

# Texas Rural Living—Landscape & Irrigation

## March Newsletter



## A MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE...

Hello Friends

And they're off...

Maintenance season is now in full swing. March 1st brings the beginning of mowing season as well as the anticipation of the beginning of spring.

Spring is always an exciting time. New life, fresh starts and warm sunny days always make us realize the beauty of what we have been given. Take time this spring to give thanks for what you have and for the beauty that we all get to see as baby animals are born, wildflowers bloom and the sun sets in a beautiful sky at the end of the day.

As always, we appreciate your business and your continued referrals to your friends and neighbors. As spring gets busier and busier, don't hesitate to call if we can be of service to you in any way. Spring is one of the best things about living in Clifton and Bosque County!

From my desk...

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### Special points of interest:

- March 1st: Beginning of maintenance season
- March 1st-5th: Texas Independence Week Celebration: Bosque County Style
- March 14th: Daylight Savings Time begins

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## WEBSITE DETAILS...

Be sure to check us out on the web. Our website will be changing through out the next several months so keep checking it out. You will find helpful information as well as the latest and past editions of the newsletter. You will also be able to find picture galleries of our maintenance properties, landscaping projects and

other special projects we have completed. Let us know what you think and if you have an idea for the website, feel free to let me know.

[www.texasruralliving.com](http://www.texasruralliving.com)

## LAWN MAINTENANCE NEWS...

Monday, March 1st will begin the 2010 lawn maintenance season. For those of you who take advantage of our annual maintenance plan, this will be the start of routine maintenance on your property. Please be patient with us at first as we work to make a schedule that meets the demands of your property. Once that schedule is established, you will then be able to expect us on that particular day...and even pretty close to the same time.

If you are not on our annual maintenance plan, feel free to give us a call for an estimate or even for just a one time lawn maintenance service. We offer a variety of plans to meet the specific needs for your property. Let us put our professional attitude and professional workmanship to work for you.



## LANDSCAPE INFORMATION...

### **PINK SKULL CAP**-(picture at right)

Pink skull cap is a low maintenance, heat tolerant, native perennial with masses of showy pink flowers. It often grows 12" -15" tall and wide has a dark green, semi-evergreen foliage. Pink skull cap will bloom

from spring to first frost. It does not have to be trimmed back but can be trimmed to keep a fresh appearance as the plant matures. This perennial is attractive to bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds. Pink skull cap is an excellent plant choice for bed borders. It grows best when planted in full sun.



## IRRIGATION CONVERSATION...

### **RAINWATER HARVESTING**—

With water conservation being very important these days, rainwater harvesting is becoming the new 'green technology' for irrigation. **BUSHMAN** offers a variety of above ground rainwater harvesting tank system packages, ranging from the basic tank only, to a complete harvesting system that includes the connection kit, filtering accessories and an external pressure pump. Rainwater harvesting is an

excellent way to conserve water and still maintain a beautiful landscape.

**BUSHMAN** offers aesthetically pleasing styles and colors provided as complete system packages that are designed with the customer in mind. Tanks can be installed against a wall or on the ground, at virtually any desired location.

Call of the office TODAY for more infor-

mation on how rainwater harvesting could benefit you.



## HELPFUL HINTS AROUND THE YARD...and the house this month

### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME—

Sunday, March 14th we will once again adjust our clocks to meet the demands of Daylights Savings Time. While none of us really know why we do this time change twice a year, it can be used as a good reminder for an important task that is often overlooked...battery changing.

Since the time change usually falls in early spring, this is a good time to change the battery in your irrigation clock and to make sure that the time is adjusted for the new spring schedule. This is also a good time to program the control clock for spring watering and early summer watering schedules. We can also use this time to run a diagnostic check

on your irrigation system to see if it is ready to operate properly for the new growing season. This is a very important maintenance task that should be performed on your irrigation system each year. This will ensure that you are operating properly and scheduled correctly so that you are conserving water and saving money.

Even more important than the battery in your irrigation clock is the battery in your smoke or carbon monoxide detectors. These are two life saving devices that should be operating at all times on your property. Let daylight savings time be your reminder to help protect you and your property throughout 2010.

Call the office or send an email if you want to

be placed on our irrigation maintenance check list and have your system tested this spring. Most of our regular lawn maintenance customer take advantage of this service, however if you are unsure about being on the irrigation maintenance check list, don't hesitate to call. We will also be happy to change the battery in your smoke or carbon monoxide detectors if you need assistance.



## SERVICES PROVIDED TO OUR CUSTOMERS...

The following is a list of services provided by Texas Rural Living. If you have a project but do not see it on the list, please contact us.

- Lawn Maintenance
- Landscape Design
- Landscape Installation
- Landscape Maintenance

- Landscape Renovations & Updates
- Irrigation Design
- Irrigation Installation
- Irrigation Repair and Maintenance
- Irrigation Retrofits for water conservation
- Ornamental & Turf Plant Pest Control
- Winter Clean Up and Leaf Removal
- Holiday Lighting



## IRRIGATION DIAGNOSTICS



Even with above average rainfall this winter, spring is an excellent time to have your irrigation system checked to make sure it is working properly and efficiently. Be sure to get on the irrigation diagnostics test list during the months of March and April so that when it does stop raining...like it always will...we can help maintain that beautiful lawn and landscape. Irrigation Diagnostics Tests are FREE and we will be happy to give you an estimate of any repairs that may need to be done. Help conserve water and save MONEY!



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A professional lawn, landscape & irrigation company goes beyond taking over a chore that the property owner does not want to perform.

A professional company looks forward to a long-term working partnership - with the property owner - to create a property to be proud of and enjoyed, for years to come.

WE ARE A PROFESSIONAL COMPANY.

Texas Independence to be Celebrated Across Bosque County

BOSQUE COUNTY—March 2nd is Texas Independence Day, a time for us Texans, Texian and Tejanos to remember why our homeland is so important to us. To love Texas and to understand what it means to be a Texan, one needs a sense of the history of our great state and the struggles our pioneers had and the joy of living in it's abundance of animal life, streams, springs, timber and prairies.

Back in June 2008, a group of interested Texans started to work on a project to celebrate Texas Independence Week, March 1st—7th. We all have family members that helped build America and Texas. Looking forward, we believe that we need to talk, teach and celebrate the history of our past.

Memorial services throughout the county will be dedicated to the memory of the heroic frontiersmen and women who, by their sacrifices, prepared the way for the prosperity which Texas now enjoys. Be sure to attend at least one of the celebrations to be held across the county.

- Monday, March 1st: Meridian-Courthouse 6:30 PM, Valley Mills-Depot 6:30 PM
Tuesday, March 2nd: Clifton-Heritage Plaza, 4:00 PM, Clifton-Bosque Museum, 6:30 PM, Kopperl-School, 11:00 AM
Thursday, March 4th: Walnut Springs-Museum, 6:30 PM
Friday, March 5th: Valley Mills-Elementary, 10:00 AM, Meridian-Cemetery, 10:00 AM, Cranfills Gap-Cafeteria, 6:30 PM
Saturday, March 6th: Clifton, Civic Center, 12:00 PM

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Texas State Symbols...how many did you already know...honestly?

- Motto: Friendship, Reptile: Horned Lizzard (horny toad)
Seashell: Lightning whelk, Plant: Prickly pear cactus
Grass: Sideoats gramma, Song: Texas Our Texas
Dish: Chili, Fish: Guadalupe bass
Dance: Square Dance, Fiber: Cotton
Pepper: Jalapeno, Bird: Mockingbird
Instrument: Guitar, Flower: Bluebonnet
Stone: Petrified palmwood, Sport: Rodeo
Fruit: Texas Red Grapefruit, Shrub: Crepe myrtle
Gem: Texas blue topaz, Flag: Lone Star
Tree: Pecan, Large Mammal: Texas longhorn
Insect: Monarch Butterfly, Small Mammal: Armadillo

