Express News Tasks

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* It is time to fertilize the lawn. A formula of 19-5-9 with sulfur and iron works well. Apply the fertilizer at the lowest rate recommended on the bag to achieve the desired 1lb of nitrogen per 1000 sq. ft. of lawn.
* Prior to the lawn irrigation season have your irrigation contractor conduct a comprehensive maintenance examination of your system to insure there are no leaks and that the rain sensor is functioning.
* Plant milkweed in your landscape to provide a Monarch egg-laying site. Use native milkweed if it is available. Some of the native species and the tropical milkweed have attractive blooms that provide nectar to most butterfly species in addition to providing an egg-laying site for Monarchs.
* Plant peppers, eggplant, okra and southern peas in the vegetable garden. Retail nurseries also have summer squash, zucchini, cantaloupe, and watermelon transplants. Begin harvest of your potatoes when the plants bloom. Dig up all of the potatoes when the tops die.