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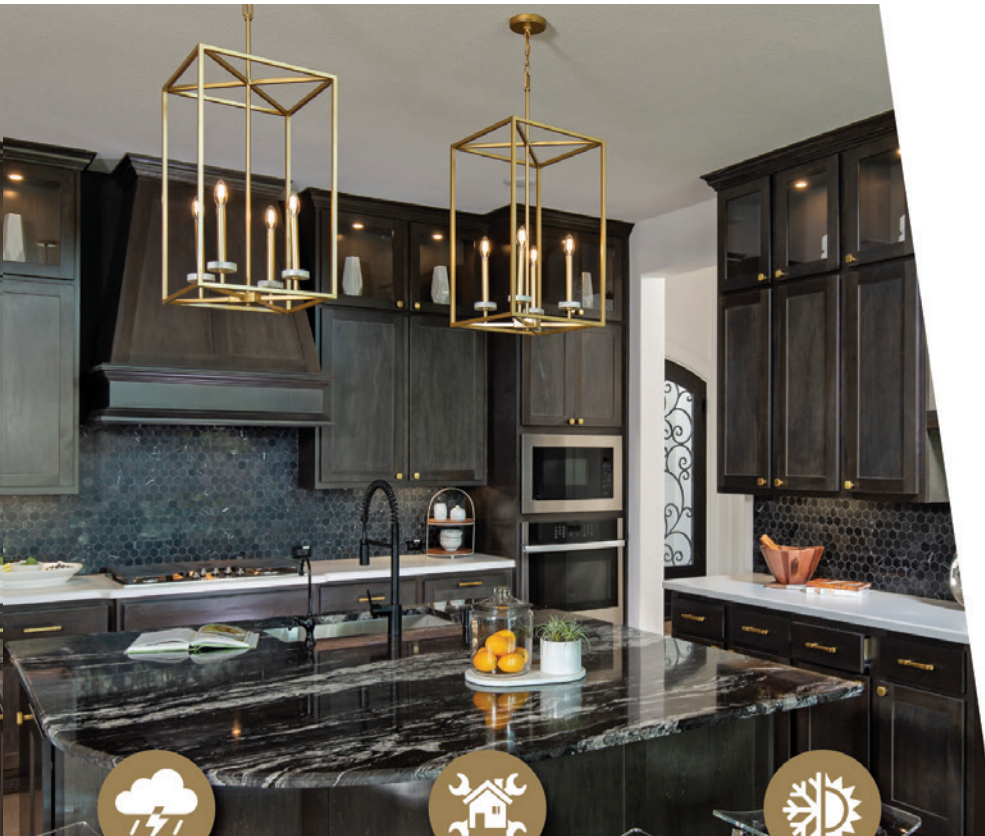
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PERSHING MIDDLE SCHOOL'S VIRTUAL RAFFLE AND RESTAURANT SPIRIT WEEK



Pershing Middle School's Restaurant Spirit Week and Virtual Raffle is right around the corner! This new event is a response by the PTO to reconsider the annual Fine Arts Showcase and Spaghetti Supper, Pershing's largest annual fundraiser cancelled this year due to COVID, as a virtual event for students, families, and the community. Starting Monday, November 2nd, visit pershingpto.org to purchase tickets for various cool prizes, including items like a Nintendo Switch and Wireless Earbuds with a Wireless Charging Case! The raffle will close at noon on Friday, November 13th and winners will be announced online that evening. Also, beginning Monday, November 9th through Saturday November 14th, support Pershing's Restaurant Spirit Week by visiting two of our restaurant sponsors, Gugliani's (4990 Beechnut Street) and Nothing Bundt Cakes (5115 Buffalo Speedway), for lunch or dinner and dessert. Simply mention you are there to support Pershing Middle School and a portion of your purchase will come back to the school. Funds raised by the PTO in the past have helped with things like the large project of trimming trees surrounding the school and the new scoreboard. This year PTO funds have helped the school purchase the technology and resources needed for successful remote learning and social-distanced learning on campus. If you have any questions, please email pershingspaghettisupper@gmail.com. Thanks for your support of Pershing Middle School!



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8	9	10 T/R	11 TREE	12	13	14
15	16	17 TRASH	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 T/R	25	26	27	28
29	30					

DECEMBER 2020						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1 TRASH	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 T/R	9 JUNK	10	11	12
13	14	15 TRASH	16	17	18	19
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NEW TOMBALL RESIDENTS

By Cheryl Conley, TWRC Wildlife Center

A pair of beautiful bald eagles are now calling Tomball, Texas, home and they've become quite the attraction. People are coming from miles around just to get a glimpse of them and to snap a photo. Should you decide to come and take a look, remember to keep your distance and do not disturb the birds in any way.

Bald eagles are protected by multiple federal laws that include the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, the Lacey Act as well as other state and municipal protections that may be in place. The Eagle Act was originally passed in 1940 and was amended in 1972, increasing civil penalties. The Act provides criminal penalties for persons who "take, possess, sell, purchase, barter, offer to sell, purchase or barter, transport, export or import, at any time or any manner, any bald eagle ... [or any golden eagle], alive or dead, or any part*, nest, or egg thereof." The Act defines "take" as "pursue, shoot, shoot at, poison, wound, kill, capture, trap, collect, molest or disturb."

"Disturb" means: "to agitate or bother a bald or golden eagle to a degree that causes, or is likely to cause, based on the

best scientific information available, 1) injury to an eagle, 2) a decrease in its productivity, by substantially interfering with normal breeding, feeding, or sheltering behavior, or 3) nest abandonment, by substantially interfering with normal breeding, feeding, or sheltering behavior."

Here are some interesting facts about Bald Eagles:

- They have been our national symbol since 1782.
- They are almost always found near water.
- They live to be between 20 and 30 years old. The oldest recorded bald eagle was 38.
- Their wingspan is between 6 feet and 7.5 feet.
- Females are larger than males.
- They can see 4 to 7 times better than humans.
- They can see fish up to a mile away.
- They mate for life but should one of the pair die, the other will find another mate.
- They return to the same nest every year. They will make repairs and add additional twigs, grass, etc. each year.

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The nests average 2-4 feet deep and 4-5 feet wide. The largest nest on record weighed 2 tons!

- The female lays 1 to 3 eggs and both the male and female take turns sitting on the eggs. The first egg will hatch after 35 days of incubation. The next egg will hatch several days later.

- Sometimes the first eaglet to hatch will kill the younger one(s).

- By 3 weeks of age, the feet and beaks are nearly as large as an adult.

- Eaglets fledge between 8 and 14 weeks of age.

- It's not until 3 years of age that the head and tail begin to turn white. In the 4th year, the eagle gets its white head, tail and upper and undertail coverts.

- Eagles can swim—sort of. If they swoop down for a fish and it's too heavy, they will paddle to shore.

TWRC Wildlife Center asks that you respect all wildlife. With regard to the Tomball eagles, keep your distance, view with binoculars, keep the noise level down and report anyone harassing them or getting too close. They could be breaking a federal law.

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RICH, FLAVORFUL RECIPES FOR MEMORABLE HOLIDAY MOMENTS



(Family Features)

For many families, spending special moments with loved ones feels more important than ever this year. Whether you're spending the holidays with family or inviting them for a virtual call from afar, you can plan ahead to enjoy the same dishes even without being at

the same table.

Tap into family favorites like these seasonal sweets that include California Walnuts for rich, holiday-worthy flavor. Overnight Walnut French Toast with Cranberry Walnut Ginger Compote offers a tart-sweet combination perfect for a holiday brunch and allows you to prep the night before and simply pop in the oven when you wake up.

Drizzled with a chocolate-peppermint glaze and finished with walnuts and crushed peppermint candies, a Walnut Chocolate Peppermint Bundt Cake can provide the perfect finish to the festivities. The soft cake and crunchy walnuts contrast for an ultimate texture combination.

Find more sweet holiday recipes at walnuts.org.

Overnight Walnut French Toast with Cranberry Walnut Ginger Compote

Total time: 1 hour, Servings: 12

Cranberry Walnut Ginger Compote:

- 1/2 cup California Walnuts
- 2 cups cranberries
- 1/2 cup orange juice
- 1/2 cup maple syrup
- 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1 orange, zest only

Overnight Walnut French Toast:

- 8 slices Texas Toast or 1-inch thick slices French bread
- 1/4 cup butter, melted, plus additional for baking dish, divided
- 2 1/2 cups milk or walnut milk
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 6 eggs

To make Cranberry Walnut Ginger Compote: Preheat oven to 350 F. Place walnuts on baking sheet and toast 8 minutes. Remove from heat and chop coarsely.

In medium pot over medium heat, combine toasted walnuts, cranberries, orange juice, syrup, ginger and orange zest. Bring to boil and stir frequently 12-15 minutes until cranberries pop and liquid starts to reduce.

Transfer to container and refrigerate once cooled.

To make Overnight Walnut French Toast: Preheat oven to 350 F.

Place bread on baking sheet and bake 5 minutes, or until lightly toasted on outside but still soft on inside. Butter 13-by-9-inch baking dish.

In large bowl, whisk milk, sugar, 1/4 cup butter, vanilla extract, cinnamon and eggs. Dip each bread slice in mixture and let soak about 15 seconds on each side. Place in prepared baking dish, overlapping slices slightly, if necessary.

Cover and refrigerate a few hours or overnight.

Preheat oven to 350 F. Bake 50-60 minutes, or until golden brown and somewhat firm to touch. Serve immediately topped with Cranberry Walnut Ginger Compote.



Walnut Chocolate Peppermint Bundt Cake

Total time: 1 hour, 30 minutes, Servings: 16

Cake:

- 1 cup butter, plus additional for greasing pan, divided
- 1 1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa powder, plus additional for

dusting pan, divided

- 1 cup water
- 2 1/4 cups sugar
- 1 teaspoon peppermint extract
- 3 eggs
- 2 cups flour
- 3/4 teaspoon baking powder
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- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 cup buttermilk
- 1 cup California Walnut halves and pieces
- Chocolate Peppermint Truffle Glaze:
- 1/3 cup dark chocolate chips
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons milk
- 1/2 teaspoon peppermint extract

Toppings:

- 1/2 cup coarsely chopped California Walnuts
- 1/2 cup crushed peppermint candy

To make cake: Preheat oven to 350 F. Lightly butter bundt pan then dust with cocoa powder. Turn pan, tapping, to coat on all sides; tap out excess.

In small saucepan over low heat, melt 1 cup butter, 1/2 cup cocoa powder and water, whisking until smooth; let cool.

Transfer to bowl of mixer and lightly beat in sugar, peppermint extract and eggs.

In medium bowl, mix flour, baking powder, salt and baking soda. Add about 1/3 of dry ingredients to chocolate mixture and beat on low speed to combine. Add 1/4 cup buttermilk and beat again. Repeat steps ending with flour mixture, mixing only until combined. Fold in walnuts.

Spread in prepared pan and bake 50-60 minutes, or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Let cool then invert onto serving plate or platter.

To make Chocolate Peppermint Truffle Glaze: While cake bakes, melt chocolate chips, butter, milk and peppermint extract together until smooth. Let cool slightly to thicken then drizzle over cake. Top with walnuts and peppermint candies. Content downloaded from FamilyFeatures.com.



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