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SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2017 / 12:30—3:30PM / RAIN OR SHINE

Swing by the market with your mom, family and friends and celebrate Mother's Day together with our vendors and volunteers. While shopping the market listen to well-crafted music and melodies by Bridgeland singer Mike Gilbert.

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The Farmers Market at Bridgeland www.farmersmarketatbridgeland.org http://www.facebook.com/TheFarmersMarketAtBridgeland

Attention Parents of Graduating Seniors!

We would like to recognize our graduating seniors by including a small picture and a few lines about where your child will be attending college. Please send your information to articles@peelinc.com (include the newsletter you would like to recognize them in, photo, name, etc).



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A newsletter for Bridgeland residents.

The Times is a monthly newsletter mailed to all Bridgeland residents. Each newsletter is filled with valuable information about the community, local area activities, school information and more.

If you are involved with a school group, play group, scouts, sports activity, social group, etc. and would like to submit an article for the newsletter you can do so online at www.PEELinc.com or you can email it bridgeland@peelinc.com. Personal news for the Stork Report, Teenage Job Seekers, special celebrations, birthday announcements and military service are also welcome. Our goal is to keep you informed!

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Todd Sanchir- Publicity 3W- Cypress Ranch How Key Club Benefits our Society

In your opinion, which is more important-doing things for the good of the individual or the good of the society?

One of Key Club's sole principles is to help out the community in any way shape or form through volunteering. Doing things for the good of the community is a default when it comes to volunteering. Whether it's helping kids out with math tutoring at nearby schools, or aiding the less fortunate through food drives, Key Club will always strive to help out the community, to better strengthen our society.

While doing things for the good of the individual may seem as the right choice, it is evident that everyone isn't as well off as others, and we need to be the first responders in times when they are in need of help, big or small. Volunteering brings individuals together, forming a stronger community and society.

For example, if there is no one to help out with a certain volunteering event, then there is more work that needs to be

done within the individuals organizing the event, that could be easily done amongst volunteers. Helping out with what needs to be done at events allows for a more smooth ride, which benefits all that re both volunteering and participating in the event. Volunteers help out during events to make things easier, which ties for the good of society. Any form of service is considered beneficial to the community, even if those are being impacted indirectly.

Individuals make up our society, and without those who seek doing things for the good of the people, we would be nowhere today. Concerning Key Club, those individuals are our volunteers who strive during each event to do all they can to make a difference when they serve our community. Without them, Key Club wouldn't be what it is, and there would certainly be a void to fill within the world of service.

It is easy to think that you should just worry about yourself and not be entitled to help out others. When you sign up to be a Key Club volunteer, you understand and realize just what it means to put others needs before yourself. Whether you're assigned to just move and set up equipment or assist the elderly, all events matter and are centered around putting the good of society before yourself as an individual.

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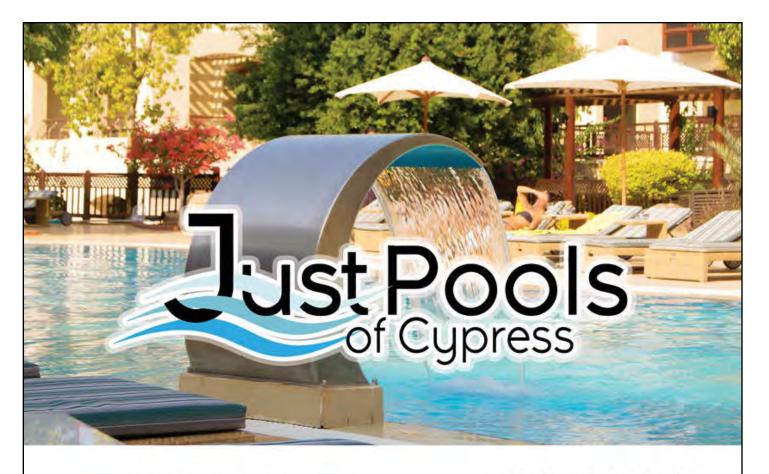
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Fairfield Fall Soccer Season

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2016 Statistics; 114 teams; 808 players participating & over 150 volunteer parents to help develop and foster a love for the game.

The fall season runs from August to November. The tentative dates for the 2017 season are:

- Player Assessments Ages 7-12, June 17th and/or June 24th.
- Practices are starting July 31st (tentative).
- The season starts August 26th, and ends the weekend of November 11th.

Weather permitting all teams will play a minimum of 10 games. Ages 7-12 will play 8 league games followed by a tournament. All coaches must complete a background check.

For more info and registration visit our website: http://www.fairfieldsports.net

I hope to see you in the Summer & Fall!

Rene Salas

FSA Soccer Commissioner / soccer@fairfieldsports.net (new email)



Cy-Fair Republican Women May Meeting

Tuesday, May 9th will be CFRW General Meeting from 10:30 AM - Noon.

Meeting is \$3 -- Meeting w/Lunch at Noon is \$23.

Hearthstone Country Club, 7615 Ameswood, Houston, TX 77095 All are welcome! Come and enjoy like-minded fellowship and relevant speakers.

RSVP to www.cfrw.net by May 2nd. We look forward to seeing you there!

We have a Scholarship available for a female college student. Go to www.cfrw.net for criteria and application. Deadline is June 15th.

Our "After Hours" Event for March was a tour and lunch at the Steamboat House on Beltway 8. Owner Charlie Fogarty conducted the tour and everyone thoroughly enjoyed it. Check the website for future events.

SAVE the DATE—November 3rd for High Heels & High Tea at Sterling CC. Watch this space or website for further details.



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Cost: \$115 Free range balls, cart, green fees, two drinks on course, tournament prize, and dinner. (If you do not have a foursome, we will pair you with others)

All proceeds benefit Acts of Wisdom and help to expand our

presence in rural Africa to help give more children the materials they need for school. For a registration form or to be a sponsor at any level, please go to actsofwisdom.com.

ACTS of Wisdom grew out of founder Pastor Brad Otto's experiences in Ethiopia and the Book of Acts where an Ethiopian Eunuch asks the Apostle Philip about Jesus. Philip is stunned that he doesn't know, to which the eunuch replies, "No one has ever taught me." Part of the cycle of poverty is not having access to quality education, or having inadequate supplies for education. 145 million children in the world do not have access to education, yet children still dream of becoming doctors, lawyers, and teachers.

At ACTS of Wisdom we believe every child, everywhere, should have access to education and to teachers willing to take time to teach them. Our hope is that through bettering the education opportunities of children, we might be able to help end the cycle of poverty, and begin to have peace in our world.

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AHFC Junior Hurricanes UHSL) Soccer Fall Tryouts & Evaluations May/June 2017

Albion Hurricanes FC (AHFC), established in 1989, is leading the way in South Texas youth soccer by inspiring and developing young men and women through world class coaching and innovative techniques, as well as instilling the proper framework, self-esteem, confidence and sportsmanship within our athletes.

AHFC has multiple campuses in and around Houston . The club invites all interested players from the ages of 7 to 18, to the Player Tryouts & Evaluations and to become part of our success. We ask that all interested players pre-register before coming out to the fields. Please visit albionhurricanes.org for details about your particular campus.

AHFC offers JHSL (a recreational program for 5 - 10 year old) at our Cy Fair and Central locations and offers additional training at Katy Friday Night Academy.

Visit albionhurricanes.org for times and dates.

Cypress Area Food Pantry

Do you know of someone who has trouble putting food on the table? Maybe their employment was suddenly terminated; maybe it's a choice between medications or food; for whatever reason a family can find themselves in a situation where they need a little help.

Fountain of Life Church of God on Mueschke Road runs a food pantry on Mondays from 3:30 pm to 6:00 pm and the only requirement is that the client should live in zip code 77433 and west of Skinner 77429. For more information, contact 281-373-9337. Food donations

and volunteers are also greatly appreciated.

Computerized job search and resume preparation and printing are also available.





The Houston Choral Society Presents "Music Fit for a King" May 6, 2017

The Houston Choral Society (HCS) culminates its 30th season with magnificent and regal works in its Music Fit for a King concert on Saturday, May 6 at 7:30 PM at The Foundry United Methodist Church.

This inspiring concert, directed by HCS Artistic Director Dr. Kevin M. Klotz, features Handel's "Coronation Anthem Zadok the Priest," Mozart's "Coronation Mass," and John Rutter's "This is the Day" that was composed for the wedding of HRH Prince William and Miss Catherine Middleton.

Handel composed his four coronation anthems between September and October 1727, producing some of the most spine-tingling choral music of the Baroque period. Zadok the Priest is by far the most popular of the four. Composed for the coronation of King George II of England in 1727, this anthem has been performed at every coronation since then. Its adrenaline rush of an introduction, with its teasing promise of release only to start again, is only a warm-up for what is to come. As the regal strings build, it's still a surprise when the trumpets and choir burst onto the scene with their triumphant outpouring of joy, gradually climaxing in a full seven-part choir singing 'God save the King!'

Mozart's triumphal Mass in C Major, K. 317, is one of his most

popular and enduring works. It is known as the Coronation Mass, a nickname it acquired following a performance conducted by Antonio Salieri in 1791 in Prague at the coronation of Leopold II as King of Bohemia. This festive setting of the mass combines soloists, chorus, and orchestra in a brilliant and virtuosic style. In addition, Mozart uses the same thematic ideas from the first movement in the final movement, bringing a sense unity to this magnificent and rousing composition!

In addition, the 75-member chorus will be singing two numbers specifically composed for the coronations of British Royalty - C. Hubert H. Parry's "I was Glad When They Said Unto Me" composed for the coronation of King Edward VII in 1902 and Ralph Vaughn Williams' "O Taste and See" that was composed for the coronation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in 1953.

"On this concert, we are featuring works that were performed at royal celebrations," said Dr. Klotz. "Come and experience the dramatic and rousing quality of these compositions as the Houston Choral Society presents some of the most magnificent and regal music ever written!"

Guest soloists for this concert are soprano Cynthia Clayton,

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mezzo-soprano Sonja Bruzauskas, tenor Nicholas Szoeke, and bass Leon Turner.

Ticket prices are \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors/students/veterans, and \$10 for children ages 5 and younger. Group rates are available. Tickets are available online at www.houstonchoral.org. Tickets may also be purchased at the door. The Foundry United Methodist Church is one of the premiere choral venues in Houston with extraordinary acoustics. It is located in northwest Houston at 8350 Jones Road, Houston, TX 77065 with easy access from Highway 290.



CYPRESS TEXAS TEA PARTY

The next meetings of the Cypress Texas Tea Party will be on:

Saturday, May 6, 2017 NOON - 2:00 PM - Alan Bragg, Police Chief, CFISD

Saturday, May 27, 2017 NOON - 2:00 PM

- To be determined

The Cypress Texas Tea Party meets every three weeks on Saturday

Noon until 2:00 PM at:

Spring Creek BBQ

25831 Northwest Freeway

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A schedule of our meetings and confirmed speakers can be found at our website, www.cypresstexasteaparty.org



Running for Hearts 5K Family Fun Run and Walk

Benefiting Victims of Crime, Abuse, and Human Trafficking in Northwest Houston



Hundreds of runners and walkers participated in the 2nd Annual Running for Hearts 5K Family Fun Run and Walk benefiting Shield Bearer at Northside Christian Church on March 25, 2017. This event, co-chaired by Precinct 4 Harris County Commissioner R. Jack Cagle and Shield Bearer Founder Matthew White, shed light on the growing need for counseling services and prevention programs for victims of crime, abuse, and human trafficking in the community.

"Shield Bearer provides a safe and hopeful place for children and adults to rebuild after tragedy and trauma. We do this with an army of community supporters, volunteers, and professional counselors. We are so thankful for everyone who came out to make a difference for people who have gone through traumatic events right here in Northwest Houston," states Shield Bearer Executive Director Roy Wooten.

Local businesses, schools, and organizations rallied to support this cause including Platinum Sponsor Avanti Senior Living. "Avanti Senior Living is dedicated to enriching the lives of their residents and the community around them. Their partnership was instrumental in the success of this event and it will have a lasting impact on the community. The volunteer support from local schools was incredible and organizations like the American Business Women's Association generated thousands of dollars for the cause. It truly was a community effort," states Shield Bearer Associate Director Melissa Rotholz.

Additional sponsors included FINS 'The Art of Swim', Toney Construction Services, Lindsay's Light, Brookside Funeral Home-Champions, Tomball Ford and Dodge, Freedom Publishing Unlimited, Health South, Spring Medical Associates, Dayna Wilson State Farm, Biggby Coffee, Houston Methodist Hospital, Nestle Pure Life, ReWarding Images, Misfit Design Group, P31 Fitness, Chick-fil-A, Giannina's Pizza and Catering, Tacos Ole, HEB Spring Market, and Tikiz Shaved Ice and Ice Cream.

For more information about volunteering and partnering with Shield Bearer, visit shieldbearer.org, call (281) 894-7222, or attend a free Community Breakfast on the first Tuesday of the month at 9AM at 12340 Jones Rd, Ste 290 in Houston.



Relay for Life of Cy-Fair



Relay For Life of Cy-Fair is scheduled for Saturday May 20, 2017 at 11 AM through 11 PM at HP Campus, 11445 Compaq Center Rd. W, at intersection of SH 249 and Louetta Road.

The American Cancer Society's Relay For Life of Cy-Fair is the primary fund raising event for ACS

every year. Help in the fight against cancer by walking with us and joining in the fun activities and solemn and joyful ceremonies! This is the 13th year for Relay in Cy-Fair and this event has grown and raised more money each year since its' inception! To join a team or form one of your own please visit our website. www.relayforlife. org/cyfairtx

This year our theme is: The Cure Boat – Cruise For the Cure!

Fun Activities will be announced in the coming weeks.

Last year flood damage to the facilities postponed our date and inclement weather moved the event indoors, but nothing dampened the spirits of hundreds of participants! Enthusiasm abounded and the event was a huge success, raising more than \$70,000.! This year our goal is to surpass that total. Our efforts will one day provide for cancer research to end this dreaded disease! AND WEATHER WILL NOT STOP US! Participate and help Make Cancer History!

Relay For Life remains the American Cancer Society's most effective fund raising event in the fight against cancer. Money raised supports the American Cancer Society's cancer research, as well as the programs and services we provide to cancer patients and their families. Relay For Life, is now forming both business and personal teams for the May 2017 Cy-Fair event. RFL is also seeking corporate sponsors, volunteers, cancer Survivors and Care-Givers for the Cy-Fair Relay. Anyone interested in signing up or learning more about how you can help in the fight against cancer can go to www.relayforlife.org/cyfairtx . Your involvement is the reason for our success! Thank you!

Richard Iazzetti, Marketing Chair, Relay For Life - Cy-Fair



NATURE'S CLEAN-UP CREW

By Cheryl Conley, TWRC Wildlife Center



You always know when an animal has met an untimely and unfortunate death when you see Black Vultures. So how can you tell the difference? The Black Vulture has a featherless black-grey head while the Turkey Vulture has a featherless red head. In flight, the Black Vulture is distinguishable by

white-tipped wings whereas the majority of the underside of the Turkey Vulture is pale in color.

Both species of vultures feed primarily on carrion. Most of what vultures eat would make any other animal very sick but they are strong animals with an incredible digestive system and a very strong immune system. Their stomachs are extremely acidic. They can usually survive eating carcasses infected with botulism, anthrax, cholera and salmonella. Some believe that vultures spread disease because they eat dead meat. Actually, the opposite is true. They rid our environment of what could potentially cause the spread of diseases.

Turkey Vultures use their eyesight and keen sense of smell to find their food. By flying low, they are able to see dead animals and detect the gases produced when an animal begins to decay. They prefer to feed on animals that are recently dead. Black Vultures can't smell but will often follow Turkey Vultures to find food.

The breeding season of the turkey vulture starts in March,

peaks in April to May, and continues into June. Interestingly, vultures don't make nests. In most cases, females lay two eggs but have been known to lay one and rarely three. The eggs are whitish/cream colored and heavily marked with dark brown or lavender spots around the larger end. Eggs are generally laid on a bare surface in a protected location. TWRC receives many calls from the public reporting that a vulture took up residence in their atrium or on their front porch.

Both parents incubate, and the young hatch after 30 to 40 days. Chicks are altricial, or helpless at birth. Both adults feed the chicks by regurgitating food for them, and care for them for 10 to 11 weeks. When adults are threatened while nesting, they may flee, or they may regurgitate on the intruder or feign death. If the chicks are threatened in the nest, they defend themselves by hissing and regurgitating. Family groups will remain together until fall.

Although not endangered, vultures have been impacted by the use of lead bullets and buckshot used by hunters. If the shot animal is not removed or covered, vultures will consume the contaminated meat and become ill or die.

Because of their eating habits and appearance, vultures would probably never win a "My Favorite Bird" contest or "Most Beautiful Bird" award but they play an important role in keeping our environment cleaner and definitely smelling better. Have you thanked a vulture today?

If you'd like to learn more about TWRC Wildlife Center, what we do and how you can help, visit our website at www. twrcwildlifecenter.org. Opportunities are available at our wildlife center and include baby bird and opossum feeders. We also provide training for in-home rehabilitators. TWRC Wildlife Center, 10801 Hammerly Boulevard, Houston, TX 77043. 713-468-TWRC.





MOSQUITO REPELLENTS

As mosquito season is ramping up, everyone is (hopefully) aware of possible disease transmission by mosquitoes. It is important that you protect yourself when spending time outside.

Activity times for mosquitoes can vary. Most people are familiar with the four D's- DRAIN (standing water), DEET (wear some repellent), DUSK & DAWN (stay indoors during dusk and dawn to avoid peak populations) and DRESS (wear long sleeves and long pants). While this is still good advice, it may be a good idea to spread the dress and repellent advice for anytime you spend time outdoors.

When outside, wear long pants and a long sleeved shirt in light colors to reduce the number of mosquitoes that can reach your skin. Repellent should only be applied to clothing and exposed skin. Do not apply repellent underneath clothing! If you want to apply repellent to your face, spray your hands with repellent and rub it onto your face. Do not spray repellent directly into your face or near eyes or mouth. Make sure to apply repellent outdoors. Do not allow children to handle repellents. Wash hands before eating, smoking or using the restroom.

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommends using a product registered with the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) containing one of the following active ingredients: DEET, picaridin, IR3535 and some of the products containing oil of lemon eucalyptus.

DEET, also known N,N-diethyl-m-toluamide or N,Ndiemethylbenzamide, was developed by the U.S. Army in 1946 to protect soldiers in insect-infested areas. Pesticides containing DEET have been used by the general public since 1957. Products containing DEET should not be used on children younger than 2 months of age (read the label and check with your pediatrician if you have questions). DEET has a slight odor and may have a greasy feel to some people. It may damage plastic, rubber, vinyl or synthetic fabrics. DEET may be irritating to the eyes and skin for some people. DEET comes in a wide variety of concentrations, so choose the one that will work best for your situation.

Picaridin was first made in the 1980's and resembles a natural compound called piperine (which is found in plants used to produce black pepper). Picardin has been used in Europe and Australia for

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many years, but has only been in the U.S. since 2005. Picaridin is non-greasy and is odorless.

IR-3535, or 3-[N-Butyl-N- acetyl]-aminopropionic acid, ethyl ester, was developed in the mid- 1970's and became registered for use in the U.S. in 1999. It is registered as a biopesticide by the EPA because it is functionally identical to a naturally occurring substance (an amino-acid). It may dissolve or damage plastics and may be irritating to the eyes.

Oil of lemon eucalyptus (OLE) or PMD (para-menthane-3,8-diol) are essentially the same thing; PMD is the synthesized (lab created) version of oil of lemon eucalyptus. "Pure" or "essential" oil of lemon eucalyptus is not labeled as a repellent and has not undergone testing and should not be used as a repellent product. OLE/PMD has been on the market in the U.S. since 2002. OLE/PMD should not be used on children younger than 3 years of age. The natural product (OLE) has known allergens within it while the synthetic version (PMD) has less of a risk to allergens. This product is classified as a biopesticide. OLE/PMD has a varying range of residual, some offering about 20 minutes of protection while other products may last up to two hours.

Many factors play into how long a repellent will last for a person.

Some of these are:

- The concentration (or percent of active ingredient) of the product. You can find the percentage on the product label.
- Person's attractiveness. Some people are more attractive to

mosquitoes than others (and no scientific research has proven that it is because of eating garlic, taking vitamin B, using tobacco products, etc.). A person's genetic code plays a large part on what makes a person so attractive to mosquitoes.

- Frequency and uniformity of application. In other words, how often is the repellent applied and how good of coverage did you get?
- Activity level of the person. The more active the person is, the more sweat they produce which can cause the repellent to wash off the surface of the skin.

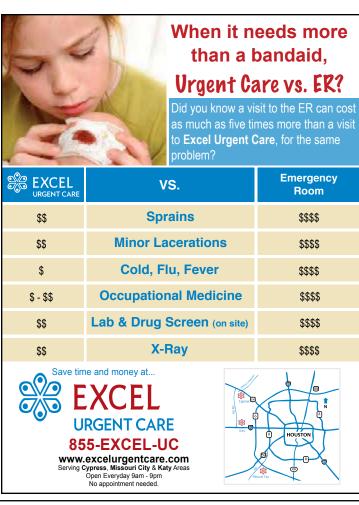
As a word of caution, there are products that combine sunscreen and insect repellent. The CDC recommends that if you need sunscreen and repellent, that you choose two separate products. Sunscreen should be applied more often than repellents.

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600. Check out my blog at www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com

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The Minimalist Gardener

May 2017



This month, remove the dead Crape myrtle flowers to force more flower growth.

Fruit trees need lots of water now.

Vegetables: Heat tolerant vegetables can be planted now. Among these are sweet potatoes, pumpkins, squashes, and southern peas. Plant sunflowers. They are so fast growing. Kids love the big ones. Plant them at least 12" apart.

Perennials & Annuals: Fertilize this month and keep 4" of mulch around the drip line (but keep mulch away from the trunk). Upper horizontal root-tops should almost show.

If you haven't applied your spring lawn fertilizer, apply one pound of nitrogen per 1000 square feet soon. What does Texas A&M say about buying fertilizers? Check out their web site on this subject. From: http://aggieturf.tamu.edu/answers4you/fertilization.html

We can expect the average temperature in May to be about 85, so we are definitely into the watering season. Got a continuously wet spot in your yard? It is likely an irrigation valve leaking internally...far away from the actual soggy area.

Until next time, Happy Gardening!





Carrot Bundt Cake

From:

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Photograph: A portion of the frosting was left without nuts as a courtesy to one of the guests.

CAKF:

- 2 cup granulated sugar
- 1 cup canola oil
- 4 large eggs
- 2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 2 tsp cinnamon
- 2 cup shredded carrots
- 1 cup Fisher Chopped Pecans

FILLING:

- 1 package (8oz) cream cheese, softened
- 1/3 cup granulated sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 large egg

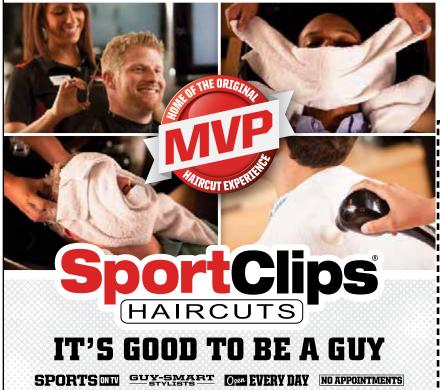
FROSTING:

- · 4oz cream softened cheese
- 3 Tbsp milk
- 2 cup powdered sugar
- 1/4 cup Fisher Chopped Pecans

Directions

- 1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Spray a 12 cup bundt pan generously with baking spray. Set aside.
- 2. In a large bowl, combined all the ingredients for the cake, mixing until well combined. The batter will be very thick! Set aside.
- 3. For the filling, beat cream cheese with sugar, vanilla, and egg until smooth and creamy. Set aside.
- 4. To assemble, fill the bottom of sprayed bundt pan with about 3/4 of the batter. Spoon the cream cheese into the pan, being careful not to let it touch the sides of the pan. Spoon the remaining batter over the cream cheese layer. It's okay if it doesn't cover completely.
- 5. Bake cake in a preheated oven for 60-65 minutes. The cake will be browned and will pull away from the pan when done. Remove from oven and cool for 5-10 minutes before inverting onto a wire rack. Cool completely before frosting.
- 6. For the frosting, beat cream cheese, milk, and powdered sugar together until smooth and creamy. Pour frosting into a large Ziploc bag and snip off the corner. Pipe onto the cake, generously. Sprinkle immediately with chopped pecans. ENJOY!

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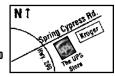
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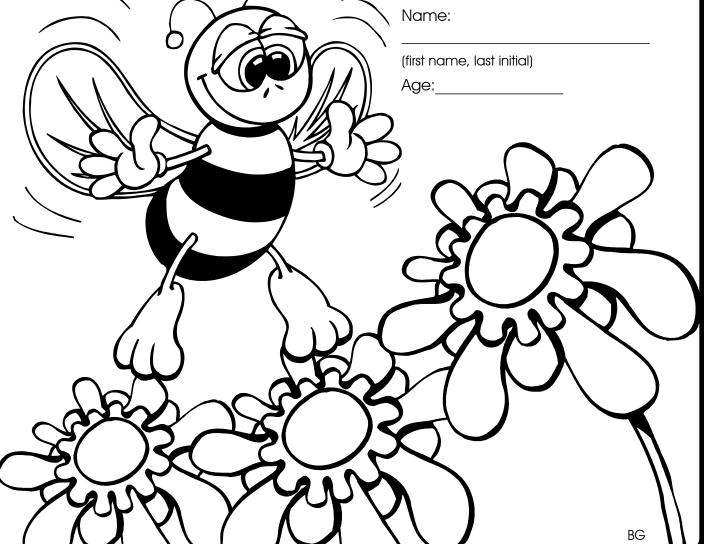
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