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A home with history

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"If you look at the roof, there's a little bit that's a different color red from the rest."

She recounts a dramatic event in the history of the home. A few years ago, a high energy storm bolted across Ferdinand, felling a power line between the Browns' house and Circle S gas station. The power line "went crazy," and when the Fire Department arrived on the scene, they looked up and noticed smoke rising from the corner of the Browns' home. A corner of the roof had caught fire!

Thankfully, the damage was not severe, and the Browns were able to repair it quickly

without losing the entirety of the red tin. Two red panels, slightly darker from the rest, on the Northwest corner of the roof are a barely noticeable reminder.

As for now, the Browns continue to research their home, collecting stories and memorabilia. They would love to collect some of the money from the original banks.

"To think that it was built around the time that Abraham Lincoln was assassinated kind of blows my mind," shares Rhacia.

"To think of all the people that have lived here...It was a doctor's office — just think of all the things that could have happened here! You never know," smiles Stephen.

How to control common spring pests

Just when winter thaws out and people are anxious to enjoy the blooming flowers and luscious lawns of spring, pesky pests can appear and impact comfort levels and safety.

Many pests resume their levels of activity as spring draws closer and temperatures warm up. The presence of these insects and rodents may cause problems in and around a home, which makes it essential to recognize them and avoid issues. The following are some of the more common spring pests and how to remedy infestations.

Pavement ants

Pavement ants are some of the most common pests residents encounter inside and outside their homes. These ants are light brown to black with appendages that are lighter than the rest of their bodies. Small in stature, pavement ants have parallel lines



Ants are a nuisance that become more active as the weather warms.

on their heads and thorax, according to pest extermination company Orkin.

Although pavement ants nest outdoors, they can enter homes through small crevices in search of food scraps.

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