- THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 2021

Expensive dilemma in little garden I have an expensive di- my vegetables is a whole Backyard Wildlife Habitat and pencil-size slug-eating couraging toolshed-nesting mercial repellents work

lemma in my little garden, 'nother issue. thanks to an appreciation of

tions are one thing, but keep- great and small to my little with songbirds, flying squir-

welcome sign, courtesy of I asked for it in the first the National Wildlife Fedwildlife. My altruistic inten- place, inviting all critters eration. And it has paid off ing voracious interlopers off urban plot. Even put up a rels, owls, different lizards

"worm" snakes, lightening bugs, native pollinator flies and bees, and so much more. I do have a few rules about their behavior, including dis-

NOTICE **POLLING PLACE CHANGE** IN THE CITY OF DURANT WARD 5 ONLY

The Polling place in Durant at the National Guard located at 16110 North Jackson Street, Durant, MS has been changed to the New Senior Citizen Bldg. in Durant, MS located at 460 Northwest Depot Street, Durant, MS effective immediately for WARD 5 VOTERS ONLY.

Therefore, all voters who will be casting a ballot in the upcoming Municipal Primary Election for Mayor and all Alderpersons will have to do so at the New Senior Citizen Bldg. 460 Northwest Depot Street in Durant, MS IF YOU LIVE IN WARD 5.

ALL OTHER POLLING PLACES WILL REMAIN THE SAME, TO-WIT:

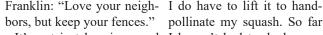
- WARD 1 VOTERS-- VOTE @ THE WALTER **BRUCE COMMUNITY CENTER** 82 MARTIN LUTHER KING
- WARD 2 VOTERS--VOTE @ THE OLD LIBERTY **HILL CHURCH 50 ATTALA STREET**
- WARD 3 VOTERS--VOTE @ THE FIRE BAY IN THE DURANT CITY HALL 253 W. MULBERRY STREET

WARD 4 VOTERS--VOTE IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM IN THE **DURANT CITY HALL** 253 W. MULBERRY STREET

wasps, and relocating big well, if at all, or for long. spiders when they try to If they did, we would ALL entangle me on my paths. know about it by now, I won't tolerate venomous and we seasoned experts snakes, but I leave harm- wouldn't have pests in our less others to keep rodents own gardens.

along with a colony of tick- and flea larvae-eating fire ants out by the street, long as they keep to themselves.

But now, after starting a new raised bed as a Covid project, I have had to dust off a phrase popularized by Ben



relations; in my case it be- small electric fence setup. came a literal thing when my Permanent fencing isn't otherwise wonderful neigh- cheap, and none of it is easy bor starting allowing rac- or terribly attractive, but they coons to share cat food with work. Repeat this in your his old kitty.

I generally don't mind work. them, as long as they don't I put posts around my little and let loose in my garden. and harvesting. spring.

my generous spread.

as an Extension horticul- cent wildlife friendly. Still, turist, and many years of I'm ready, if that's what it working with fellow horti- takes to avoid wasting monculturists and garden con- ey, effort, and precious time sultants, including many in the garden. who manage botanic gar- Felder Rushing is a Misdens, I know a thing or sissippi author, columnist, two about garden pests. and host of the "Gestalt Gar-And we all agree, from dener" on MPB Think Radio. collective experience and Email gardening questions to deep research, that in most rushingfelder@yahoo.com.

cases neither the countless anecdotal pie-in-the-sky home remedies nor com-

in check. Heck, I even get So what do I do? In a word,

I fence. Hog wire or dog fencing for determined big animals, chicken wire for smaller foragers, and netting for birds and insects. The lightweight netting is a must for keeping cabbage moths and squash vine borers from lay-

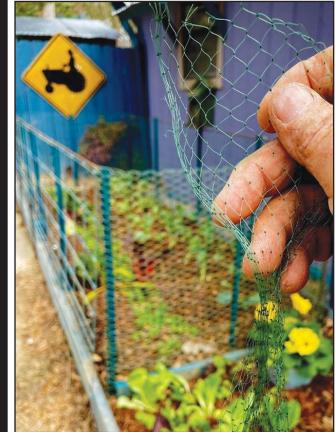
ing eggs, though Franklin: "Love your neigh- I do have to lift it to hand-It's not just keeping good I haven't had to deploy my

mind: fences and screening

burrow under my cabin. But raised bed, attached permawhen they are done feeding nent fencing to the ends and next door, they swing by my back side, and made a relittle kitchen garden for late movable front side panel and night snacks. They, and the easy-lift top panel for easy orphaned 'possum I rescued access to digging, planting,

And squirrels, and neigh- Under the creative spell bors' feral cats, and various of boredom I spray painted rodents. And butterflies with the fencing for more color their ravenous caterpillar off- in the little garden, because why not? Some folks wear So far the deer that oc- lipstick and mascara. Set a casionally roam alongside little birdhouse on one of the the creek across the street fence posts, and a simple but haven't found what's left of cheery scarecrow on another. It all helps me smile.

Anyway, after decades So, yeah. I'm not 100 per-





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THE PRIMARY ELECTION DATE IN DURANT WILL **BE APRIL 6, 2021 FOR ALL QUALIFIED MUNICIPAL VOTERS. VOTERS WHO ARE NOT REGISTERED** TO VOTE IN THE CITY OF DURANT WILL NOT BE **ELIGIBLE** TO VOTE IN THE APRIL 6 MUNICIPAL ELECTION.

IF QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT URSULA PERRY, CITY CLERK IN DURANT @ 662/653-3314, EXT. 201

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