

**ON THE RANCH NEWSLETTER – APRIL 27, 2018** 

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### HAPPY NATIONAL ARBOR DAY!

The first American Arbor Day was originated in Nebraska City, Nebraska by J. Sterling Morton. On April 10, 1872, an estimated one million trees were planted in Nebraska.

Birdsey Northrop of Connecticut was responsible for globalizing the idea when he visited Japan in 1883 and delivered his Arbor Day and Village

Improvement message. In that same year, the American Forestry Association made Northrop the Chairman of the committee to campaign for Arbor Day nationwide. He also brought his enthusiasm for Arbor Day to Australia, Canada, and Europe.

Arbor Day is a holiday in which individuals and groups are encouraged to plant trees. Today, many countries observe such a holiday. Though usually observed in the spring, the date varies, depending on climate and suitable planting season.

#### **USE CAUTION AT CROSSWALKS**

With the continued sunny weather, many people are out enjoying the great outdoors, and walking the tree lined sidewalks. Throughout Palmer Ranch, there are designed crosswalks. Some people misunderstand the purpose and meaning of a crosswalk, believing it is the only place pedestrians are *permitted* to cross the street. That is not the case. A crosswalk is where drivers are expected to yield (if possible) to pedestrians. Drivers approaching crosswalks – either marked or unmarked – must yield to pedestrians who are legally in the crosswalk and approaching closely enough to be in conflict.



Pedestrians cannot enter the crosswalk at any time they wish. One cannot expect a driver to do the impossible, such as coming to a stop from 45 mph in 100 feet. Pedestrians must give drivers adequate time and distance to react and stop.

## **News You Can Use**

### HONORE AVENUE / BAY STREET ROUNDABOUT

We have been advised that construction on the Bay Street roundabout will begin the first week of May. Construction is estimated to take 6 months to complete, weather permitting.

## Save the Date

### STONEYBROOK GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB IS HOSTING MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH - FLYER ATTACHED



Stoneybrook Golf & Country Club is hosting Mother's Day Brunch on **Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am to 3:00pm.** Cost is \$32.95++ (adults), \$16.95++ (children under 10). No blue jeans permitted. Stoneybrook Golf and Country Club is located at 8801 Stoneybrook Blvd. For more information please call (941) 918-9595 or email: <u>kathleen@stoneybrookgcc.com</u>.



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# **On The Grounds**

### **DWARF CONFEDERATE JASMINE (TRACHELOSPERMUM JASMINOIDES)**

Confederate Jasmine grows as a neat tangle of slender wiry stems covered with thick glossy evergreen leaves that are long, oval shaped, and pointed at both ends. During April and May the plant goes two-tone as it flushes light green with new growth and tiny white blossoms appear. Pest-free, relatively easy to maintain, drought resistant and heavenly fragrant, Confederate Jasmine is probably the South's favorite flowering vine. It makes a good groundcover for large areas where it will scramble all over itself and may be sheared to maintain a consistent height.



Palmer Ranch uses Confederate Jasmine at the Palmer Ranch Parkway West / Beneva and McIntosh / US41 entrances.

# Happenings at Oscar Scherer State Park

Oscar Scherer State Park is located at 1843 South Tamiami Trail, in Osprey. For more information regarding the event listed below, contact the Ranger Station at (941) 483-5956 or visit <u>www.floridastateparks.org/park-events/Oscar-Scherer</u>.



## GUIDED SCRUB JAY WALK - SUNDAY, APRIL 29<sup>th</sup>- 8:30am to 10:00am

This weekly walk begins at the Nature Center and includes an informative walk through an ancient dune system. This unique habitat is home to the threatened Florida scrub-jay and a variety of plants and other animals.

Space is limited to 15 people. There is no cost to participate other than normal park entrance fees for day-use visitors.



Do you want to hear about the news on Palmer Ranch first hand? If so, simply visit our website: <u>www.PalmerRanch.net</u>. At the bottom of the home page, simply click on 'Sign Up For Our Newsletter.' You'll then be asked to provide your email address and first name. It's that easy!

Palmer Ranch Master Association – Mission Statement 'Our mission is to enhance and maintain the aesthetic quality of Palmer Ranch and to preserve the overall unique identity and sense of community.'



Sunday, May 13, 2018 10:00am-3:00pm

Omelet Station & Breakfast Specialties Made to order

Fresh Fruit Mirror Scrambled Eggs, Eggs Benedict Applewood Bacon Breakfast Sausage

Freshly Baked Buttermilk Biscuits with Sawmill Gravy

> Composed Bistro Salads Poached Shrimp Antipasto Platter

Sour Cream Mashed Potatoes Market Vegetables Wild Rice Carved Certified Angus Beef Strip Loin Glazed Smoked Pit Ham

Salad Bar Featuring: Field fresh greens, Assorted Toppings, and Home made Dressings

Waffle Bar with Toppings

Oven Roasted Salmon with Sun Dried Tomato Beurre Blanc

Dessert Display With Pastries, Pies, Sticky Buns Cookies and Eclairs

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Please call 941-918-9595 for Reservations

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