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The Little Great Horned Owl

By Suzanne Fontenot-Williams

You just never know what you might find walking around the trails of WWL. While I was walking my dog one afternoon, just passing the tot lot, I noticed (well my dog noticed first) a small baby horned owl. It was just sitting at the base of a large pine tree, hanging on with very strong talons. I didn't do anything to it at first, just walked by. Then, I thought I should call my husband to let him know as he was going to be walking our other dog right by that same spot. He suggested he come out with a box and collect it.

So, wearing protective gloves, he gently picked up the little guy. He said the owl wasn't even scared, didn't try to get away. He put it in a bucket and took it to the house. Meanwhile, I called some of my animal knowledgeable friends to find out what to do. We couldn't see a nest or mother owl anywhere nearby. I don't even know what an owl nest looks like or how high it might be.

Consensus was to get it off the ground, while keeping it in the same area. This would protect it from other animals and curious children. So, we built a little ledge and attached a bowl to the top and filled it pine needles. With some help from Bob Magee, we were able to attach the ledge about 8 or 9 feet up off the ground. My husband then climbed up on the ladder and placed the little furry baby in the bowl. At first, he just laid on his back, with his little talons sticking straight up. Eventually he righted himself and sat up. Not scared, not nervous. On the next trip around the same spot, my husband noticed him making his way back down the tree. So, he put him back up. Next sighting, he was heading UP the tree. Bob checked on the little makeshift nest that night and again the next morning. No sign of the little guy, so he took the nest down, with hopes that maybe he made his way back to the nest.

So, when you are walking or jogging around the lakes, keep your eyes open for the unusual sighting. Just remember to be careful and don't injure yourself or what curious find you have encountered.



If you find an injured animal, be cautious if approaching. Many injured animals can be taken to TWRC where they can be rehabilitated and returned to the wild (if possible). I have taken several abandoned animals there. They rely on donations, so if you do take an injured or abandoned animal to them, please make some sort of donation.

Enjoy the lakes and trails and keep your eyes open for surprises...

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We are looking for groups or individuals to entertain us at our lighting ceremony. If you know of any school groups, choirs, quartets, etc., that would be willing to perform, please let us know. I know we have a lot of talented people in our neighborhood; dancers, singers, musicians etc., and we need you to step up and let your light shine. Please email me at terry214@live.com with your suggestions.

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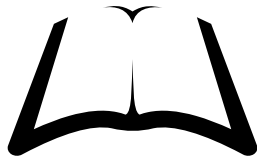
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The Woodwind Lakes Bible Study will begin again on Thursday, September 11, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. We will meet at the home of Sandi Whitworth, 7815 Allegro Drive, Houston, TX 77040. (713-896-8320)

Our Fall session is a new Bible Study from Beth Moore titled Children of the Day. It covers a wide variety of topics, including family, prayer, ministering to others, and prophecies and consists of a verse-by-verse study of 1 and 2 Thessalonians with 9-session study and 8 sessions of homework.




Women's Club of Woodwind Lakes

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The Women's Club officers have met and the kick-off meeting for 2014-2015 is scheduled for September 16 at 10am at the home of Pres. Gail Ford, 7614 Rolling Rock St. Meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month from September through May. The annual dues are \$25. We invite the ladies of Woodwind Lakes to come and check us out – join us for a year of fun activities. For more information about the Women's Club, please contact: Gail Ford (ggford@sbcglobal.net), Lynn Collins (lynn.collins@garygreene.com), Lynne James (stevelynne@sbcglobal.net), or Chris Wheeler (mchriswheeler@sbcglobal.net). Hope to see you in September!

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We still don't know why autism and other developmental disorders occur. Their causes are likely a combination of genetics, chemicals and other unknown factors. But this latest study underscores the importance of being aware that pesticides affect us; knowing when to use them, and being attentive to how we apply them to avoid unnecessary exposure to ourselves, family, neighbors, pets and wildlife. When and if you need to use a pesticide we urge you to apply them responsibly:

1. Identify the cause of the problem - it could be fungal, insect, viral or bacterial. If you are not sure what is causing your lawn, tree, or plant to not be at its best, please call us at 281-440-5161.
2. Eliminate what attracts pests or creates ideal breeding conditions – standing water, pet droppings, and fallen fruit. Keep wood piles, groundcovers and shrubs away from the outside surfaces of your house.
3. Don't stockpile pesticides. Buy only enough for one season.
4. Always read the entire label first and follow the directions.
5. Mix and use only the amount you need. If you only need to treat a small area, consider a ready-to-use formulation rather

than a product you have to mix yourself.

6. Treat only the area that needs to be treated. Avoid applying a spray or dust on a windy day.

7. Rinse all pesticide application equipment only over the treated area. Sweep or blow granules that fell on porches, driveways and sidewalks back onto the treated area.

8. Always use dry sawdust or kitty litter to soak up a liquid spill and then sweep it into a plastic garbage bag for disposal; don't use water to rinse or clean up a liquid spill.

9. Never pour any leftover pesticide down the sink, toilet, sewer or storm drain.

10. When watering a treated area don't overwater allowing the pesticide to drain into in-lawn and storm drains.

11. Always keep the pesticide in its original container and make sure it is securely closed. Store the container in a safe place away from children and pets.

12. Dispose of unused pesticide according to the instructions on the product label. Do not reuse an empty pesticide container. An empty pesticide container contains residue and should be handled carefully and according to the label instructions.

13. If you hire a professional pest control company, be sure their operators are licensed and certified according to state and local laws. Talk with them to understand what pesticides they will apply. Tell them about any do-it-yourself product that you may be using as it may interfere with products they may use. Ask about steps that you can take to help keep pests from entering your home.

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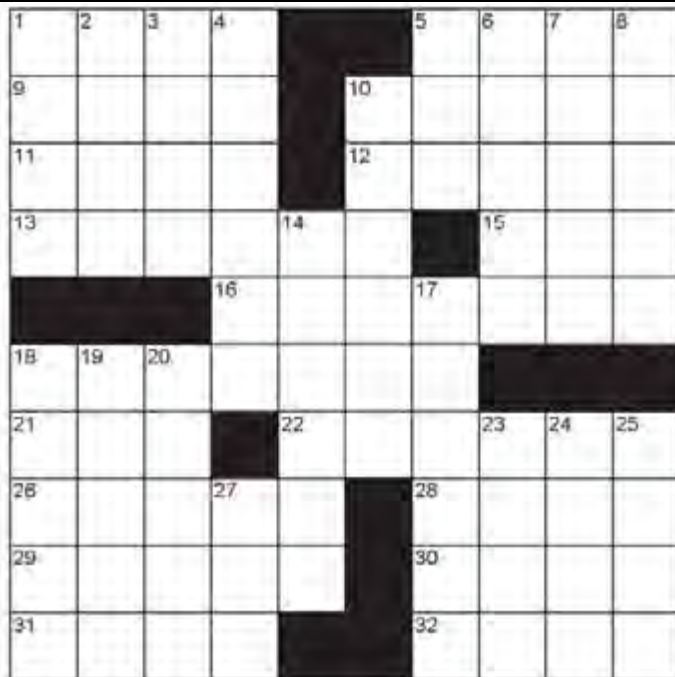
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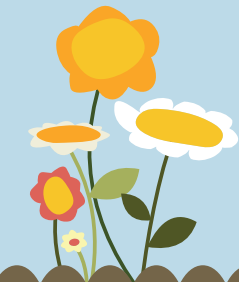
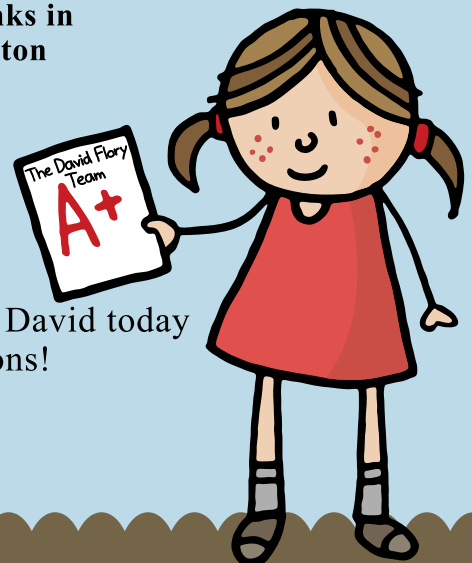
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