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Holiday Sleighride

DECEMBER 21
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Ho, Ho, Ho, Neighbors! The magic of the holidays is almost upon us and Santa will soon be on his way to greet all the girls and boys of Avery Ranch.

- Join Santa, Mrs. Claus and the Social Committee Elves for a fun time.
- Saturday, December 21st from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. at the MAC (main activity center) Morningside.
- Visit with Santa, (seated by the fireplace at the main pool area) while enjoying hot cider, cocoa, cookies and holiday music.
- Take a leisurely ride on one of the three festive decorated horse drawn wagons. You and your family can relax and enjoy beautiful holiday decorations. Wagons will be located near the tennis courts at the Morningside Park.
- Mrs. Claus will be delighting us with stories and will have some small goodies to give away.

Come on out and enjoy the fun, meet your wonderful neighbors and celebrate the holiday spirit!

Volunteer help is always appreciated and needed. If you would like to volunteer for this event, please contact Rita Rear at rdrear@gmail.com or Karen Niefert at nieftexas@gmail.com



CALENDAR

HOA Monthly Board Meeting

- **Next meeting - Monday, December 9th**

Board Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7pm, except for holidays. Board members will meet on these dates to discuss issues related to Avery Ranch. Agenda can be found on the Avery Ranch Website in the discussion forums section no later than Friday prior to the meeting. If you have an item you would like discussed during one of these meetings, please contact Alliance Association Management, Inc. at 347-2888. The location for meetings is at the Morningside Amenity Center.

Upcoming Avery Ranch Social Events:

- **Holiday Sleigh Ride**

December 21st, Saturday

Details in article above

- **Polar Bear Splash**

— an Avery Ranch Red Fish Swim Team Fundraiser

January 1st, Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.

Main Amenity Center

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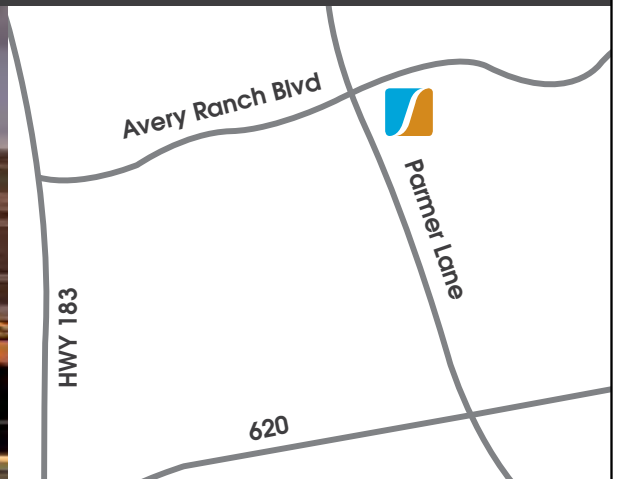
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Avery Ranch Harvest Hayride

By Rita Rear, Event Chair

The annual Harvest Hayride & Costume Contest was hosted by the Avery Ranch Social Committee on October 26th at the Morningside Park.

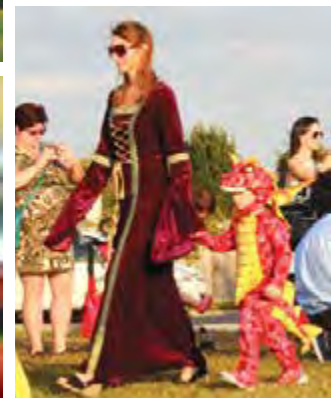
The highlight was The Dead Music Capital Band that rose for the occasion to provide bone shaking music for all to enjoy. This year there were three Harvest Hayride wagons to ride and new fun activities were added with the pumpkin toss games, photos with spooky skeletons and the pumpkin weight guessing contest. Congratulations to the contest winners, 1st place Neeraj Sahu and 2nd place Stephanie McCord.

They are enjoying pizza from Brooklyn Heights Pizzeria.

The little ones were dressed in their cutest, scariest and most clever costumes and enjoyed Halloween stickers and glow bracelets. Delicious cookies along with hot chocolate and apple cider were served.

Special thanks to all the Avery Ranch Social Committee volunteers for making our community Harvest Hayride possible. Most of all, thank you to all those who participated and made this event a success!

Check out all the great pictures posted on the Avery Ranch Owners Association Facebook Group. The photos for this article were taken by a fellow Avery Ranch resident, Animesh Chakraborty.



Avery Ranch Bazaar 2013

By W. Cavin Weber, Event Chair

On Saturday the 9th of November, the Avery Ranch Social Committee hosted the 7th Annual Avery Ranch Bazaar at Avery Ranch Park. The event brought over 60 vendors and hundreds of attendees. There was an obstacle course, face painter and balloon artist for the kids, food vendors, boot camp, Zumba, and dance demonstrations. There was even a train ride that went through the whole bazaar!

We are already planning for next year's event! Please email bazaar@averyhoa.com if you are interested in a booth or wish to volunteer.

The photos for this article were generously provided by a fellow Avery Ranch resident, Animesh Chakraborty.



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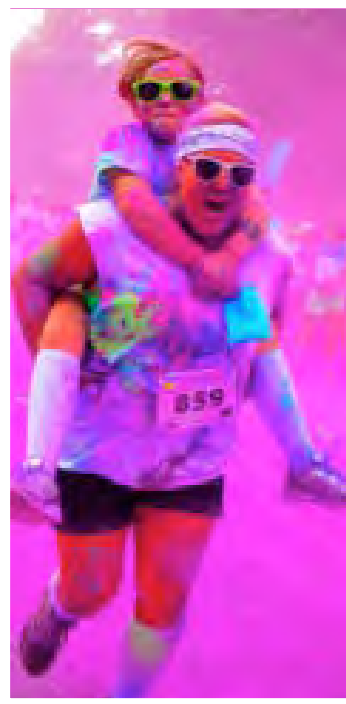


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Madison, a sophomore, plays Outside Hitter/Middle Blocker for Round Rock Christian Academy volleyball team."



Rip Whitney

Rip Whitney suits up as the catcher for his Cedar Park Youth League baseball team



2nd grade twins **Rip & Max Whitney** of The Landing celebrate Rip's "Sportsman of the Week" award at i9's flag football program

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Ryan McCann

5-year old Ryan swirling the hula hoop.



Cooper & Ryann McCann

"At the Avery Ranch Bazaar, cousins Cooper and Ryan with their faces painted and having fun on the playground."



Ryan and Aiden

Friends Aiden and Ryan love to play boxing



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TENNIS TIPS

By USPTA/PTR Master Professional
Fernando Velasco

How to execute The Two Handed Backhand Lob



In previous newsletters, I offered tips on how to hit the forehand groundstroke, the two-handed backhand, the one-handed backhand, the forehand volley, the two handed backhand volley, the serve, the forehand half-volley, the one-handed backhand volley, the overhead “smash”, the forehand service return, the backhand service return, the forehand high volley approach shot, the two handed high volley approach shot, the one-handed high volley approach shot, and the forehand lob.

In this issue, I will offer instructions on how to execute the Two Handed Backhand Lob. This shot is used when a player is forced to retrieve a ball that is hit deep to the backhand side of the player, and the opponent is either charging to the net or staying far back. The player hitting the lob is looking for “air time” to regain balance and court space. This ball should be hit high enough so the players at the net cannot reach and “slam” the ball down, or force the opponent at the base line to retrieve back. In the illustrations, Marimel Ansdell, a Member of the Grey Rock Tennis Club, shows the proper technique to execute this stroke.

Step 1: The Back Swing: When Marimel is forced deep into the backhand side and realizes that she has to hit a defensive lob, she pivots to the left and gets her racket back early. Notice that the head of the racket is low and her left hand is on the handle of the racket. Her eyes are focused on the path of the ball and her weight is on her left foot.

Step 2: The Point of Contact: Marimel is now ready to hit the ball.



Her eyes are now focused on the point of contact and the face of the racket is tilted at a 45 degree angle in order to create height and depth on her lob. Her goal is to keep her head still and not start looking up to her opponent or to the other side of the court.

Step 3: The Follow Through: The success of a deep lob is the follow through. Marimel's left wrist is still “laid back” and her shoulder is lifting the racket above her head. Her right hand is holding the racket slightly, but still in control of the racket.

Step 4: The Finish: In order to create a natural top spin on the lob, Marimel is now finishing her stroke with the racket behind her right ear. This will make the ball bounce higher and/or force the opponent to hit a tennis ball that is still rotating on the air.

Step 5: The Shuffle Back: Once Marimel finishes the stroke, her goal is to either move forward toward the net top to hit an overhead, or to shuffle back to the middle of the court in order to drive the next ball back to the opponent. In this caption, she moved back to the center of the court waiting for the opponent's shot to come back.

Look in the next Newsletter for: How to execute “The One-Handed Backhand Lob”

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Submitted by Kristen West, Owner of Gusto Dogs LLC.

1. Take your pet on short trips prior to the big day to let him get used to traveling by car.

2. Keep your pet safe in a secured, well-ventilated crate or carrier. It should be large enough for your pet to stand, sit, lie down and turn around. Letting him have free range in the car not only puts him at risk, but it also poses a risk to your family if you were to stop suddenly.

3. Never let your dog travel in the bed of a truck. Even if he is secured on a short line to prevent him falling or jumping out, your pet can experience discomfort from the weather and wind or sustain injury from debris.

4. Feed your pet three or four hours prior to departure and avoid giving him any food or treats in the car.

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6. Your pet's microchip should be up-to-date and he should be wearing a flat collar and ID at all times.

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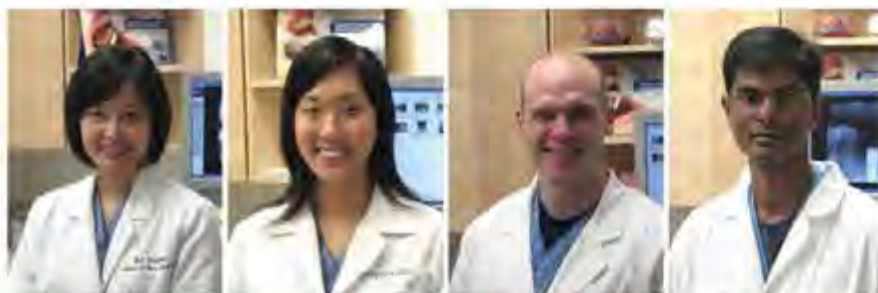


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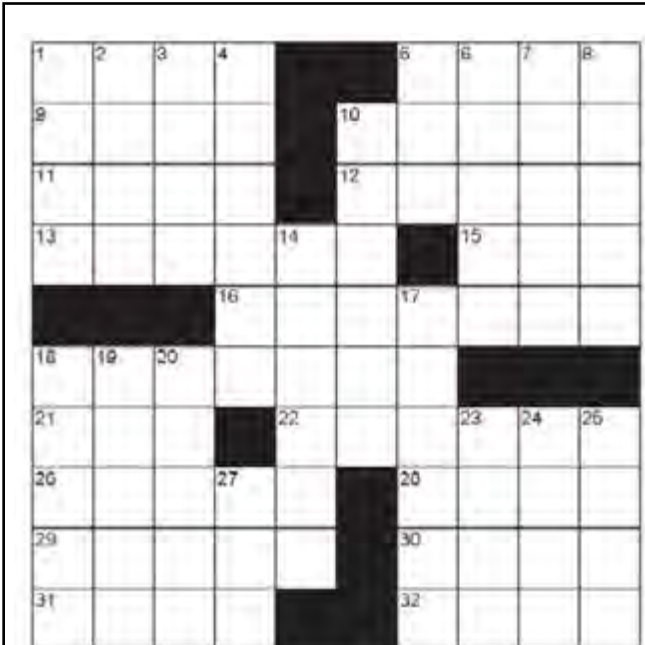
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9. Against
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11. Leaves
12. Boom box
13. Allure
15. African antelope
16. Polite
18. Leafy green
21. Marry
22. Esophagus
26. Woken
28. Goad
29. Type of tooth
30. Refer
31. Posttraumatic stress disorder
32. Sieve

DOWN

1. Nativity scene piece
2. Competition at the Greek games
3. Capital of the Ukraine
4. Symbol
5. Expression of surprise
6. Emblem
7. Pickle juice
8. A ball out of bounds (2 wds.)
10. Twist violently
14. Ripper
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