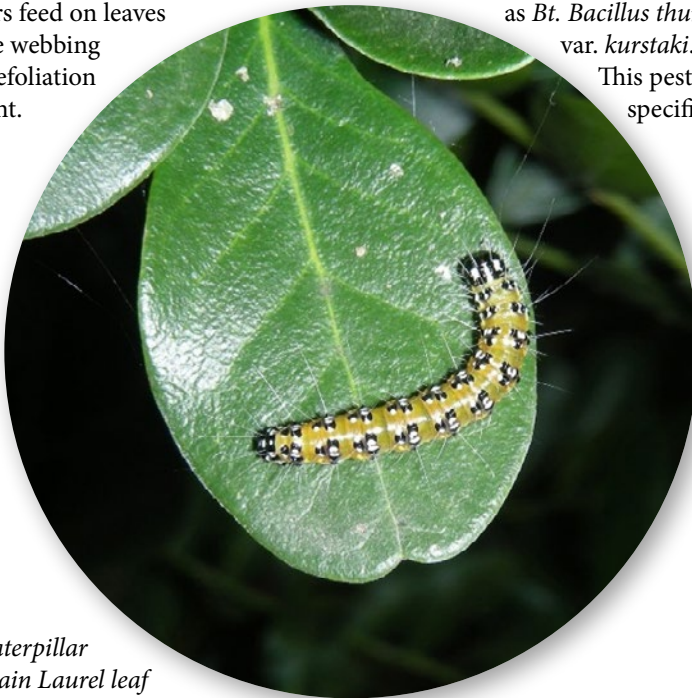
Other options may include insecticidal soap, horticultural oils, botanicals, spinosad or *Bacillus thuringiensis* var. *kurstaki*, also known as *Bt.* *Bacillus thuringiensis* var. *kurstaki*.

This pesticide specifically

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targets caterpillars but does not distinguish between "good" and "bad" caterpillars, so be careful where you apply it and be aware of drift that may occur. When using spinosad or Bt., good coverage of plant foliage is essential since the caterpillars need to consume a lethal dose. When using any pesticide product, be sure to read and follow all label instructions.

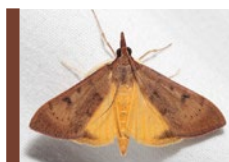
For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Serv. Program Specialist at ebrown@ag.tamu.edu.



Genista caterpillar on Mountain Laurel leaf (LARGER THAN ACTUAL SIZE).

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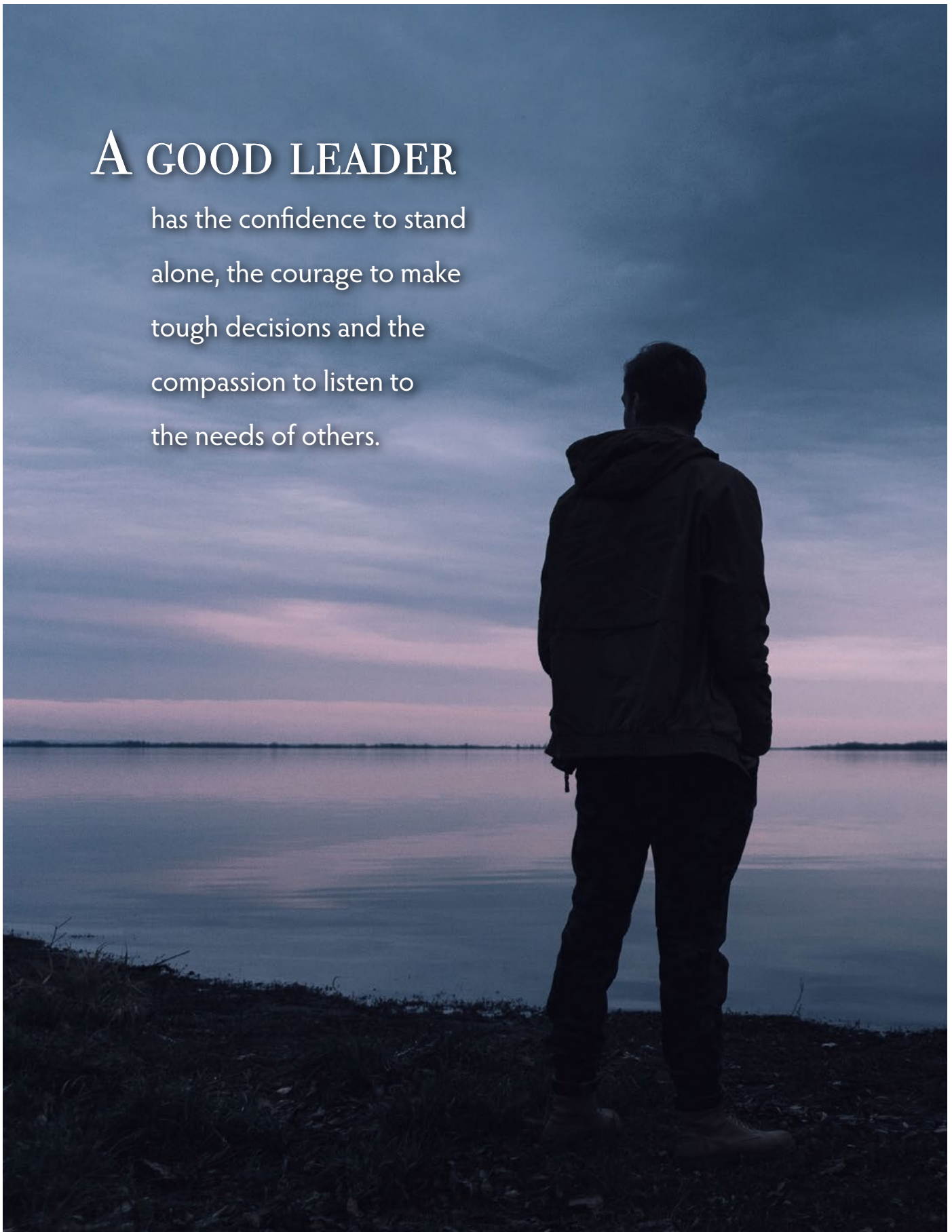
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They are known more commonly in their caterpillar stage, but they eventually turn into this inconspicuous Genista Broom Moth. Their wingspan is only about 1 inch wide.

A GOOD LEADER

has the confidence to stand alone, the courage to make tough decisions and the compassion to listen to the needs of others.



April Yard of the Month winners

SECTION 1



9214 CYMBAL COURT

SECTION 2



7914 ALLEGRO DRIVE

SECTION 3



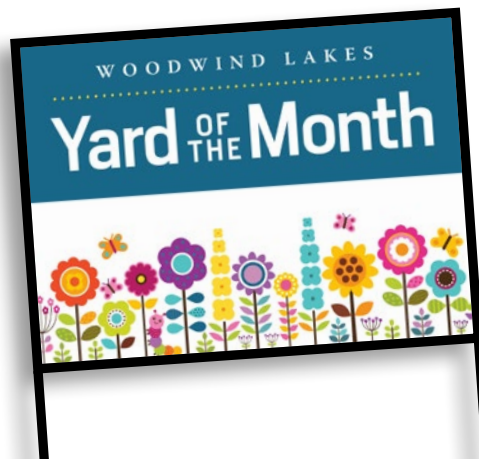
8719 GOLDEN CHORD CIRCLE

SECTION 4



9326 SINFONIA DRIVE

Congratulations!



MONARCH LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT

Woodwind Lakes Monthly Services Update

**March completed events**

- Irrigation inspection (comp 3/27)
- Site audit
- Trees for Houston planting at all lakes (comp 4/1)
- Spring turf PreEm (comp 3/12)
- Ant Bait (completed 4/1)

Upcoming events

- Irrigation inspection (sch 4/22)
- Site audit
- Spring mulch installation (sch 4/16)
- Shrub and groundcover fert w/InD (sch 4/3)
- Spring Seasonal Color (TBS) need board approval

Details we are focusing on this month

- Azalea feeding and trimming on property
- Remove fallen branches and sticks around lakes in natural areas
- Continue debris pick up on setbacks in phases





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Monthly Contract Stats

WOODWIND LAKES

For March 2024

Categories

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|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Burglary Habitation: 0 | Burglary Vehicle: 0 | Theft Habitation: 0 |
| Theft Vehicle: 0 | Theft Other: 0 | Robbery: 0 |
| Assault: 0 | Sexual Assault: 0 | Criminal Mischief: 1 |
| Disturbance Family: 0 | Disturbance Juvenile: 0 | Disturbance Other: 0 |
| Alarms: 7 | Suspicious Vehicles: 1 | Suspicious Persons: 2 |
| Runaways: 0 | Phone Harrassment: 0 | Other Calls: 18 |

Detailed Statistics By Deputy

| Unit Number | Contract Calls | District Calls | Reports Taken | Felony Arrests | Misd Arrests | Tickets Issued | Recovered Property | Charges Filed | Mileage Driven | Days Worked |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------|----------------|-------------|
| 39 | 0 | 38 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1093 | 10 |
| W15 | 35 | 34 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 1 | 648 | 14 |
| TOTAL | 35 | 72 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 1 | 1741 | 24 |

Summary of Events

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF:

7500 ALLEGRO DR- Complainant reported that an unknown suspect(s) caused damage to exterior type lighting located at community tennis courts.

Alarms:

Deputies responded to 7 residential alarms that were all cleared as false or cancelled.

Suspicious Vehicles:

Deputies responded to a 1 suspicious vehicle calls that were all cleared as GOA or information.

Suspicious Persons:

Deputies responded to 2 suspicious person calls that were all cleared as GOA or information.

Deputies conducted multiple traffic stops and issued multiple citations within the contract reducing the possibility of accidents.

Deputies conducted multiple contract, neighborhood and business checks within the contract increasing visibility while performing regular patrol duties.

Deputies responded to 18 other calls within the contract including:

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|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Motor Vehicle Accidents | Follow Up Investigations | Stranded Motorist |
| Animal Humane | Information Calls | Traffic Hazard |
| Child Custody Disputes | Meet The Officer | Unknown Medical Emergency |
| Domestic Preventions | Lost Found Property | Abandoned/Speeding Vehicles |
| D.W.I. | Sex Offender Verification | Welfare Checks |