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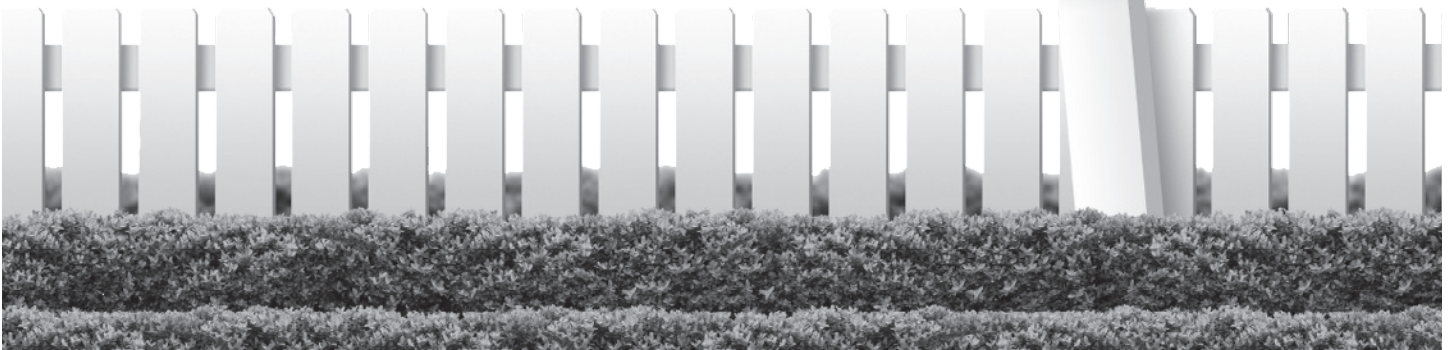
Time to Clean Out Your Closets and Garages!

Our annual Normandy Forest
garage sale will be held on
April 14th (Saturday)
from 8am to noon.



**GARAGE
SALE**

Saturday, April 14th



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9am to 5pm | closed for lunch 12:30 to 1:15 pm

WARRIOR MEMORIAL ART GALLERY

On February 10th at 13455 Cutten Rd. in Houston The Portrait of a Warrior Memorial Art Gallery opened its doors to the public. The gallery features works by Ken Pridgeon. He has painted portraits of fallen armed services members and police officers for the past seven years, The gallery is open to visitors interested in viewing some of the 250 paintings by Ken Pridgeon. www.portraitofawarrior.org

Did You Know?

1. Spray a pair of old jeans with Scotch Gard to make ski pants. Be sure to wear long underwear for extra warmth.
2. Protect mattresses with Scotch Gard from bed wetters
3. Spray the outside of an umbrella with Scotch Gard so rain rolls off.

MEET CHASITY

Meet Chasity, 11, she is waiting for a forever family. Chasity is a sweet and kind young girl. She is somewhat shy but likes being around others. She is very comfortable around those who are caring and affectionate toward her. She is very polite and will use "please", "thank you", and "sorry". Chasity greatly enjoys being outdoors, and she especially likes going to the water park. She loves coloring and showing off her work. Chasity has development, emotional, and learning disabilities and receives special education services. She loves praise and likes to let everyone around know when she is able to accomplish a task. She is working on becoming more independent and pushes towards doing things on her own.

The Heart Gallery of Central Texas, a program of Partnerships for Children, features portraits of Central Texas children in the foster care system who are available for adoption. Working together, our community raises awareness around adoption, foster care and permanency.

www.heartgallerytexas.com



Coffee-Chocolate Chip Cookies

INGREDIENTS

1 ½ cups flour
¼ tsp baking soda
¾ cup butter softened
¾ cup sugar
½ cup brown sugar
3 tbsp cool strong brewed coffee
1 egg
1 tsp vanilla
2 pkgs (8 ozs.) semi sweet chocolate, chopped
1 ½ cups chopped walnuts

DIRECTIONS

Heat oven to 325 degrees.
Combine flour and baking soda.
Beat sugars & butter until light & fluffy.
Blend in coffee, egg & vanilla.
Gradually beat in flour mixture until well blended.
Stir in chopped nuts & chocolate. Refrigerate 30 mins.
Roll dough into 60 x 1" balls, place on cookie sheet 2" apart.
Bake 10-12 mins. Enjoy!

TOMBALL ART LEAGUE

The spring 2018 Tomball Art League (TAL) Art Show held at Lone Star College-Tomball was a great success! 135 entries made it onto the show floor created by various level artists; ranging from school age through professional. Twenty-eight First Place ribbons were awarded by Judge Linda Dumas out of the 135 entries! There was an appealing diversity of style among the art from paintings to pottery. Congratulations to all entries and thank you to everyone that volunteered to lend a hand!

If you are not a member of the Tomball Art League you are invited to join us! TAL is made up of beginning artists to well established professionals. This is what makes it a great diverse group - it's open to all levels of experience. Annual membership dues are only \$25 for an individual! Our next meeting and artist demo will be held Saturday, April 14th at 9:30 a.m. on the 2nd floor of the Amegy Bank building at 28201 Hwy. 249, Tomball 77375 (corner of Hwy 249 at Medical Complex Drive). Watercolorist Robin Avery will be our guest demo artist (www.robinaveryartist.com). Visit our TAL webpage or Facebook page for more information or to become a memebr: www.thetomballartleague.com or <https://www.facebook.com/TomballArtLeague>.



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TOTALLY AWESOME!

By Cheryl Conley, TWRC Wildlife Center



So, what am I referring to? I'm referring to the totally awesome opossum! Now some of you will disagree with me but let me tell you about the opossum and then see if you agree with me.

The first thing you should know is that the opossum is a hero in the fight against ticks. According to the National Wildlife Federation, an opossum can eat up to 4,000 ticks in one week helping to slow down the spread of Lyme disease. In addition to ticks, they eat cockroaches, rats, mice, snails and slugs—actually, they eat almost anything, keeping our environment free of all the nasty things we don't like. Snakes? Yep. Opossums are immune to the venom of poisonous snakes.

Is rabies a concern of yours? Not to worry. Although any mammal can be a carrier of rabies, the chance of opossums being a carrier are very rare. The body temperature of the opossum is very low making it almost impossible for the virus to survive.

Dinosaurs roamed our earth 70 million years ago. Guess who roamed it with them? Opossums. Any animal that can survive for that long deserves my respect.

"Playing 'possum" is a real thing but opossums don't have any control over it. When frightened, some become paralyzed with fear. They drop, their lips draw back exposing their teeth and their anal glands secrete a bad smelling liquid which deters predators. They will recover in one to four hours. Some scientists believe that "playing 'possum" evolved as a defense mechanism because opossums move so slowly and can't outrun predators.

The opossum is the only marsupial in North America. Females can give birth to up to 25 babies after a short gestation period of 11 to 13 days. The babies are so small that 20 of them could fit into a teaspoon. The babies make their way to mama's pouch where only 13 teats are available. Obviously, not all the babies survive for this

reason. The lucky ones latch onto the teat and stay attached for up to 3 months. They climb out and cling to their mother's back for up to 2 weeks when they "fall" off. They are then on their own.

The opossum has 50 teeth—more than any other North American land mammal. The hairless tail is used for balance, grasping branches and carrying nesting materials but is not used to hang upside down. This is a common misconception. They also have opposable thumbs on their hind feet used for holding onto branches.

Are you now convinced that opossums are totally awesome? Even if you're not, we encourage you to "live and let live." They serve a purpose and deserve a place in our world.

If you find a dead opossum with babies in the pouch, please don't remove them. Although difficult, we ask that you place the expired mom in a box and bring her to us. We will carefully remove the babies and care for them until they can be safely released back to the wild.

TWRC Wildlife Center can help you with all of your wildlife concerns. Answers to many of your questions can be found on our website at www.twrcwildlifecenter.org. If you can't find the information you need, please call us at 713-468-TWRC.

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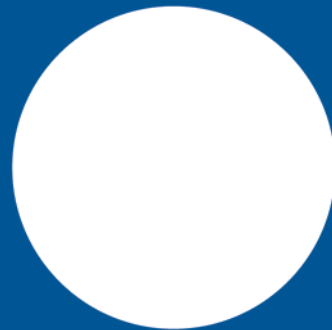
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