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Tree Loving Care

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Dear Friends and Fellow Tree Lovers

We have several announcements to make as there have been several changes since the last newsletter.

First, Tree Loving Care is happy to announce that Jeff Floyd has joined the TLC family. Jeff got his BS in biology from UTPB and his MS in Plant and Soil Science from TTU and spent the last 8 years as Horticulture Agent and County Agent for Ector and Midland counties. The County Agent system is part of TAMU and is responsible for getting good horticulture information out to the public. He has also been a Certified Arborist for many years. Jeff is the manager of the Midland office and also oversees all training in TLC as well as the TLC Care, our Plant Health Care program.



TLC also proudly announces that our compost and woodchip mulch are both Corroded Virus free. Neither work very well as toilet paper but may work ok as hand sanitizer. They definitely work well to conserve soil moisture, return nutrients to the soil and promote soil life. In other words, they work to promote soil health.

Last but not least, we have broken ground on new shop and office buildings at TLC Nursery. The nursery is 6 miles west of Wolfforth on FM 1585. We have many beautiful well adapted trees. We look forward to a grand opening in the not too distant future. In the meantime, come out and take a look at the trees. If you have questions about what to plant or any other tree or landscape issue, call one of our Certified Arborists at 877-594-8733

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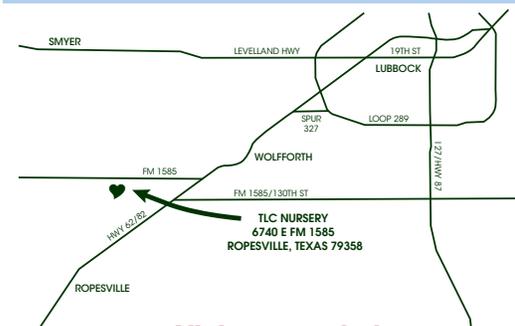
Tree Of The Quarter

Escarpment Live Oak, *Quercus fusiformis*, is native in the Hill Country including the Edwards Escarpment from which it gets its common name. Its range extends as far northwest as a lost population on Lake Allen Henry, between Post and Snyder. That is pretty deep into west Texas. It is a very drought tolerant and cold hardy tree.

Escarpment Live Oak gets to be a large tree, generally up to 45 feet tall and up to twice that wide. Leaves are slightly smaller than Southern Live Oak, *Q. virginiana*. Both are very long lived trees, but both are highly susceptible to Oak Wilt. If you live in a neighborhood with oaks as already the dominant tree genus, you should probably plant something else. That is true of any plant. Diversity is great in the plant world.



Escarpment Live Oak
(*Quercus fusiformis*)



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GIVE YOUR TREES TLC

It does take a lot of water to open buds and leaves as well as put on the entire flush of growth that occurs at this time of year. Fortunately, soil moisture is pretty good right now. The rain has flushed out some of the salts. Leave the sprinkler off for a while. Don't put the salt right back on. With the great soil moisture, it's also a great time for deep root fertilization.

Winter weeds are going like gangbusters. Summer weeds are right around the corner. It's not too late to control them. Give one of our lawn care specialists a call.

The time to treat with Florel to reduce acorn and other fruit and nut production is right now also. TLC Arborists monitor trees daily at this time of year. This is a spray treatment and needs to be done during flowering for best control. The window is very small so give one of our Certified Arborists a call today.

CRITTERS AND CRUDS

Now that spring has sprung, everyone seems to have spring fever. The many critters and cruds that affect trees and the rest of the landscape are no different. So, there is a lot happening right now. If you or your neighbors have had an insect problem for several spring seasons,

this year will probably be no different. Don't wait until the problem is a big problem and has done a lot of damage to your landscape. Call one of our Certified Arborists today at 877-594-8733.

TLC UPDATE

James Tuttle recently taught a class for the Midland Master Gardeners and other interested individuals on How to Identify To Identify Trees During The Dormant Season. This is a 4 part series on the second Tuesday running through June. James will also be teaching the class on May 12, titled 'How to Identify a Sick Tree and Determine if it is Safe'. Jeff Floyd will be teaching 'How to Prune Trees and How to use them in the Landscape' on June 9. The classes are free but you do need to register at www.westtexasgardening.org, as they need to know how many to prepare food for. Yes, it includes a meal. Not a bad price, huh? All of the classes are 6-8 pm at the TAMU Center, 24445 E Hwy 80, Midland, TX.

TLC Nursery has an excellent selection of trees. Come out to the nursery, 6 miles west of Wolfforth on FM 1585 and take a look.

A TLC crew also recently participated in a work day at Lubbock Arboretum, pruning several trees along University Av. Come by and visit Lubbock Arboretum.

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