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EASTER FUN IN JESTER!

by Diana Miller

Jester had an EGGCELENT Easter Egg hunt on Saturday, April 8th. It's always such a joy to see little ones enthusiastically search for colorful eggs, play the prize walk, and other fun games. A big thank you goes out to NHS volunteers who helped with set up and the hunt that must have had at least 600 eggs. This neighborhood is so lucky to have a Social Chair like Teresa Gouldie that does all the hidden work of getting our social events organized ordering prizes, coordinating all the games, scheduling the Petting Zoo, and setting up volunteers. Jester Board member Eva Wisser never lets us down getting refreshments to our events and offering



a helping hand. We also want to thank Karl Van Reusen, President of the Jester Business Alliance and its members for their help ensuring we had plenty of eggs, setting up, and even making sure the Easter Bunny would find his way to our event. Please be sure to thank any one of the participating members Edward Jones, Coffee Shark, Ranch Road Vision Source, Britex Dental, State Farm Insurance and Anytime Fitness. They have been contributing time and money to Jester's events and we appreciate their help. Jester is a great place to live!

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WELCOME COMMITTEE NEWS

After a few months with no deliveries, due to new residents not having closed and moved in yet, the Welcome Committee was able to deliver two welcome bags last month. The first was to Justin and Courtney with their two years old daughter Cora. They moved to Desert Rose Cove from South Austin. The second was to Claire with her ten year old twins Ava and Gabiriella, who moved up the hill from Lakewood to Halbert Drive. Welcome! Based on the number of For Sale signs we've seen pop up in the neighborhood, the end of this spring will bring us many new neighbors, as will the summer.

Since we had just two deliveries to make this month, we had an impromptu party welcoming our newest member of the Welcome Committee, Missy Douthit. She participated in the delivery of

the Welcome bags, and met our last two new neighbors.

The Jester Business Alliance members, based in the shopping centers at the bottom of the Jester Hill, have given us materials and goody bags to add to our Welcome Bags. They have contributed to the Jester Social Committee events as well. These members are: Anytime Fitness, Britex Dental, Art Amore Studios, Coffee Shark, Blake Miller State Farm, Edward Jones Investments (Karl Van Heusen) and Ranch Road Vision. Please support these businesses!

If you live near any new residents, please stop by and introduce yourself! Also, please contact JoAnn Welles at (512) 484-7588 or jawelles1@gmail.com if you've moved to Jester lately and we haven't welcomed you officially. We may have tried to deliver a bag to you but not found you home.



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Caris Palmer & Felix Ware

Hey Jester Ladies Night Outers'

by Debra Ellsworth

Solving the world's problems. That sums up JLNO! Have you noticed that when women get together we tend to solve problems of the "world"? There are always ample subjects to talk about and we manage to cover it all and naturally we solve them! Lol

Popular vote for our next get together in June is a casual evening enjoying our neighborhood pool and park. Swim or just relax with your neighbors while solving other world problems! Will there be more?!

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THE ZEN OF WRENS

by Jim and Lynne Weber

Wrens are small to medium-sized birds, generally drab in color, typically grayish-brown with barring in the wings and tail. But oh, when they sing, they have loud, melodious, and often complex songs! Active and vocal, they frequently carry their tails in an upright position, and have adapted well to the presence of humans. Some of the species of wrens that can be found in our area include Carolina Wren (*Thryothorus ludovicianus*), Bewick's Wren (*Thryomanes bewickii*), and Canyon Wren (*Catherpes mexicanus*).

Deep cinnamon brown above and warm buff below, with a white throat and prominent white stripe above the eye, the Carolina Wren is a vivacious bird common in moist woodlands and wooded suburbs. Males sing year round and are known to have a repertoire of about 32 songs, the most common being 'cheery cheery cheery!' and 'teakettle-teakettle!' This bird is routinely seen around yards, garages, porches, and woodpiles, often nesting in those same places. Pairs stay bonded year around, and often raise multiple broods a year.

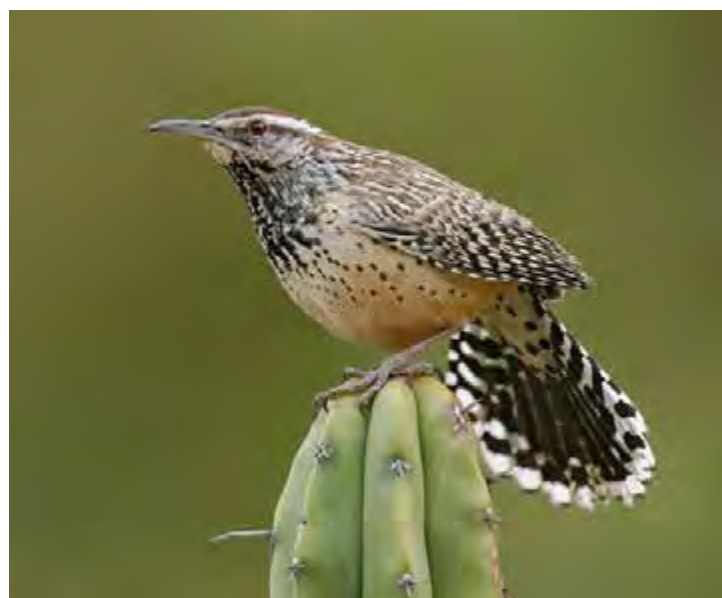
A subdued brown and gray bird with a white eye stripe, gray-white underparts, and a long tail barred with black and tipped with white spots describes the Bewick's Wren. It typically flicks its tail from side to side or fans it as it skulks through tangles of branches and leaves, searching for food. Nimble and acrobatic, it often hangs upside down from tree branches and leaves. While it favors dry, brushy areas, it is often found inhabiting gardens, residential areas, and parks. The male has a repertoire of up to 22 songs, usually beginning with two or more high, quick notes, dropping into a lower, buzzy phrase, and ending on a high trill. Courting birds normally form monogamous pairs.

The Canyon Wren has a white throat and breast, chestnut belly, brown back flecked in black, and a bright rufous, barred tail. It prefers areas with rocky cliffs, canyons, outcrops, and boulder piles but it will often build its nest in stone buildings or chimneys. This wren has a slightly flattened skull and a vertebral column attached higher on the skull, and these adaptations allow it to thrust its bill forward into tight cracks without bumping its head. While its repertoire consists of only 3 songs, its most common is an exquisitely beautiful descending cascade of liquid notes.

Wrens are mainly insectivores and are often found hopping about, climbing short walls and tree trunks, or making brief flights to search out and glean insects from crevices and cracks. In fact, their family name Troglodytidae is derived from troglodyte, meaning 'cave-dweller', generally referring to the places in which they forage. Their fairly long and slender, straight to slightly decurved bills assist them in exploring every nook and cranny for insects and spiders.

This spring, take the time to listen to the highly variable, sweet sounding, rollicking songs of these little birds. Get in tune with amusing antics, and discover for yourself the zen of wrens!

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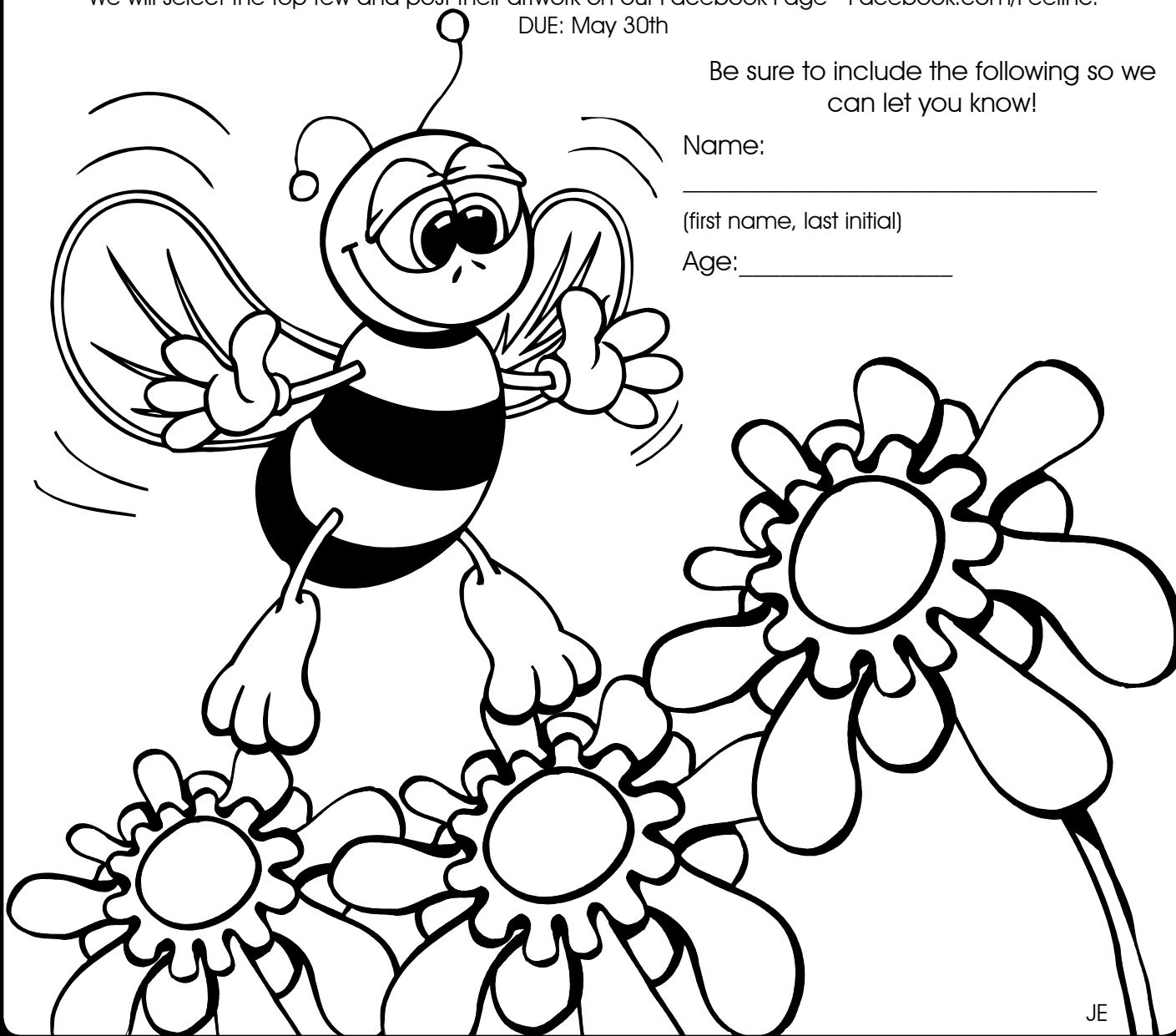
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May 12	The Association <i>One of the most popular and successful bands of the 60's</i>	One World Theatre oneworldtheatre.org
May 12 - 14	Alice (In Wonderland) - Presented by Ballet Austin	thelongcenter.org
May 12 - 21	Austin Fashion Week - Premier fashion event	austin.fashionx.co
May 12 - 29	Parade of Homes <i>5 beautifully crafted homes in the Peninsula at Rough Hollow</i>	paradeofhomesaustin.com
May 13	O'Henry Pun-Off World Championship <i>Wacky wordplay and home groan wit</i>	O'Henry Museum backyard punoff.com
May 13 - 14	Maker Faire Austin <i>Family-friendly event dares you to invent, learn and be inspired</i>	Palmer Events Center austinmakerfaire.com
May 14	Brian Wilson presents Pet Sounds: The Final Performances <i>With Al Jardine & Blondie Chaplin</i>	The Moody Theater acl-live.com
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