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LOE Deed Restrictions and Applications for Improvements

The LOE Architectural Control Committee would like to remind all residents that we are a deed restricted community, and asks for your cooperation in submitting applications in accordance with the Architectural Guidelines for all improvements that affect the exterior appearance of the house or the lot, including landscaping modifications. If in doubt about whether or not an application is required, please contact our managing agent, AMI.

Our Architectural Guidelines were established and are enforced in order to protect our property values and preserve the character of our community. By submitting an application that meets them, a homeowner ensures that the proposed improvement is in harmony with the neighborhood. And perhaps of more importance to the individual homeowner, having an approval prior to construction avoids having construction halted while an application is processed or a deed restriction violation is corrected. Unfortunately this does happen—a situation that is inconvenient for everyone involved.

An application for improvement can be obtained from AMI or from the community website (see below). The application should generally include a copy of your lot survey indicating the extents of the improvements, construction or landscaping plans, and manufacturers' product literature.

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Yard Of The Month



*Deborah Dunaway,
5310 Bristol Banks*



*Linda O'keefe, 5307
Emerald Brook*

We are all so lucky to be living in LAKES ON ELDRIDGE! The pride that homeowners take in their yards is apparent. All of you keep up the great gardening. The following are names and photos of our TWO WINNERS and names of our TWO HONORABLE MENTIONS for JUNE:

WINNERS:

DEBORAH DUNAWAY, 5310 BRISTOL BANKS
LINDA O'KEEFE, 5307 EMERALD BROOK

HONORABLE MENTIONS:

TOM WHEELAN, 5326 INDIAN SHORES
NAME NOT GIVEN, 5303 CEDAR BEND CREEK

Congratulations to you all for a job well done! Winners, please allow 8 weeks for receiving your gift certificate from Caloway/Cornelius Nursery.

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LOE Deed Restrictions - (Continued from Cover Page)

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Timely Tips

for June Gardeners
From Calloway's Nursery

Planting a Butterfly garden is fun for all ages. First, choose a location with plenty of sun and protection from strong winds. Add a supply of dark rocks or mass of dark pebbles to collect the morning sun for the butterflies to rest and warm up. Sink a container full of sand or gravel into the ground and keep it moist. This will serve as a resting spot for butterflies to drink and obtain minerals.

Attracting butterflies to your garden is easy. Select foliage plants as food for the larvae or caterpillar, and flowering plants to provide nectar for adults. Butterflies are attracted by fragrance, flower shape and color. They are mostly active in mid and late summer, so you should make sure that you have lots of nectar-rich plants and flowers blooming by then. If you plant large sections of flowers of the same color, it will make it easier for them to find your garden. You should plant flowers that will bloom at different times of the year and some that bloom at different times of the day and night. This way you will always have something in bloom and attracting butterflies! Our free clinic on June 12 at 10:15 am will go into more details about planting a Butterfly Garden. Go to mytexasgarden.com/index.php/free-clinics for more details.

Kids especially love butterflies! Last summer we offered several children's clinics during the week and had a great response! This summer we will offer the Callie's Kids Summer Series on the first and third Wednesdays in June, July, and August at 9:30 am. Kids will plant, color, learn and explore plants and nature with one of our garden experts. For more details, go to mytexasgarden.com/index.php/events/callies-kids.

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TEAM FROM KIRK ELEMENTARY

*Wins 2nd place at Texas
DI Tournament*

The "DI Joes", a team of four 5th graders and one 4th grader from Kirk Elementary, won second place in elementary school level at the Texas State Destination Imagination ("DI") tournament on April 17th 2010 in Dallas Texas. They had advanced to the state level by winning First place in the regional DI competition held February 20th, where they competed against other elementary school teams in the Gulf Coast region. They represented Kirk Elementary - Cy Fair ISD at the Global DI competition held May 24-26 at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, where teams from all over the world participate in this three day Competition. Go to globalfinals.org for the latest information.

The Team is composed of Juliet Leger, Jenna Krenek, Collin Viator, Hunter Jordan and Hannah Pham. Team Managers are Pam Krenek and Cherie Viator.

Destination Imagination (or DI as it is called) is an international organization for kindergarten through college students that teaches life skills and expands imaginations through team-based creative problem solving. More information is at www.idodi.org.

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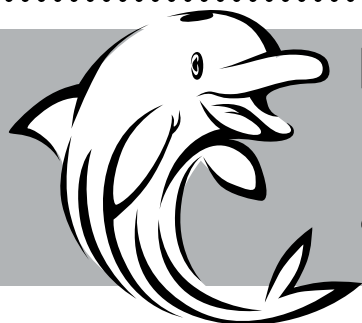
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Lakes on Eldridge Dolphins Swim Team News

My oh my, how quickly time passes when you are having fun! Hard to believe the season is half over already, but the good news is that there is a lot more fun ahead for all involved! You are invited to come to our meets and cheer for all our wonderful swimmers. The meets start at 8 am and continue until the early afternoon. You won't believe how exciting it gets!

FOR YOUR EASY REFERENCE, HERE IS THE REMAINING SCHEDULE:

June 5: Home Meet* @ Winchester
June 7-8: Summer Quest (Mid-invitational) @ Cy-springs
June 12: Away Meet* @ Concord Bridge
June 19: Divisionals

June 21: Swim Banquet @ Cy Ridge Hs
June 25-27: Red, White & Blue Invitationals @ Cy-springs
June 26-27: Ponderosa Invitationals @ Klein Hs

**The evening before meets a Pep Rally is held
7-8:30 at the LOE Pool.*

You can visit our great new website www.loedolphins.org for the latest schedule information, under 'Meets and Events'. The website also offers a 'Contact' link to send questions and comments, or if you prefer you can email one of the Board Members directly (select 'About us', then '2010 Board of Directors').

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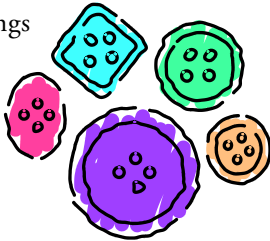
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Stitch & Chat

Members of Stitch and Chat meet every Thursday from 10 a.m. until 12 noon at the LOE Beach Club House. We knit, crochet, needle pint, embroidery, counted cross stitch, mend items, and sew on buttons that we have put off much too long. We make Quilts for family members, shawls for cancer patients, caps for newborn babies. We would love to have you join us for coffee and conversation. We would be happy to help you get started on any project that you have always wanted to do.

You do not have to be a resident of Lakes on Eldridge to join us. For more information contact:

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After a long day, come stretch and unwind with some gentle yoga and relaxation meditation. No experience or flexibility needed except for a willing heart and open mind, and it is open to all residents free of charge. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a mat (borrowing mats are available at the class).

LOCATION: Lakes on Eldridge
Club House or by the pool
(weather dependent)

DATES: Tuesdays 8 to 9 pm,
on June 1, June 15
(by the pool only-weather dependent),
June 22, June 29

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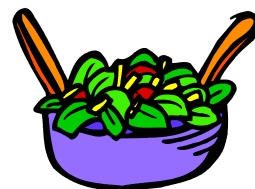
UPCOMING BOOKS:

- June 28 – *The Island* by Victoria Hislop. The Petrakis family lives in the small Greek seaside village of Plaka. Just off the coast is the tiny island of Spinalonga, where the nation's leper colony once was located—a place that has haunted four generations of Petrakis women. There's Eleni, ripped from her husband and two young daughters and sent to Spinalonga in 1939, and her daughters Maria, finding joy in the everyday as she dutifully cares for her father, and Anna, a wild child hungry for passion and a life anywhere but Plaka. And finally there's Alexis, Eleni's great-granddaughter, visiting modern-day Greece to unlock her family's past. A richly enchanting novel of lives and loves unfolding against the backdrop of the Mediterranean during World War II, *The Island* is an enthralling story of dreams and desires, of secrets desperately hidden, and of leprosy's touch on an unforgettable family.
- July 26 - *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett
- August 23 - *The Master Butcher's Singing Club* by Louise Erdrich

Recipe of the Month

Black Bean Shrimp Salad

- 1 pound cooked medium shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 1 can (15 ounces) black beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 small green pepper, julienned
- 1 small onion, thinly sliced
- 1/2 cup chopped celery
- 2/3 cup picante sauce
- 2 tablespoons minced fresh cilantro
- 2 tablespoons lime juice
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon grated lime peel, optional
- 6 lettuce leaves
- 1 cup halved cherry tomatoes



In a large bowl, combine the first five ingredients. In a small bowl, whisk the picante sauce, cilantro, lime juice, oil, honey, salt and lime peel if desired. Pour over shrimp mixture and toss to coat. Cover and refrigerate for at least 2 hours. Using a slotted spoon, spoon onto a lettuce-lined serving platter or salad plates. Garnish with tomatoes. Yield: 6 servings.

Nutrition Facts: 3/4 cup equals 224 calories, 6 g fat (1 g saturated fat), 115 mg cholesterol, 571 mg sodium, 22 g carbohydrate, 4 g fiber, 19 g protein. Diabetic Exchanges: 2 very lean meat, 1 starch, 1 vegetable, 1 fat.



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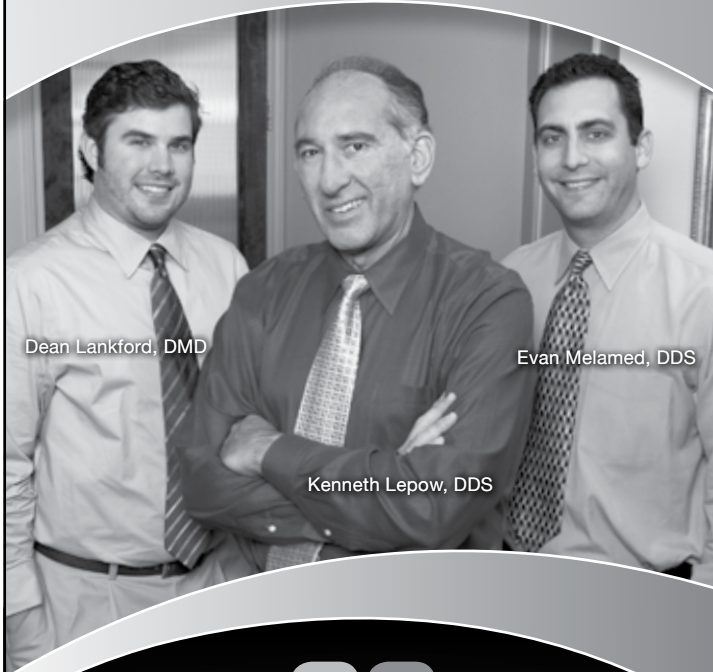
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If you or your family members use ATM cash machines on a regular basis, here are some tips that can make the process a little safer. Use only ATM machines in well-lighted, high-traffic areas. Don't use ATM machines that are remote or hidden such as being located behind buildings, behind pillars or away from public view. Beware of obvious hiding places like shrubbery or overgrown trees. ATM robbers like to have the element of surprise with no witnesses.

Get a list of ATM locations from your bank and keep it in your car. Choose an ATM that looks and 'feels' safer, even if it is a couple of miles out of the way. Try and limit your use to daylight hours. When you drive up to an ATM location, scan the area for any suspicious persons. If you see anyone suspicious standing nearby or sitting alone in a car, don't hesitate to drive away. Listen to your 'gut' instinct. When you approach a bank ATM on foot be prepared and have your access card ready. After inserting your card and your PIN number keep an eye out behind you. If anyone suspicious or seemingly dangerous approaches terminate your transaction and leave immediately, even if it means leaving your ATM card in the machine. When you receive cash from the machine don't openly count it...put it away immediately, extract your card, and walk away.

If you use your car at a bank drive-thru ATM machine the same rules apply. Make sure there are no obvious hiding places or suspicious persons loitering in the area. If there are, listen to your gut instinct and drive away. Keep the car in gear, doors locked, with your foot firmly on the brake, while using the ATM machine. Keep a close eye on your rear and side view mirrors during the transaction. Robbers almost always approach from the rear on the drivers' side. If you see anyone approaching, drive off even if it means leaving your ATM card behind. You can always retrieve it later or cancel the card. If you are confronted by an armed robber, just give up your money without argument. The cash is not worth serious injury or death.

- Only use ATM machines in a well-lighted, open, high-traffic area during the daytime
- ATM machines in supermarkets are safer for nighttime use
- Avoid ATM machines adjacent to obvious hiding places
- When you approach an ATM scan the area first for loiterers
- Have your card ready and leave quickly, not counting your cash in public
- Walk or drive away immediately if your instincts tell you so
- Don't argue with a robber, if confronted, and give up the cash
- Don't fight with or attempt to follow the robber
- Drive to a safe place and immediately call the police

- Submitted by Deputy James Kitchens, Travis County Sheriff's Office

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BUNCO JUNKIES

Members of Bunco Junkies meet & play at the LOE Beach Club House on the 1st Thursday of each month from 12 noon until 2 pm. We must have 12 players each month to be able to play. Please speak to your friends & neighbors and ask them to join us in this easy and fun game. Players do not have to be residents of Lakes on Eldridge to play.

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What do these programs do? They do what you can easily do for free. Mostly they delete temp files, cookies and unnecessary registry entries. Deleting temp files and cookies won't have any noticeable impact on speed, but if you want to you can easily do both yourself. To delete your temp files, click on the "Computer" icon on your desktop or "Computer" in your "Start" menu. Right click on your C: drive and choose "Properties". Right there you'll see a button that says "Disk Cleanup". Click the button, check the boxes, click on "OK" and you're done. Cookies can be deleted in the Tools/Options menus of your web browser (personally, I don't spend time worrying about cookies.)

I don't recommend you mess around trying to clean-up your registry (the registry is a VERY LONG list of settings telling your computer what programs are installed, where you like your icons, the color of your background, etc.) If you know what you're doing and know how to back-up the registry before making changes, then you probably stopped reading long before now. If you don't know how, then just leave it alone. Using a registry cleaner MIGHT make your computer start 1/2 a second faster, but you risk making a change that can make your computer impossible to boot, in other words "don't try this at home."

So what is REALLY slowing down your computer? After years of use, your Windows machine starts to use more and more memory. There are things like neat little tools that give you the weather or news on your desktop, printer software, camera software, instant

messaging programs, etc. In addition, there are programs that came with your computer when you bought it that you may not even use. Programs like AOL, Quicken or Microsoft Money, the manufacturers "support" program, trial software and others. Many of these have small parts of them that start up each time you start your computer. With enough of these little "starter" files running in the background, the memory (not your hard drive) runs out and soon your computer starts slowing down.

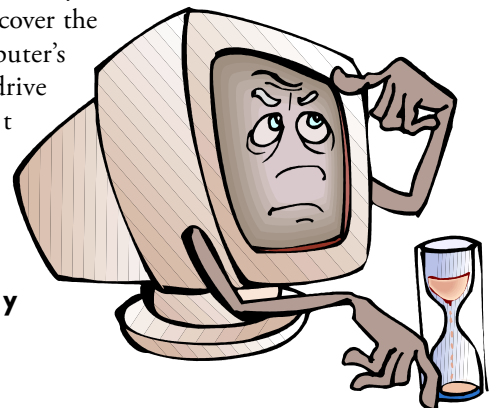
The best thing you can do (and those paid software programs can't) is remove the programs you don't need and/or use. If you use Windows XP, go to your Control Panel and look for the "Add/Remove Programs" icon. This will show you a list of all the programs installed on your computer. For Windows Vista and Windows 7, the Control Panel now calls it "Programs and Features". You need to be careful to remove only programs you're SURE you're not using – don't go crazy with it.

The two biggest things that make a difference are best left to a professional. There are entries in the registry that can be manually deleted to stop programs from starting up with your computer. Also, adding memory is easy and cheap, but you need to be sure you're putting in the right type for your computer.

Speeding up your computer doesn't have to be expensive. If you are going to spend your money, spend it on the right things, you can take care of the easy stuff yourself for free.

Next month we'll cover the basics of your computer's memory and hard drive (how they affect the speed of your computer) and we'll say goodbye to Windows 2000.

- Submitted by
Laurie Scott



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Quarter 2	27	21	77.7%	27	16	59.2%
Quarter 3	14	10	71.4%	20	9	45.0%
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SUMMER HEAT CAUTIONS

Stay Safe This Summer

How dangerous is overheating in the summer months? According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, from 1973 – 2003, excessive heat exposure caused 8,015 deaths in the United States. “Heat-related deaths and illness are preventable, yet annually many people succumb to extreme heat,” says Dr. George Luber, extreme heat expert for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta.

Summertime activity, whether on the playing field, running, boating, or just enjoying the great outdoors, must be balanced with measures that aid the body’s cooling mechanisms and prevent heat-related illness. Know the symptoms of heat disorders and overexposure to the sun, and be ready to give first aid treatment.

Heat Cramps- are strong muscle contractions and usually affect the abdomen and legs. The condition usually improves with rest, water and cooler conditions.



Heat Exhaustion- caused by heat and dehydration but the effects are more serious than cramps. Symptoms may include paleness, dizziness or fainting, nausea or vomiting, and an increase

in body temperature. Rest, water and cool compresses (ice water on the back of the neck, etc) can help. For more severe heat exhaustion, IV fluids may be required.

Heat Stroke- The most serious of the heat related conditions. Heat stroke is most commonly brought on by strenuous exercise in hot conditions. However, it can also affect non-active individuals if the temperature is high enough. Visual signs include flushed, red look to the skin, the person often stops sweating**. This is one key sign that an individual is in an over heated condition. Also, a person with heat stroke might become delirious, unconscious, or have seizures. Lowering the body temperature and getting fluids into the person as quickly as possible is imperative.

Don’t get caught off guard this summer drink plenty of water, wear plenty of sun-screen, and exercise early in the morning. Enjoy the summer season and stay safe.


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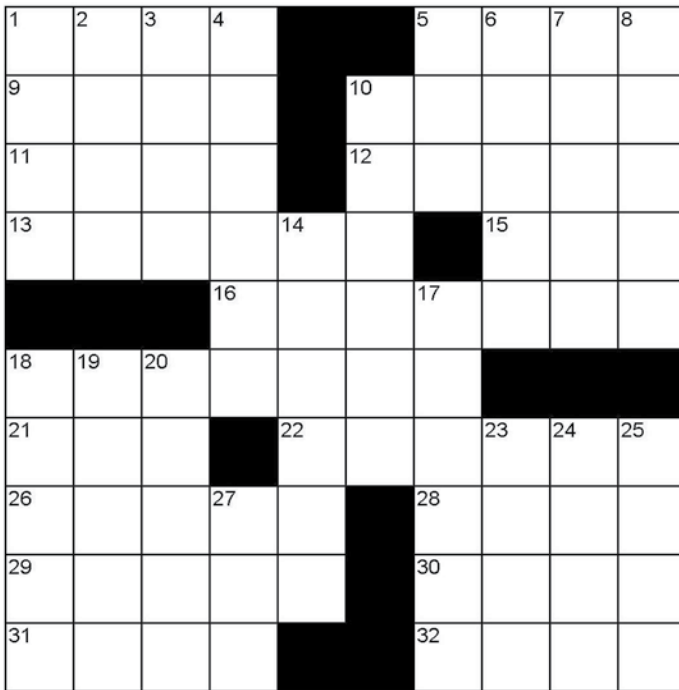
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10. British princess
11. Absent
12. Praise
13. Her former last name
15. Ball holder
16. Surpasses
18. Bar enforcer
21. Trail
22. Humorous
26. Bets
28. Information
29. Vista
30. Paradise
31. Animal group
32. Lady

DOWN

1. Hit
2. State
3. Tai
4. Saucy Girl
5. Tyrannosaurus
6. Speak
7. Eyed
8. Tiny insects
10. Wears mesh mask to fight
14. Tax
17. Worn
18. Cheeky
19. Small measurement 1/16 of a pound
20. Whoop
23. Cipher
24. Object
25. Walking stick
27. The ___ (final word)

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What a Fire Ant Is

There are many different types of fire ants, and they are found all throughout the southeastern and southwestern United States. The most common and aggressive kind is the red imported fire ant, which is reddish-brown and measures about 1/8-inch long (about half the size of a pencil eraser).

Red imported fire ants live in colonies that first nest in the ground, and then create a mound of dirt over the nest. These mounds can grow up to 18 inches high and over 2 feet wide! Red imported fire ants' nests can be found on lawns, in parks, on playgrounds, in fields, and in pastures. Some red imported fire ants create nests in walls of buildings.

What a Fire Ant Sting Looks and Feels Like

A person who gets stung by a fire ant will feel a sharp pain and burning. A person who steps on a fire ant mound will get a lot of stings at once because the ants have been disturbed where they all live together. Each sting will turn into an itchy white blister over the next day.

What You Should Do

If you ever think that you have been stung by a fire ant, tell an adult immediately. That's because the venom (poison) in the fire ants' stings can cause the area of the sting to swell up quite a bit, and a doctor may want to have a look to make sure you

are not having an allergic reaction. The symptoms of an allergic reaction include hives (red patches on the skin that sting and itch), nausea, dizziness, a tight feeling in the throat, or difficulty breathing. If these symptoms occur, the person needs to get medical attention right away.

But more often, you can follow these steps after a fire ant sting:

Wash the area with soap and water.

Apply some ice to the area.

Check with the doctor if you have redness, swelling, or itching.

What a Doctor Will Do

A doctor may suggest giving a medicine called an antihistamine to control swelling and itching. If you are having a more severe allergic reaction to a fire ant sting, he or she may give you a shot fights the reaction. People who know that they are allergic to fire ant stings also sometimes carry emergency medicine that they can give to themselves to prevent a severe reaction from happening.

How to Avoid Getting Bitten

The best way to avoid getting bitten by fire ants is to keep your shoes on when playing near fire ant mounds. If you come across one, don't ever poke at it or try to play with it.

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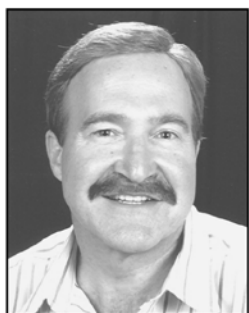
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