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Almost there

“Summer afternoon, summer afternoon;
to me those have always been the
two most beautiful words in the
English language.”

– Henry James

As I write it's 105 degrees out. Or at least that's what my phone says. After 101, who's counting anyways? Over the weekend, someone told me that rain is expected soon and it should be plentiful, but my husband said it would behoove me not to spread that around. Rain or shine, we're almost there – autumn is coming soon. As much as I love a summer afternoon, I'm ready for a change. In the meantime there is so much to keep us occupied until that fateful morning, when we open our front doors and that fall smell and heavenly crisp air meet our senses all at once.

This issue offers a myriad of ways to deepen your sense of community. Wherever you are on the path of life, there is something for you here. This community is so unique in its vibrance, personality, and genuine neighbors. And how fun to be able to ride out the rest of this summer in a town like this. People are just different outside of the city – in the best way. The rush is less so and the vibe is softer. Even the art is different, more inspired and less forced. More for the love it and less out of a need to fill void space.

We hope this issue finds you happy and healthy and as always we are so grateful you joined us, Wimberley Valley.

Happy September, y'all.

Warmly,



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Community Calendar of Events

- Every 2nd Mon. **Wimberley Valley Art League** meets at the Wimberley Community Center at 6:30-8:30pm. Visit WimberleyArtLeague.org for information.
- Every 2nd Mon. **Wimberley 4H** meets during the school year at VFW Hall on 401 Jacobs Well Road, 7pm, 6:30pm Clover Kids Program.
- Every 3rd Mon. The **Wimberley Area Parkinsons Association** meets at the Chapel of The Hills Church, 14601 RR 12 in Wimberley from 9-11am. Caregivers, friends, and relatives are welcome. Guest speakers and general discussion. Parkinson's exercise program. Email Paul, Paulwilj99@gmail.com.
- Every Mon. **Celebrate Recovery** 6:30-8:30pm, Cypress Creek Church, in the den. 512-847-1222 or CelebrateRecovery@CypressCreekChurch.com. Potluck at 5:30pm every 2nd Monday.
- Every 2nd & 4th Monday, The Wimberley Chapter of **Overeaters Anonymous** meets at 7pm, at the Wimberley Presbyterian Church, 956 FM 2325, Wimberley, TX 78676. (3rd door from the right). For more info, call or text Aida at 512-787-8313.
- Mon. September 11, **Jacob's Well Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution**, Emily Ann Theater in Wimberley at 9:40am, for chat time and 10am for our business meeting. JacobsWellNSDAR@gmail.com for more.
- Mon. **Toddler Time**, Wimberley Village Library, 10:30-11:30am, beginning January 9.
- Every Mon. **Stroller Strides workout**, 9am, Wimberley First Baptist Church, contact Summer 512 644 4198 or email SMWimberleyDS@fit4mom.com
- Every Tues. **Bilingual Spanish Storytime**, 10:30-11:30am, Wimberley Village Library
- Every Tues. 6:30-8pm. **Community Bible Study**, an interdenominational Bible study. To register contact Karen Bryson at 512 644 8805 or KB17@TXState.edu.
- Every 3rd Tues. The **Lions Club** meets from 6pm-8pm at the Wimberley Community Center. Call 512-847-0207 for info.
- Every Tues. at noon, **Rotary Club** of Wimberley meets at the EMS Classroom on Twilight Trail. Carolyn Manning is our President, 512-558-1626, Director@WimberleyLibrary.org
- Every 1st Tue. The Wimberley Community Center hosts **free medical checks** 9:30-10:30am. Call 512-847-2510.
- Every Wed. **Stroller Barre workout**, 9am, Wimberley First Baptist Church, contact Summer, 512 644 4198 or email SMWimberleyDS@fit4mom.com
- Every 1st Wed. 5:30-7pm, **Wimberley Valley Arts & Cultural Alliance (WVACA)** mixer at Middleton Brewing. Members & non-members meet, mingle, share ideas, learn about upcoming events, get involved. All are welcome. WimberleyArts.org.
- Every Wed. Join **Wimberley Valley Chamber of Commerce** for breakfast at the Wimberley Cafe for networking opportunities, 8-9am. Bring lots of business cards.
- Every 3rd Wed. Sept. thru May, 9:30am-12pm. **Hill Country Unit of the Herb Society of America**, Wimberley Presbyterian Church. Visitors welcome! Refreshments 9:30am. Program 10am. HillCountryHerbs.org or Valentine_Lisa@msn.com.
- Every Wed. **Spanish for Homeschool Teens**, 12:30-1:30pm
- Every 1st Thur. The **Wimberley Alzheimer's Caregiver's Support Group** meets at 12:30pm at the Presbyterian Church Library on FM 2325. Contact Linda Germain at 512-924-3661.
- Every 2nd Thursday, **Hill Country Bead Society** meets at 1pm at the Wimberley Community Center. All levels and types of beading and metal work. Marilyn Pierce at 512-722-3549.
- Every 2nd and 4th Thur. 7pm **Wimberley Toastmasters Club**, First Baptist Church Wimberley, 15951 Winters Mill Parkway, Wimberley. Toastmasters teaches public speaking and leadership. For more info contact Amy O'Neil at amy@texiasllc.com.
- Every 3rd Thur. Live concerts at **Susanna's Kitchen Coffeehouse**, 7:30pm; \$20-25 adults, \$5 children. Food, coffee, soft drinks available. Corner of RR 12 & CR 1492 (Wimberley United Methodist Church.) WimberleyUMC.org Proceeds benefit Barnabas Connection & Mother's Day Out scholarships. **Thurs. September 21: Adler & Hearne**
- Every Thurs. **Gentle Yoga** 10-11am, Wimberley Village Library
- Every Thursday, **Master Gardeners** at the Library, 2-5pm
- Every Fri. Wimberley VFW Post 6441 hosts bingo nights. Doors at 6:30pm with food concession. Earlybird games at 7:00pm. Regular games start at 8pm. Visit vfw6441.com/bingo
- Fri. **Storytime**, 10:30-11:30am, Wimberley Village Library
- Every Fri. **Stroller Strides workout**, 9am, Emily Ann Theatre, contact Summer, 512 644 4198 or smwimberleyds@fit4mom.com
- Every Fri. **Stroller Strides Playdate with Kids Craft Fridays**, 10am, Emily Ann Theatre, contact Summer, 512 644 4198 or email SMWimberleyDS@fit4mom.com
- Every Fri. **Story Time**, 10:30-11:30am, Wimb. Village Library
- Every 2nd Sat. **Wimberley's Second Saturday Gallery Trail**. Visit ten galleries for art, food, fun, 4-7pm. Email BentTreeGallery@gmail.com. Have a glass of wine & enjoy art after hours.
- 1st Sat. **Wimberley Market Day**, 7am-3pm, rain or shine
- 1st Sun. of every month, **Wimberley Coffee & Cars**, 8am-11am, at Blanco Brew located at 14200 Ranch Road 12

- Sunday, September 3, 2-4, **Wacky Wimberley Scavenger Hunt**, Cypress Creek Coffee House Creative, nontraditional scavenger hunt begins at a scenic spot that's a local favorite. Get a digital quest from your live & interactive remote host. Family & pet friendly.
- Monday, September 11, 9-11 **Remembrance Ceremony**, San Marcos City Hall, 630 E Hopkins Street
 - Monday, September 11, **Wimberley Valley Art League Artist Presentation: Alyssa Love**
 - Saturday, September 23, **Dripping Springs Pumpkin Festival** begins. Runs through October. Visit DrippingSpringsPumpkinFestival.com for tickets & details.
- Saturday, September 30, 10am-5pm & Sunday, October 1, 11am-4pm **Wimberley Valley Art League Studio Tour**

The value of a tree

by Tim Thompson



During a summer like the one we have had this year, it would be easy to measure the value of the trees in our yards solely by the shade they provide and the degree of cooling they bring to our lives. Indeed, those are important contributions trees make to our quality of life.

The value of a tree is in every breath we take. The ecological power they wield for humans and all oxygen-breathers is beyond value. As the largest plants on earth, they absorb and remove carbon and replace it with oxygen, reducing pollution, shielding us from blazing sun and chilling winds alike. More than any other natural solution to the very real threats of climate change, trees have qualities that directly address increasing global temperatures, rising CO2 levels, and air pollution.

As important as the practical benefits of trees are the contributions they make to the art, beauty, architecture, and landscapes of the planet we call home. Several log homes in our neighborhood are Western Red Cedars from British Columbia, where they are native. Our fireplace mantel was hewn from the trunk of an old Texas Pecan tree by our friend Gary. We had our dining table fashioned by local artisans out of a slab of white Oak. Homes in Texas are built primarily of wood as is the furniture in them.

Step outside the door of most Texas homes, and you are likely to find a backyard that takes advantage of the cooling properties of native shade trees like Live Oak, Cedar Elm, Shumard Oak,

and Texas Pecan. People use trees around their homes to enhance their casual evenings and weekends in many ways, but many of the ideas use table and chairs, barbecue grills, and yard games.

The Texas Hill Country is well known for its rolling hills covered in Cedar/Oak savannah. Sunset views from porch swings hung from strong limbs have hosted countless birthdays, marriage proposals, and family reunions. Truly, our lives just wouldn't be the same without trees. They are witnesses to the daily wonder of our lives.

Horticulturist Tim Thompson has managed the garden center at King Feed and Hardware for the past 25 years. They offer everything you need to have the garden of your dreams without stressing your budget. Pick up Tim's Tips, free one page sheets on how to carry out dozens of gardening projects available only at King Feed Nursery. Call Tim at 512 847 2618.



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Showing the colors

by Kern Deschner



Rhonda's father and step-mother live in Denmark and we try to go visit them at least a couple of times a year. They live in Sparkaaer, a village in Northwestern Denmark. This part of Denmark is a very rural, very quiet. Mostly there are miles and miles of fields (they were growing giant Danish snap peas last time we went) interrupted occasionally by small villages with maybe 30 houses, a train stop, a small grocery store, and the local

primary school full of red-headed kids. Little Vikings, I suppose.

Here, the English is not spoken as well as it is in Copenhagen, but the locals really like to practice their English on you. Even in the summertime you need a sweater, at least early in the morning. It rains a lot, and the constant wind off the North Sea means they have dozens of huge wind turbines cranking out what my father-in-law calls "free electricity." With the lush fields and the cool weather, Denmark would be great country for alpacas yet, strangely, there are almost no alpacas in Denmark.

I notice something new every time I go there, even though I have gone there many times. Earlier this year, two Danish cousins came to visit us for a month. Driving down I-35, they commented about all the flags we Americans display (and they also noted the many personal injury lawyer billboards but that is not part of this

story.) She thought we must be really proud of our flags. I confirmed that we were, but that set me to looking for flags in Denmark next time we went. So, recently I was surprised to see that almost every house, maybe 80%, has a tall flag pole, at least as tall as the top of the roof, and usually taller. They are all flying a skinny Danish flag banner that's 20 feet long – the kind of thing you would see flying from the top of a Viking longboat's mast. I was told that, by tradition, you put the flag up when you are at home, and take it down when you leave. In a country, where there is practically no crime, that's probably safe to announce. However, in spite what Rhonda's cousin said, there are a lot more flags in Denmark than in the United States.

We do not have an alpaca flag per se, but we do have banners. At the beginning of every show, Rhonda hands me rolled up farm banners, zip ties, and scissors to go put up advertising in the show ring. We pay for this privilege and we can't take them down until the show is over so we have to wait for the very end, even if we are done showing. They are usually the last thing we take down before we leave. These are our alpaca flags and we fly them at every show we go to.

Rhonda and Kern Deschner are experienced alpaca ranchers raising alpacas through all kinds of Texas weather since 1997. Tierra Prometida Alpaca Ranch can be visited by calling Rhonda at 512 753 9962, or at tierra@alpacausa.com.

Deep in the ART of Texas: *Studio Tour 2023*

by Theresa Vincent



The Wimberley Valley Art League is excited to host Studio Tour 2023, a free, self-guided event that provides a unique opportunity to meet artists first-hand and see the studios where their creative ideas come to life.

Jan Fitzhugh, the tour organizer as well as a featured artist, shared that some 300-400 people attend the tour each year. "All the artists explain the processes and techniques they use," she said. "Most importantly, they talk about what inspires them."

This year's lineup features a widely diverse range of talent, from painters to potters, wood artists to weavers, and everyone in between:

- With a nation-wide following, artist **Maxine Price** is a perennial favorite on the tour. Maxine masters everything from the abstract to realistic portraits, primarily employing paints & cold wax.
- Artist **Warren Cullar**, who also enjoys a large following across the country, will be greeting visitors from a brand-new studio. Warren is known for his sculptures & assemblages, as well as vivacious figurative & landscape paintings.
- **James Barta** will be showcasing his hand-thrown pottery, known for its beautiful glazing & design, which he has perfected over the course of 30 years.
- James' wife, **Rosemary Barta**, will be on hand to discuss the techniques behind her vibrant paintings – including landscapes & botanicals – which she turns out using oils, acrylics, & watercolors.



Rosemary Barta



Warren Cullar

Coming Soon:

September 8 - WVAL Gallery Juried Show Opening Reception 5-7:00pm in the Art League Gallery, Wimberley Community Center

Monday, September 11 - Artist Presentation: Alyssa Love

September 30 - October 1 Our Annual Studio Tour

October 28 - October 29 Our Newest Art Fair: **Blue Agave**

To learn more, scan here or visit us online at WimberleyValley-ArtLeague.org
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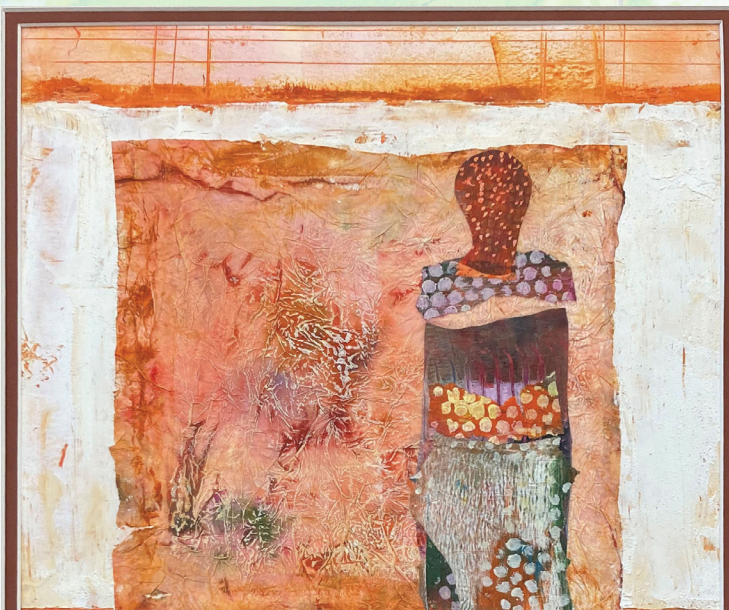


- Fellow watercolorist **Jim Street** is new to the tour and excited to show visitors his creative space, as well as to explain his process for painting en plein air. Jim's pieces often have an intimate, narrative quality – a time-worn, weathered barn, or a proud old John Deere tractor.
- Also new to the tour is **Rochelle Fainstein**, whose abstract painting & photography project an exciting contemporary vibe.
- Weaver **Kathy Utts** creates hand-woven wearable art with natural fibers, such as cotton, silk, linen & bamboo. Using the Japanese SAORI style of weaving, she incorporates hand-spun art yarns & hand-died ribbons into her works.
- Jewelry maker **Shelly Esser** specializes in integrating vintage components into distinctive pieces of wearable art, often working directly with clients in remaking heirloom or forgotten treasures into new, one-of-a-kind creations.
- Also offering beautiful hand-crafted jewelry, **Jan Fitzhugh** works mostly in copper. Using techniques such as forging, etching, enameling, & wire wrapping, she creates one-of-a-kind, colorful pieces. She also works in a variety of fibers & will introduce a new line of fiber arts during the tour.
- Making his tour debut, **Douglas Stewart** enjoys finding wood with unusual grain and using it in creating works that are both useful & aesthetically pleasing, such as boxes, hardwood earrings, & puzzles.
- **Mary Owens** has 40 years of art experience, with her current focus being bold, fascinating paintings in a rich variety of mediums, as well as jewelry. Mary cites as influences the bold colors & island dwellings of Gauguin, as well as Picasso's works.



Rochelle Fainstein

The Studio Tour runs from 10am-5pm on Saturday, September 30 & 11am-4pm on Sunday, October 1. Visit any or all of the studios, some of which will also be hosting visiting artists as well. Access a map through the QR code or WimberleyValleyArtLeague.org or pick up a map at the Wimberley Visitors Center & the Art on 12 Gallery. See you on the road!



Maxine Price



Jan Fitzhugh

Celebrate good neighbors

by AJ Harwood



National Good Neighbor Day, held each year in the U.S. on Sept. 28, celebrates the value of connecting with our neighbors and creating strong, healthy communities. Here are some fun ways to connect with your neighbors this year.

Spread positivity.

- Use chalk to write encouraging messages on sidewalks.

- Scatter small painted rocks with

positive words throughout the neighborhood.

- Write a nice letter of encouragement or a sweet and simple message for your neighbors.

Pop by with a gift.

- Drop off some baked goods

- Share veggies, a small plant, or bouquet of flowers from your garden

- Include a short, handwritten note with your gift to make it even more special

Host a get-together.

- A themed block party, fall BBQ, potluck, or progressive meal

- A pet parade with prizes

- An outdoor movie night

If you are looking for the perfect neighborhood for your family, please feel free to contact me. I would be delighted to help in your search!

I know the new real estate market can be confusing, but I am here to offer clear, concise information you can trust. Feel free to contact me and I will answer any questions you have.

If you are wondering what your home would look like on the market, give me a call! I would be honored to complete a comparative market analysis (CMA) to see what homes in your neighborhood are selling for right now – you might be surprised! At the end of the day, real estate is local and I'm here to walk you through with the best information so you can make the best choices and know how it applies to you in the Wimberley and Texas Hill Country area.

If you're thinking of selling your home, call me today! Experience matters - especially in the current changing market!

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Sorry, I only talk to people who have a credit score over 700

by Alice Gumbert Lebkuecher



Try that line at your family reunion this summer! While credit scores have been around for decades, there seems to be a lot more confusion about what it is and why a good score is important.

What's a credit score? There are four companies that track and create a credit report for pretty much every American. This report is a summary of what loans and credit cards you have, your history of paying your bills in a timely manner, and how much debt you have compared to what you could borrow.

Your credit score, like being graded in school, is calculated based on your credit report using a scale from 300 to 850. There are five basic categories of this range. They are as follows... very poor 300 to 549, poor 550 to 649, fair 650 to 699, good 700 to 749, and excellent 750 to 850.

There are five major factors that make up your credit score. 35% is based upon your payment history. 30% is based upon the amounts owed. 15% is based upon the length of credit history and 10% is based upon new credit, as well as 10% for what types of credit you have.

Having a good to excellent credit score means life is less expensive compared to someone whose credit score is less favorable. A person with a solid score gets lower interest rates on mortgages,

car loans, or personal lines of credit. It can also help lower the cost of insurance. Utility companies will often require less security deposits for someone with an above average credit score. It can even make a difference in your ability to get a job.

In order to raise your score, concentrate on the two biggest factors; your payment history and how much you owe. Pay all bills on time and have manageable debts. In this day of online payments, it's easy to schedule payments. Pay credit card balances off each month and, please, avoid high risk loans like paycheck or car title loans.

A credit score is simply a snapshot of your financial life. Don't worry about what your uncle or cousin claims their score is because what matters most is that you have a plan to improve or maintain your credit score.

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You're doing an awesome job, mama!

by Summer Britt



I don't know who needs to hear this today, but *mama, you're doing an awesome job!*

If you were over stimulated, over touched, overwhelmed today, and maybe you lost it. Maybe you yelled at your family. Maybe you screamed at your kids and felt like a bad mom. You're human.

Don't beat yourself up. Instead, tell yourself you're doing the best you can and make a plan for next time you're pushed to your limit. If you feel yourself about to explode, make sure your kids are in a safe place, walk away for a quick cool off and take five deep breaths. If you aren't able to walk away, just take five deep breaths to reset. Tomorrow is a new day.

Maybe you've been absolutely exhausted too many days in a row. Maybe you broke down and cried 1, 2, 3+ times today because you feel like you can't do it all, you're not enough, or you're a bad mom. *Stop* listening to that voice. You're doing everything you can. There are only so many hours in a day, and taking care of kids is a full time job on its own. You're doing an awesome job, mama! *Repeat that to yourself!* Affirmations are one of the best ways to stop negative self-talk. Find the ones that work for you and repeat them throughout the day!

We're all doing the best we can. We all love our kids to the moon and back times infinity. We *love* mom life and wouldn't trade it for the entire world. It's okay to feel the weight of it. It's *hard!* It helps so much to have a village of moms going through the same things. Having other moms to talk to about the struggles and joys of motherhood makes all the difference. Watching your kiddos have a great time playing with other kiddos is the best. We all know finding mom friends can be tough. We make it easy. There's always room for you in our FIT4MOM village, mama!

Summer is the owner of FIT4MOM Wimberley. She is a mother to two amazing toddlers and five fur babies, and a wife to the love of her life. She graduated from Texas State University with a BBA, majoring in marketing. She loves working out, baking, and spending time with family and friends. Contact Summer at 512 644 4198 or smwimberleyds@fit4mom.com. Learn more at SanMarcosWimberleyDS.Fit4Mom.com



Yoga is good for you

by Sarah Geenberg



There are a million ways to do yoga, and many different types of yoga.

I used to work with a company called Egoscue. There, I helped get people out of pain through exercise. Surprisingly, we got a lot of clients who were yogis. They were in extreme pain because they had stretched all the strength out of the musculoskeletal system. Yes, you can stretch

all the strength out of your muscles, creating imbalances, which create pain.

So when I found a yoga that strengthened as much as it stretched, I was hooked. It happened to be yoga for seniors, and I was in my 30's. But I didn't care. I had found a place where the students just wanted to have a good time. Nobody was pretentious, and that suited me very well. I'm too lazy to ever be able to pull off *pretentious*, anyway.

And the yoga helped me, as it does for everybody. There is a reason doctors are telling us to do it. It does relieve pain and allows people to move through life with less effort. But it also slows us down. We get an hour here and there to not worry about anything. We get to listen to ourselves, and when we do that, it is crazy what we hear.

First off, what we don't hear is politics. Or sides. Or fights. Or having to actually do anything. What we do hear is our own thoughts. Our voice. Our feelings. What our body is telling us. We become aware of our community. We live in a great place. It is beautiful. The people are beautiful. We care about each other and help each other. And during that hour, we get to experience that beauty and connection.

Yoga is truly great for body and soul. No matter who you are, slowing down and smelling the roses is always a good idea.

I hope you get your magic hours in life, too.

Sarah Geenberg is the owner of Wimberley Karate and Yoga Studio, near Blue Hole, and OnlineSeniorsYoga.com. The yoga, Tai Chi, and karate classes are building again. Classes are offered indoors, outdoors, and online. Feel free to come check us out.

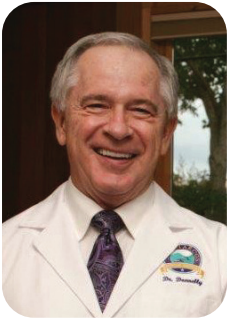
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Understanding aging and oral health

by Robert Donnelly, DDS

The aging population in the United States is growing. Older patients should know that maintaining good oral health is vital to having a healthy smile and optimal overall health. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), oral pain, difficulty eating (due to missing teeth, ill-fitting dentures,

cavities, and gum disease) and tooth loss are all signs of oral health problems in aging adults. Dr. Donnelly can help prevent and detect these oral health problems.

What oral conditions am I more prone to as I age? Dental caries (tooth decay) is one of the main causes of tooth loss or edentulism. About 23 million people are completely edentulous (toothless), according to the American College of Prosthodontists.

Periodontal disease (gum disease) is a chronic bacterial infection that affects the gums and bone supporting your teeth. According to CDC, one out of every two American adults age 30 and older have had gum disease, which can lead to tooth loss.

Xerostomia (dry mouth) is when the salivary glands do not work properly, the amount of saliva in the mouth decreases, resulting in dry mouth, which can lead to decay. Prescription and over-the-counter medications are the most common cause of dry mouth. Dry mouth can make it difficult to eat, swallow, taste, and speak.

Oral cancer, typically is painless in its early stages but can become painful as it spreads. Come see Dr. Donnelly immediately if you observe any of the following – changes in the way your teeth fit together, oral sores that bleed easily or don't heal, lumps, thickening, rough spots, or crusty or eroded areas in your mouth, or difficulty swallowing, chewing, speaking, or moving your jaw or tongue. Dr. Donnelly always performs a head and neck exam to screen for oral cancer during your routine checkups.

If you or someone you know are interested in learning more about maintaining oral hygiene, Dr. Donnelly is here to help you. You can contact San Marcos Gentle Dental by calling 512 396 5225 where we will be happy to get you scheduled. Come see why Dr. Donnelly was voted a Texas Super Dentist by Texas Monthly Magazine and Best Dentist in Hays County!

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Getting soft water doesn't have to be hard

by Randy Lawrence



Considering all of the different water-related products currently being advertised, deciding which technology is right for your water can be confusing for homeowners. Most are aware that a water softener is necessary, yet many will admit that these systems are a mystery to them.

A softener is considered *point of entry* treatment, meaning that all of the water entering your home is treated as it flows through the unit. Water softeners are a proven method of eliminating scale

and salt-based ion exchange is the only technology that physically removes the calcium from your water. Salt-free alternatives leave hardness minerals in your water, which will continue to cause scaling and corrosion. Many current marketing campaigns for alternatives make unsubstantiated claims regarding the efficacy of these products and seek to capitalize on myths surrounding salt-based softening by using outdated facts or overstating figures. Many of these technologies are not new, but simply being re-introduced with catchy new names. What you may not know is that advances in the water treatment industry have resulted in softening systems which are far more salt-efficient and user-friendly than ever.

Water softener pricing and quality can vary greatly. There are units available from \$500 all the way up to \$5,000. The lower priced units do not include installation, which can significantly change the final cost. Then there's the question of who will make

repairs when they become necessary. On the other end, the highest priced units are often so proprietary that parts and service come at a premium. The goal is to find a reliable treatment system that can last for many years without paying too much.

Unless you are a serious do-it-yourselfer, it's probably in your best interest to purchase a unit from a licensed independent dealer who can properly size and install the best unit for your home and remain available after installation to make any necessary adjustments to the equipment. A simple water analysis and a few simple questions will determine the proper softener for your home.

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Five symptoms you should not ignore

by Steven Austin



You know there are health symptoms people should not overlook. Well, it's the same for trees. They often display key symptoms indicating that serious problems exist or could develop if ignored.

Here are five symptoms that merit a call to a certified arborist.

1. Obscured root collars: Most trees, even young ones, exhibit a distinct, visible flare where the stem (trunk) joins the root system. If this flare is covered by soil or mulch, then disease, girdling roots, and insect infestations are more likely to occur. If this condition is allowed to continue untreated and disorders develop, the interruption of water flow from the roots to the branches will lead to the crown's decline. Once the crown is affected, remedial treatments may be unsuccessful in arresting the failure. So, inspecting this critical region for disorders is important. Excavation of the buried root collar is a priority.

2. Bleeding on stems and branches: Wet spots on branches and stems indicate sap flow from wounds that could have been created by insect borers, disease pathogens, or environmental disorders. The sap may be colonized by bacteria and other microorganisms resulting in a discolored flux that may have a sour odor.

3. Delayed budbreak: Trees initiate new growth in spring depending on species, weather conditions, and the health status of the individual plant. If a plant seemed later than usual breaking bud and if the resulting new growth appears sparser than normal, this

could indicate a root or vascular disorder. Delayed bud-break and a sparse crown are expected on newly planted trees.

4. Yellowing and premature loss of leaves in summer: Yellowing and loss of leaves on the interior portions of the crown may simply be indications of water stress (too little or too much) soil moisture. These symptoms commonly occur on birch, maple, tulip tree, and other shallow rooted plants. These symptoms may be an early indication of a root or soil disorder inhibiting water uptake.

5. Premature autumn color and leaf drop: Trees under stress will frequently develop autumn coloration early and cast their leaves prematurely. This condition is most commonly associated with serious root and soil disorders but also can be caused by vascular diseases and certain boring insects.

A yearly check up isn't just a good idea for you. It's great for your trees as well!

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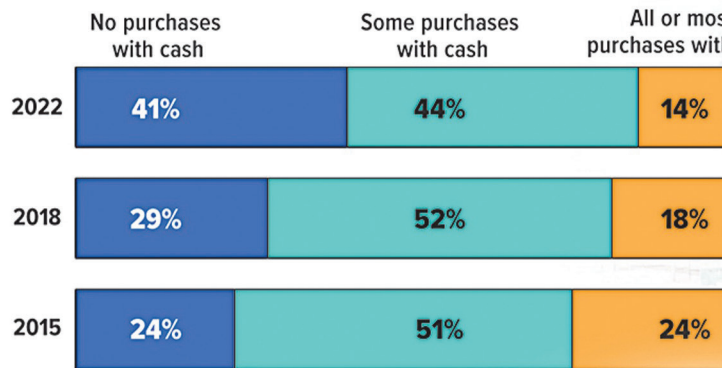
More Americans embrace the cashless economy

by Scott G. Hackett, CFP®

A growing number of Americans are going *cashless* for everyday purchases like groceries, gas, services, and meals compared to previous years. A cashless payment might be made using a debit or credit card, or a payment app or mobile wallet on a smartphone.

In 2022, about 41% of Americans said none of their purchases in a typical week were paid for using cash, up from 29% in 2018 and 24% in 2015. Among affluent households, 59% said they didn't use cash for any typical weekly purchases. The trend of not carrying cash varies by age, with 54% of people under age 50 saying they don't worry much about whether they have cash on hand compared to 28% of people 50 and older.

Percentage of Americans who use cash in a typical week for everyday purchases



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Who gets notice when a will is probated?

by Carrie Campbell



Unlike the dramatic scenes included in movies and television, there is no public reading of a will in Texas. In fact, if there is a will, then only the named beneficiaries under the will are entitled to notice.

The notice must be sent by the executor within 60 days of the order admitting the will to probate. Notice must be given by certified mail, return receipt requested. A

will's *beneficiaries* can include a person, business entity, state, or governmental agency, charitable organization, or trustee of a trust. *Beneficiaries* does not include alternate or contingent heirs; nor does it include family or next of kin that are left out of the will's inheritance.

The notice must contain the following information: 1) the decedent's name 2) a statement that decedent's will has been admitted to probate 3) a statement that the addressee is a named beneficiary in the will and 4) the contact information for the executor. A copy of the will should be provided with the notice as well. A sworn affidavit signed by the executor must be filed with the probate clerk to certify the names and addresses of all beneficiaries and that notice was given to each, and if not, why not.

There are a few exceptions to the notice requirement. If the named executor is a beneficiary under the will, then she or he does

not need notice along with any other beneficiaries that participate in the court case by filing an appearance with the probate clerk. Any beneficiary who receives \$2,000 or less does not have a right to official notice. If an heir receives their inheritance under the will before the 60 days pass, then they do not have to be notified either. Finally, any beneficiary who files a waiver with the court, will not get notice.

By contrast, if the court must determine heirship because there is no will, then all next of kin must be notified – spouse, children, grandchildren, parents, siblings. Any questions about probate should be directed to an attorney experienced in probate law.

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Litigation: The alternate juror

by Roland Brown



Well, here I am. It's 3am and I've dragged myself out of bed after four hours of rest and managed to make a pot of coffee which will hopefully jolt me into some state of awareness sufficient for the task ahead. Recently I wrote an article about the hectic days of a lawyer that precede a jury trial. Those days have just passed for a trial that began yesterday morning

when we selected a jury in a vehicle crash personal injury case. This morning I am up early to do some fine tuning before we begin presenting evidence in just a few hours.

One thing that crosses my mind this morning is that it may not be widely known that we pick one or more *alternate* jurors to hear the evidence in a case. The purpose of adding them to the typical jury of 12 jurors is to avoid a problem if one of the other jurors becomes ill or is otherwise unable to complete their jury service, in which event an alternate juror can fill the spot left by the missing juror and the trial can proceed. Otherwise, unless the attorneys were to agree to continue with less than the full complement of jurors, a mistrial would occur and the process would have to begin again with a new trial setting and jury sometime in the future. In the past, I have been in situations in which we had not selected an alternate juror, and when one of the jurors was unable to continue,

the attorneys agreed to complete the trial with only 11 jurors. In this week's case, we selected one alternate juror because the case will last less than a week, so the likelihood of losing more than one juror is slight. In a longer case, a judge may select more than one alternate as a hedge against multiple jurors becoming ill or otherwise being unable to complete their jury service. If, at the end of the evidence and closing arguments, all the original 12 jurors remain, then the court excuses the alternate juror, thanking them for their service, and the 12 original jurors retire to the jury room and deliberate. So now I get another cup of the coffee and get back to work.

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Cancer screening

by Tracy Sheffield, RVT



People want to know the future. If they didn't, television psychics would be out of work. What if you could know the future without a crystal ball or a television psychic?

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things. When we get health information from tests like these, we know what we need to do for a healthy future.

Now we have a screening test for the presence of cancer. This test is much easier and simpler for a dog than the above mentioned tests are for people. For dogs, the screening is done by testing the blood. Dogs get their annual heartworm test done with a blood draw so adding cancer screening can easily be done at the same time.

It is estimated that one in three dogs will have some form of cancer in their lifetime. Six million dogs are diagnosed with cancer in the United States every year. Some breeds of dogs are much more likely to develop cancer than others. You wouldn't think that a boxer has much in common with a French bulldog, but both of these breeds have a higher tendency for cancer than other breeds.

Talk with your veterinarian about a more complete list of breeds.

Early cancer detection allows more time for important decisions to be made. Sometimes surgery needs to be considered. Other cases may benefit from chemotherapy. Canine chemotherapy is tolerated very well. Chemotherapy is an option to be discussed with your veterinarian. Don't be afraid to have this conversation.

This test is not a predictor of cancer. It determines if cancer cells are present before if can be found on the physical examination or annual blood work. With the help of appropriate cancer screening veterinarians are detecting cancer earlier so dogs can live longer, healthier more comfortable lives. Instead of calling a television psychic, call your veterinarian instead.

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