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BARRED OWL GETS NEW LEASE ON LIFE

Storyline contributed by Christina Gaudin-Morgan



A few weeks ago, Christina Gaudin-Morgan, living in Saddle Ridge Estates, let her dogs out to exercise, and they found a young barred owl under the lanai nestled into the firewood area. She immediately took them back inside, thinking the owl felt trapped and would fly away when the coast was clear.

A few hours later, it was apparent that the owl was injured. After searching around for help, she located Friends of Texas Wildlife, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization where 100% of all donations support native Texas wildlife. It's located at 29615 Highland Blvd, in Magnolia.

The next day the Friends of Texas Wildlife called Christina and told her the owl had a wrap on its wing and, when ready, would be put with the other young owls they had in larger flight cages to strengthen the wing.

They also invited her and her family to participate in the

release of another barred owl they have at a park in Cypress and her owl when they were both ready to fly.

On Wednesday, July 29th, her daughter, Juliana Morgan, her boyfriend, Robert "Bobby" Gillis, Jr., and Christina met one of the volunteers from Friends of Texas Wildlife, at Cypress Park on Eldridge. They participated in the release of three rehabilitated barred owls, including their rescued owl, Little Hoot.

Friends of Texas Wildlife release rehabilitated barred owls at Cypress Park regularly. We hope that Little Hoot and the two others can locate some of their previously released cage mates. More than likely, they will migrate and home elsewhere but are initially scared on their first day released.

This was an extraordinary experience that helped teach that human purposes vary. On the day that they found Little Hoot, they realized their mission was to aid creatures with whom they were blessed to share this earth. He needed their help. They are thankful for Friends of Texas Wildlife and the volunteers and donors who aid in preserving our Texas wildlife animals.



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The Ladies Club is probably the best way for you to meet and get to know your LOEN neighbors and make new friends. At this time however, the club's normal operations are only virtual. Currently, Bridge and our two Book Clubs, are meeting online.

A few of our other groups are contemplating how to meet safely at this time and provide the much needed social interaction that is the central to the purpose of the Ladies Club.

For more information on the Ladies Club, please email Jeanne MacKenzie at loenladiesclubpresident@gmail.com.



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The Flight of the Booze Fairy

by Jen Ramirez

At a time when our country seems to be so divided, one Cypress community is working hard to change that. There is a network of selfless women working hard to perform acts of kindness daily to strangers. These women, who have come to be known as the Booze Fairies, are a collection of women pouring their creative side into gift baskets to surprise random neighbors.

The craze started after a Houston affiliated group started the trend, and because of the outpouring of support in Cypress, Christel Garcia founded the Cypress chapter on social media. The random acts were founded on very simple ideas for women of ALL ages and have grown to almost 800 members strong. Member/members of the group put together gift baskets, typically with themes from “Colors of the Rainbow” to “Everything but the Coffee” filled with fun dish towels, cocktail ingredients, sweet treats, fun candies, and uplifting messages.

The creator of the basket then posts a picture of their contributions, and at that point, requests with addresses from other members (usually strangers) come pouring in asking to be “boozed.” Once the Booze Fairy selects a random person, the gift basket is left on that person’s porch for a sweet surprise upon arrival. Then the trend is continued by the recipient and has been going strong ever since!

Having been under stay at home orders associated with the pandemic has brought out the fun and creative side of these women. And more importantly, it has pulled together this community of females with the only mission of making someone’s day. There are daily posts of women who have had a rough day due to job loss, loved ones sick with COVID, moms overwhelmed by children at home for months, and any other possible challenge they face only to be met with a random stranger reaching out with generous gifts specifically for them.

One member of the group “boozed” another member and received the following note from the recipient that read, “Thank you! I have never felt a part of anything. You did that for me!” The amount of uplifting attributed to this one group has surpassed everything anyone could have ever imagined.

These women have served as role models in such a way that younger eyes have been watching and learning. Daughters of members have taken on a life of their own creating “Juice Fairies.” It is the same concept, but their baskets are filled with childhood favorites like Capri Sun, coloring books, small toys, and handmade bracelets. Seeing these incredible acts of kindness are simple reminders that there are people in this world, leaving this little piece of Texas a bit better than they found it.



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RIVER OTTERS

By Cheryl Conley, TWRC Wildlife Center



Most people assume that the animal they are seeing in area lakes and streams is a beaver but it could be a river otter. Most people don't realize that we have otters in our area.

River otters are fascinating little creatures. They are semi-aquatic spending about two-thirds of their time on land and the other third in the water. They live in dens called holts, near water, that have several tunnel openings with at least one leading them directly to a lake, stream, inland wetland or marsh. Their webbed feet and powerful tails make them strong swimmers. When they're in the water, their nostrils and ears close to keep water out. They have a third eyelid, or nictitating membrane, that acts like the goggles we wear when we swim. It protects the eyes and helps them to see underwater. They can dive up to 60 feet and can hold their breath for up to eight minutes.

The diet of the river otter is mainly made up of aquatic organisms including fish, turtles, frogs, crayfish, etc. but since they're semi-aquatic, they've also been known to eat small mammals like squirrels and mice.

River otters are good communicators and have a variety of vocalizations. They yelp, whistle, growl and chirp and when threatened, they emit a scream that can be heard up to a mile and a half away!

Although they live alone or in pairs, river otters are very social and playful—guess you could call them party animals. The playful furballs roll down hills, juggle pebbles, wrestle, frolic in the water and even build themselves slides along the banks of rivers.

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1 can 15oz mandarin orange segments, drained

Cook almonds and sugar over low heat, stirring, until sugar is mantled and almonds are coated and toasted. Cook and break into pieces.

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