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## The Wildlife Drummers

By Cheryl Conley, TWRC Wildlife Center

Is it a red-headed woodpecker or a red-bellied woodpecker? One would think that the names are self-explanatory, right? One has a red head and one has a red belly. Both birds have red feathers on their heads so you might hear people tell you they saw a red-headed woodpecker when in fact it was a red-bellied woodpecker that they saw. A red-bellied woodpecker was named for an area on the lower front that is actually a light pinkish-rosy color—not really red. The top and back of the male's head is red. Females lack the red crown but do have a red patch on the nape of the neck. Red-headed woodpeckers have a solid red head, neck and the top of the breast.

Both red-bellied and red-headed woodpeckers are year-round residents in our area with the red-bellied being the most common. They eat insects, acorns, other types of nuts, berries, fruit, seeds, and will also eat sap from trees, mice, and nestlings (baby birds). They like to store food in cracks and crevices of trees.

Woodpeckers like to use their beaks to “drum” on hollow limbs, utility poles, gutters or the siding of your house. This “drumming” is used to attract and communicate with potential mates, to communicate a food source to its mate or can be a call for help at the nest. They can drum up to twenty times a second.

The red-bellied female will lay up to five eggs. One egg is laid each day. Babies are fed by both parents for up to four weeks. Once they fledge, Mom and Dad will continue to look after them for another six or more weeks. The red-headed female will lay between four and seven eggs. Both parents feed the babies. What's unique about the red-bellies is that they can have two broods in the same season. They may still be caring for their fledglings while attempting to have their second brood.

### Some interesting facts about woodpeckers are:

- Woodpeckers have stiff feathers near the nostrils that prevent small pieces of wood from getting into the nostril.
- They have extremely sharp claws for hanging on trees. There are four toes on each foot and the arrangement of the toes is called “zygodactyl.” The first and fourth toes are pointed backwards, the second and third face forward.
- The tail of the woodpecker has spikes that dig into tree trunks and helps to keep the bird anchored.
- Woodpeckers have extraordinarily long tongues. There is a barb at the tip for catching insects and grubs.

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Bridgeland HS Theatre presents *The Lost Boy*. This is a fictional account of the author's creation of the Peter Pan character, sure to warm your heart. Showtimes are 7 PM on December 6, 7, 13 and 14. Tickets available at [bridgelandhstheatre.org](http://bridgelandhstheatre.org)



## *Cypress Christian School Events*

Cypress Christian Advanced Theatre students competed in the Division I TAPPS One Act Play competition. Students performed their production of *These Shining Lives* by Melanie Marnich and received third place in district..

National Junior Honor Society is hosting our annual Operation Christmas Child.

The purpose of OCC is to share the gospel with children around the world by filling shoe boxes with small Christmas gifts.

On January 16, 2020, 7p.m. future sixth graders and their parents are invited to explore sixth grade with the help of the Middle School Principal, Dean of Students and current CCS parents. Classroom tours will be available. The event will begin in the West Gym.

On January 30, 2020, 7p.m. future kindergartners and their parents are invited to our Kindergarten Preview. The event will be held in the Elementary Building.

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The Klein Collins Cross Country and Track and Field Programs are pleased to announce the return of the Junior Tiger Fun Run. In its 6th edition, the run will take place on January 25, 2020. The event benefits KCHS' track and field and cross country programs and offers a Kids 2K and 3K by grade, Parent 5K as well as the Tiger Marketplace!

The event will take place on January 25, 2020 at Klein Collins High School Track. Registration is now open online at <https://kleincollinsxtrack.teamapp.com/events/9551783>. Cost is \$18 children and \$20 adults, and \$20/\$25 for regular registration. The first 150 runners registering for the event will receive a free T-shirt and goodie bag. All proceeds from the Fun Run benefit the Klein Collins boys and girls Cross Country and Track Programs.



## Cypress-Tomball Democrats' Holiday Party

December 10, 2019 7:00pm  
Campioni's Restaurant, 13850 Cutten Rd

Members, their families, and guest are invited to join us for our annual CyTom Democrats Holiday Party. Members who are current with dues, can participate free. Memberships are \$25 for a single membership, and \$40 dollars for couples. The price for guests is \$30.

Members & guests are asked to bring a child's gift/toy to the party. These gifts will be donated to Cypress Assistance Ministries.

RSVP as soon as possible, by clicking on the Event link & clicking 'going' to ensure an accurate head-count

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RSVPs may also be sent to [CyTomDemocrats@gmail.com](mailto:CyTomDemocrats@gmail.com)

2019 Cypress-Tomball Holiday Dinner

## ALBION HURRICANES



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.

The club invites all interested competitive players from the ages of 7 to 13, to the Player Evaluations and to become part of our success. AHFC competitive evaluations will be the first week of December. We ask that all interested players pre-register before coming out to the fields. Please visit [albionhurricanes.org](http://albionhurricanes.org) for details about your particular campus. Players older than 13 interested in joining AHFC will need to contact the Directors below.

Boys Director: Mark Rufo - [mrufo@albionhurricanes.org](mailto:mrufo@albionhurricanes.org)

Girls Director: Dan Hill - [dhill@albionhurricanes.org](mailto:dhill@albionhurricanes.org)

ECNL/Elite Director: Steve Firth - [sfirth@albionhurricanes.org](mailto:sfirth@albionhurricanes.org)

AHFC also offers JHSL (a recreational program for 4 - 10 year old) at our Cy Fair and Central locations and offers additional training at Katy Friday Night Academy as well at Thursday Night Academy for players in the New Territory area

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Whether you're huddled around the fireplace, gathered at the table or strolling through a winter wonderland, the holidays are all about enjoying pure and memorable moments with family and friends. With all of the seasonal gatherings, you can certainly expect that almost any host or guest will attempt to provide a classic holiday treat for everyone to enjoy.

This year, you can give your traditional holiday bake a refreshing twist sure to spread all kinds of holiday cheer with this Enjoyment Peppermint Pie topped with Homemade Whipped Cream, which can be easily whipped up with less than 10 ingredients total.

From pumpkin pies to gingerbread cookies and everything in-between, an option like DairyPure Heavy Whipping Cream can be a must-have kitchen staple this season, one you can feel good about knowing it's sourced from trusted dairies.

For more recipes for the holidays and every day, visit [DairyPure.com](http://DairyPure.com), and find DairyPure on Facebook, Instagram and Pinterest. Downloaded from [FamilyFeatures.com](http://FamilyFeatures.com).

**Prep time:** 15 minutes

**Cook time:** 20 minutes

- 1 envelope unflavored gelatin
- 1/4 cup cold water
- 2 1/2 cups DairyPure Heavy Whipping Cream, divided
- 8 ounces soft peppermint candy
- 1 chocolate cookie crust
- crushed peppermint candies, for garnish

Soften gelatin in water; set aside.

In small saucepan over low heat, cook 1/2 cup whipping cream with candy until candy melts.

Add gelatin; mix well.

Whip remaining whipping cream. Let gelatin mixture cool and fold in whipped cream, reserving 1/2 cup for garnish.

Pour into crust. Chill.

Before serving, top with reserved whipped cream and crushed peppermint candies.

## Homemade Whipped Cream



2 tablespoons granulated or confectioners' sugar

2 cups DairyPure Heavy Whipping Cream

1 teaspoon vanilla extract or liqueur

In chilled glass bowl, add sugar to whipping cream. Using whisk or hand mixer, incorporate sugar into heavy whipping cream until it begins to thicken, leaving visible trails. Continue to whip until soft peaks start to form.

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