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Finding Yourself

Wife. Daughter. Sister. Teacher. Friend. These are some of the roles I play in life. They have become what define me. I have discovered the closer I adhere to each role, I lose a bit more of my identity; the "je ne sais quoi" that makes me unique. The mundane sameness of each day has trapped me into playing the roles I wear and forgetting who I really am. Most days I find myself on autopilot just trying to make it to the end of the day.

All too often, the roles we claim begin to take ownership of who we are as a person and we lose our sense of unique individuality. Don't you remember that feeling of knowing exactly who you were? I remember feeling strong, confident and comfortable in my skin. Now I just feel tired most of the time.

It's time for a change. It's time to take a step back to gain some clarity and fresh perspective. I need to know who I am now and what I want for my life. I don't know what that may be, but I am pretty excited to find out. I hope you will join me on this journey. It might be a little scary, but Finding Yourself might just be the best thing you ever do.

If you find these things to be true in your own life, and would like to make a change, please visit our website at www.fivehorses.com to learn more about our new women's retreat, Finding Yourself, coming this June







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Girl from Sweden needs Host Family

Hi neighbors! As many of you know, I am a Local Coordinator for STS Foundation, a non-profit exchange student placement organization. I believe the exchange of cultures among high school students is so important. I am looking for host families for the 2017-18 school year.

Meet Emilie from Sweden....

I'm a kind and happy person who always tries to see things from the positive side. I'm a helpful person with a good ability to work with others. My friends has described me as a social person and I have to agree with them. I really like to talk and meeting new persons. In general, I've always been very motivated and responsible over my school work. When getting an assignment I always want to perform as good as I can. I love to challenge myself and to try new things, that way I always develop as a person. This is one of my many reasons going on an exchange year. To do something totally out of my comfort zone and to try new things is something I'm so excited for.

My hobbies include hanging out with friends and family,

listening to music, dancing, working out, watch series, reading and baking. I love hanging out with my family and friends and do that every opportunity that I get. I start and end everyday by listening to music. Music is something that helps me to express how I'm feeling, while at the same time gives me energy. I also have a big interest for dance, especially tap dance which is the only thing that I dance right now. I love to move and jump around even though I may not be the best dancer in the world. I also read on a daily basis. My favorite kinds of books are teen fiction and fantasy novels. I also watch a lot of series- all different kinds of them. It's something that I love to do and makes me feel relaxed. As said, I also love to bake. When I was younger a used to bake every day after school but now I only bake to special events, like family gatherings.

Emilie and others like her are looking for a host family for the year. If you are interested in hosting her or any other student, please give me a call at 832.455.7881 or email me at vicki. stsfoundation@gmail.com. I can answer any questions you might have. Remember on year of hosting leaves a lifetime of memories!



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I FOUND A BABY SQUIRREL. NOW WHAT?

By Cheryl Conley, TWRC Wildlife Center

If you find a baby squirrel, check for the following:

- Is it bleeding, have an open wound, or a broken bone?
- Is it covered in fly eggs [they look like grains of rice]?
- Is it cold, wet, or crying?

If the answer is YES to any of the above, the squirrel is likely injured. Bring it to us as soon as possible.

If NO, the next step is to determine its approximate age to see if you need to intervene.

Does the squirrel have a fluffed-out tail [like a bottle brush]?

Is the body longer than 6" [not including the tail]?

If the answer is YES to these questions, this is likely a juvenile squirrel. You do not need to intervene. Even at the young age of 10 to 12 weeks, the squirrel is already independent and on its own.

If NO, this is an infant squirrel. You will need to help reunite the baby with its mother.

Baby squirrels at this age must be kept warm. Heat a towel in the microwave or place uncooked rice or bird seed in a sock and warm in the microwave for 20-30 seconds. Wrap the sock in a soft towel and place it with the baby in an open container like a small box or plastic container.

Place the box IN A SAFE PLACE OFF THE GROUND near where you found the baby or under the tree with the nest if you know which tree it is. You can also attach the container directly to the tree but MAKE SURE IT IS SECURE.

Keep children, dogs, and cats out of the area.

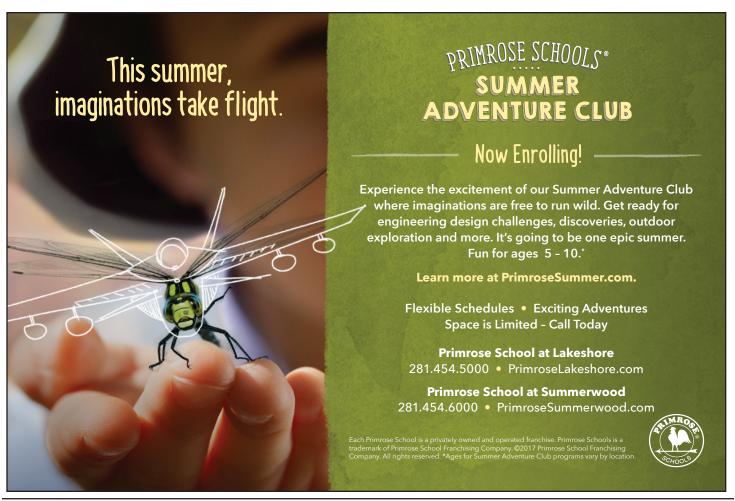
Observe the baby squirrel for the next six to eight hours of daylight. Reheat the towel or rice/birdseed bag every two hours. Has the mother returned to retrieve her baby?

If YES ... congratulations!

If NO, bring the box with the baby inside. Continue to keep it warm until you can bring it to us.

REMEMBER: DO NOT ATTEMPT TO FEED THE SOUIRREL OR GIVE IT WATER!

TWRC Wildlife Center is your resource for wildlife-related questions. They also serve as an emergency wildlife care facility should you find animals in need of help. If you have any questions, please call 713-468-TWRC. You can also find useful information at www.twrcwildlifecenter.org.



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It's Hurricane Season

Natural disasters affect thousands of people every year, and with the increased risk of severe thunderstorms, flash flooding, hurricanes and tornadoes in the summer months, it's a good idea to think about having an emergency plan in place. Consider preparing a family emergency plan now before it's needed.

Have an open discussion with your family about the types of emergencies that could happen. These include severe weather like hurricanes, natural disasters like earthquakes and fires and even civil unrest like rioting or acts of terrorism.

Designate a meeting place in the event you cannot return home. It's a good idea to choose both a neighborhood meeting place and a place to meet outside of your neighborhood in case you can't access the area surrounding your home. If you have pets, ensure the meeting places you choose will accept them if you have to evacuate your home for any length of time.

Pick an out-of-town friend or relative as an emergency contact. When disaster strikes, it could be easier to make a long-distance phone call than to call across town. Your out-of-town contact could help communicate and reunite separated family members or assist with an evacuation. Make sure every member of your family has

the phone number for your out-of-town emergency contact person.

If you have children, communicate with their schools and daycare providers. Make sure you know the emergency plan at your child's school or daycare provider. Find out how they plan to communicate with families during a crisis, whether they're prepared to "shelter in place" and where they plan to go if they must leave.





Summer Safety Tips

Summer is in full swing, and for many of our youngest residents that means they have the freedom to play outside to their heart's content (or at least until mom or dad call them back inside). While we encourage kids to enjoy summer to the fullest, we also want everyone to stay safe. Here are a few guidelines to make sure these school-free months go smoothly:

- Make sure your children are proactive about their safety. Whether they're playing at a park, swimming at a pool or riding their bikes around the neighborhood, it's important that kids understand what types of injuries could occur during these activities and how they can best avoid them. If an injury does occur, your kids need to know what actions to take—such as alerting a trusted adult or, in the case of a true emergency, calling 281.376.3472 or 911.
- Supervise your kids at the pool. While it's always a good idea to keep an eye on your kids, it's particularly important to make sure your children have adult supervision while they're in the water. It only takes a second for even good swimmers to find themselves in a dangerous situation, so it's vital that kids are supervised by someone who knows the signs of a distressed swimmer. To learn about how you can keep your family safe at the pool, visit www.poolsafety.gov.
- Slow down while driving through the neighborhood. All residents should take note of this rule. With children out and about in full-force

during the summer, you're more likely than ever to see a distracted kid chasing after a run-away baseball or skateboarding on the streets. So slow down, be extra aware of what's going on around you, and be prepared to stop suddenly if a child runs out into the road. Parents should remind kids that they have a responsibility to be aware of oncoming cars as well, and to be extra careful when they are on the street.

• Remind older kids to check in with you when they're playing without adult supervision. When kids are out on their own, it's easy for them to forget to let their parents know they're okay. So establish a set of rules, such as checking in every few hours or whenever they change locations, and be firm about enforcing them. If your child has a hard time remembering to give you a call every so often, it might be helpful to have them set an alarm on their cell phone or watch so they don't forget. It's a great way for kids to build a sense of independence and for you to know they're safe even when they're not within sight.

While the summer can present many hazards, there's no reason your kids can't come out of it unscathed (notwithstanding a few minor scrapes, bruises and bug bites, of course). To learn more about how you can keep your kids from getting hurt this summer, visit www.cdc.gov/features/KidsSafety/ for a list of great articles. Stay safe and enjoy this wonderful season.



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Preparation: 20 minutes **Cook Time**: 20 minutes **Serves**: 8



Ingredients

- 1 lb. Italian Sausage
- 1 (15 oz.) can pizza sauce, divided
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 1 1/2 c. shredded pizza cheese
- 1/2 c. diced Canadian bacon
- 1/2 c. chopped pepperoni
- 2 (8 oz.) tubes refrigerated crescent rolls

Instructions

- 1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees.
- 2. In a large skillet over medium heat cook sausage and garlic until no longer pink. Drain grease off. Stir in 1/2 c. pizza sauce, pepperoni, Canadian bacon and 1 c. pizza cheese.
- 3. Unroll crescent dough and separate into triangles. Arrange triangles on a 14 inch ungreased pizza pan with points toward the outside and wide ends overlapping at the center, leaving a 4 inch opening in the center. Press overlapping dough to seal.
- 4. Spoon the mixture onto the wide ends of the triangles. Fold pointed ends of triangles over filling, tucking points under to form a a ring. The filling will be visible.
- 5. Baked for 12-15 minutes or until the crescents are golden brown. Sprinkle with remaining cheese. Bake 5 minutes longer or until cheese is melted. Serve with remaining pizza sauce.



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 or Turkey 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.

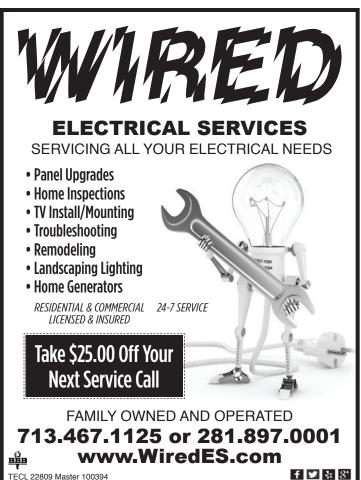
Although not endangered, vultures have been impacted by the use of lead bullets and buckshot used by hunters. If the shot animal is not removed or covered, vultures will consume the contaminated meat and become ill or die.



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.



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HOUSE FLIES AGRILIFE EXTENSION



Moving into summer, we should prepare for the inevitable....house flies. While many see house flies as a nuisance, they are capable of spreading diseases such as dysentery or food poisoning. Due to the locations house flies

frequent- garbage, manure, and carrion- they can pick up bacteria and other disease organisms which can transfer to other areas where they may land such as dishes, food, or countertops. House flies regurgitate onto food to liquefy it before eating and they can further contaminate items by defecating upon surfaces.

The common house fly has two wings and is dull gray with black stripes on the thorax (the section where the wings are attached). Adult flies can only eat liquid foods and have sponging mouthparts specialized to help them feed.

Eggs are usually laid on decaying matter such as animal fecal material, grass clippings, or garbage. Around 100-150 eggs are laid by the female. Depending upon temperature (warmer temperatures speed things up); eggs may hatch within 8 hours to 2 days.

Maggots, the immature stage of a fly, are small, white, carrot-shaped, and legless. There are 3 larval molts then mature larvae seek a dry location for pupation. Pupae are reddish brown and somewhat oval in shape.

During the summer, house flies may live up to 2.5 weeks while during cooler times of the year they may live up to 3 months.

The key to fly management is sanitation, or cleaning. Eliminate breeding sites by picking up animal waste one to two times per week; empty garbage cans regularly; clean garbage cans at least once a month with soapy water. Keep garbage cans located away from doors that lead into the home and make sure they have tight fitting lids.

Other items that can help reduce fly problems include keeping window screens in good repair; making sure doors and windows have a tight seal and weather stripping is in good condition; and using fly swatters or sticky fly paper to get rid of adult flies.



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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Tips and Tricks to Keep Kids Occupied this Summer!

CREATE A PLAN

Avoid the dreaded "I'm bored" by getting or creating a calander that kids have access to. This helps them get excited for upcoming activities while helping you stay sane!

MAKE DATES

Fill up free days on your schedule by planning play dates, visiting family or a day at the beach or pool. Low cost outings such as these will help keep days filled and busy without breaking the bank.

MAINTAIN ROUTINES

Children thrive on structure so help keep them on track for back to school by having set times in the morning for chores & responsibilites.

MULTI-TASKING

While activites and outings are fun there are still things to do around the house during the summer. Get kids involved in helping by gardening, helping clear out storage spaces, prepping their snacks and meals or even turning grocery shopping into a scavengar hunt!

