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SUMMERWOOD FALL FESTIVAL!

The Fall Festival, held on Saturday, October 26th at Club Summerwood, was a wonderful Summerwood event with fun for all ages!

Featured activities included shopping at local booths, hay rides, a trackless train, a pony carousel, bounce houses, a hair station, games, many photo ops, a costume contest for various age groups and many door prizes that were given

out throughout the afternoon. Residents who registered were also invited to take a pumpkin from the pumpkin patch home!

A special thank you goes out to the volunteers from Summer Creek High School! These high school students assisted with the pumpkin carving, hair painting, crafts and many of the other activities... and their assistance was much appreciated!



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Fine Policy Regarding Trash Receptacles

Exhibit D of the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for Summerwood contain a guideline regarding the storage of trash receptacles in the Summerwood community. The guideline reads as follows:

Trash Collection: All trash and household garbage shall be placed in sanitary refuse containers constructed of metal, plastic, or masonry materials with tight fitting sanitary covers or lids and stored in an area adequately screened from public view by planting or fencing between regularly scheduled collection days.

Unfortunately, the public storage of trash receptacles continues to be our biggest violation with over 3,300 instances so far in 2013. In an effort to keep Summerwood beautiful and encourage members to follow the guideline, the Board of Directors recently adopted a policy that provides for the levying of fines for continued violations.

The Association shall send each owner with a trash container violation a written notice of the violation with a reasonable deadline to cure the violation. Should the trash receptacle remain in view after the initial deadline, a notice will be sent to the owner by certified mail. The certified notice shall describe the violation, the fine(s) and the owner's rights. The notice will provide a clear and reasonable deadline to cure the violation and avoid the fine. If the violation is not corrected after the deadline set forth in the certified notice, a fine of \$25.00 will be assessed. Any reoccurrence or additional violations within six month period of the initial notice will result in a second fine of \$50.00.

The enforcement of this policy will go into effect January 1, 2014. To view the policy in its entirety, please visit the Summerwood document pages on summerwoodlife.com or ciaservices.com.



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From
Rebekah Snipp and Better Homes and Gardens Gary Greene

I would like to wish everyone happiness and joy this Christmas season! December is a time for family and a time to remember the less fortunate. If you are able please consider helping brighten someone's Christmas season with an act of kindness, a thoughtful gesture, a surprise gift, or giving your time to show that you care. Christmas is a magical time of year, a time for family and friends, and a time for giving. Volunteerhouston.org is a great resource to visit with ways to get involved. Merry Christmas to all!

Many people ask me if December is a good time to list their home. Historical trends show a decrease in buyer activity from mid-December to mid-January each year as buyers focus on the holidays. Listing appointment activity however remains strong in December. Some Sellers decide to go active in December while other Sellers go active in January. Whatever your choice, doing the listing appointment in December can benefit all parties. January always brings a flurry of new listings. Beating the rush and getting everything ready for after the first of the year is a strategy many of my homeowners like to follow. Either way I am ready to meet with you to discuss a proven market strategy for listing your home, call me today at 832-814-6120 to schedule a time to meet in person.

I appreciate the opportunity my clients have provided me to assist them with their real estate transactions. As of November 8, 2013 I have sold 52 Homes totaling over \$11 Million dollars, plus another 11 homes currently in pending! If you are in the market to buy or sell your home, please keep me in mind. It would be my extreme pleasure to meet with you on this very important decision in your life. Building clients for life while giving back to the communities I service.

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Safe travels to each of you during this holiday season. Thank you again for your business in 2013.

**Blessing to you,
Rebekah Snipp**

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Lakeshore Elementary School Pilot Program Creates Spark of Inspiration

by Kathy Pinner



What began a little over a year ago in a third grade classroom at Lakeshore Elementary School as a paperless homework system using Edmodo, a social learning platform for teachers, students and parents, has evolved into a One-on-One program where students in Mrs. Sandra Longhofer's fourth grade class each have their own device for learning.

The idea for paperless homework began last year, generated by a conversation between Mrs. Longhofer and her sister, Janette Horton, AP at Quest Early Learning Campus. Mrs. Longhofer, LSE third grade teacher at the time, being frustrated with the amount of paper used for homework, decided to

try something different. Little did she know at the time what kind of enthusiasm she would create. Throughout the year, Mrs. Longhofer and her students grew through the experience and became very comfortable with the program. She was then approached by Kristi Vannett, Intern AP for Lakeshore Elementary and a parent to one of Mrs. Longhofer's students, to look into Bring Your Own Device for her class for the following year. Soon after, Mrs. Nancy Morrison, principal at LSE asked Mrs. Longhofer if she would loop with her third graders to fourth grade for the 2013-2014 school year. With this exciting opportunity, Ms. Vannett and Mrs. Morrison asked if Mrs. Longhofer's class would propose the idea of BYOD to Deputy Superintendent, Dr. Tommy Price and Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education, Ms. Deborah Yocham. Mrs. Longhofer states, "My class is not a shy or

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reserved class, especially when their interest is piqued. When Dr. Price and Ms. Yocham visited my class, the students were ready, willing, and able to convince them they needed this opportunity to become better equipped learners for their generation. Once we were given the go ahead to peruse a BYOD program, I contacted the parents of my students using a survey about this type of program and its advantages and disadvantages. The parents were 100% on board and concerns and issues were discussed and worked through. However, before the school year began the program was changed to a One-On-One program where the students all have the same device. One-on-One is different in that students become more experienced on one device and build off of each other when working with the same programs. “

When walking into Mrs. Longhofer’s classroom you will find actively engaged students who are collaborating with each other, sharing ideas and creating projects and presentations beyond that expected of the typical fourth grader. For more information on this innovative pilot program go to http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OyLVdoRB_8Q.

As the 2013-2014 year began to unfold, many of Mrs.

Longhofer’s colleagues took notice of the excitement and enthusiasm for learning that was taking place in her classroom. The spark that Mrs. Longhofer and her students have created has inspired other teachers to seek ways to get Ipads and other classroom items for their classrooms. A popular organization set up a few years ago to help teachers with classroom materials and supplies, www.donorschoose.org caught the interest of a few teachers and has spread like wildfire throughout the school. To date, over \$9,000.00 in projects has been funded through matching donations, with Chevron funding several of those projects. For more information about this program please go to <http://www.donorschoose.org/school/lakeshore-elementary-school/98306/?teachers=true>

Lakeshore educators are very excited about the future of integrating the curriculum and technology for our students and believe it is a necessity to embrace this 21st century way of learning. Keeping our kiddos actively engaged with rigor and relevance while building relationships with them is so crucial to preparing them to be college and career ready. Programs such as Mrs. Longhofer’s One-on-One pilot program has certainly created that spark and is truly an inspiration.



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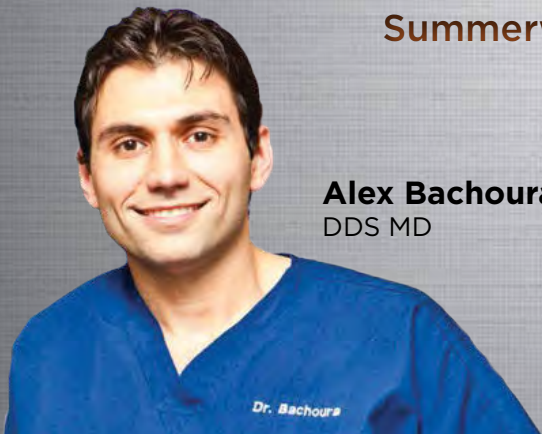
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Morning Coffee

ON THE Patio

Photo submitted by Maggie McCay

The McCay family enjoys morning coffee on their patio while looking out over this beautiful scene on Lake Meredith. The McCays live on Summerwood Lakes Court.



Summer Creek High School **Christmas Bicycle Toy Drive**



The holidays are quickly approaching and Summer Creek High School is planning to continue a tradition we began last year. It is called the "Bicycle Toy Drive".

Last Christmas season, Summer Creek faculty, staff, and student body, as well as clubs, sport teams, extracurricular organizations, and community supporters worked together and donated money or bicycles to provide for close to 50 students in our feeder elementary and middle schools, as well as some SCHS students.

The "Bicycle Toy Drive" program was a huge success, and SCHS is planning on having the drive again this year. Our goal for 2014 is to donate 100 bikes, and we anticipate high community support in our effort to reach this goal! As we did last year, we will contact our feeder schools and set up a pool of students who would benefit from having a bicycle. It is truly heartwarming to know that many students in our area will receive a new bicycle for Christmas!

Any donations, monetary or an actual, bicycle may be dropped off at SCHS, the Post Net located next to HEB in Summerwood (Bikes Only), or at the Coldwell Banker office located at 19100 West Lake Houston Parkway (Bikes Only). The deadline for contributing to the bicycle drive is Friday, December 13

Summer Creek High School is indeed fortunate to partner with the local community to benefit Humble ISD students in numerous ways!

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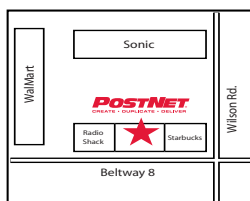
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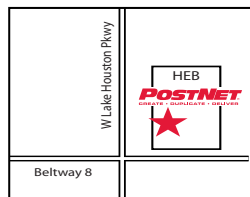
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PHOTOS IN THE Pumpkin Patch!

Photo by Alice Harmon

Lakeside United Methodist Church in Summerwood had a pumpkin patch for the community during the month of October. The church is located at West Lake Houston Parkway & Broncroft. Residents were invited to take pictures in the pumpkin patch and purchase the pumpkins. All proceeds went towards the church's 2014 Vacation Bible School.



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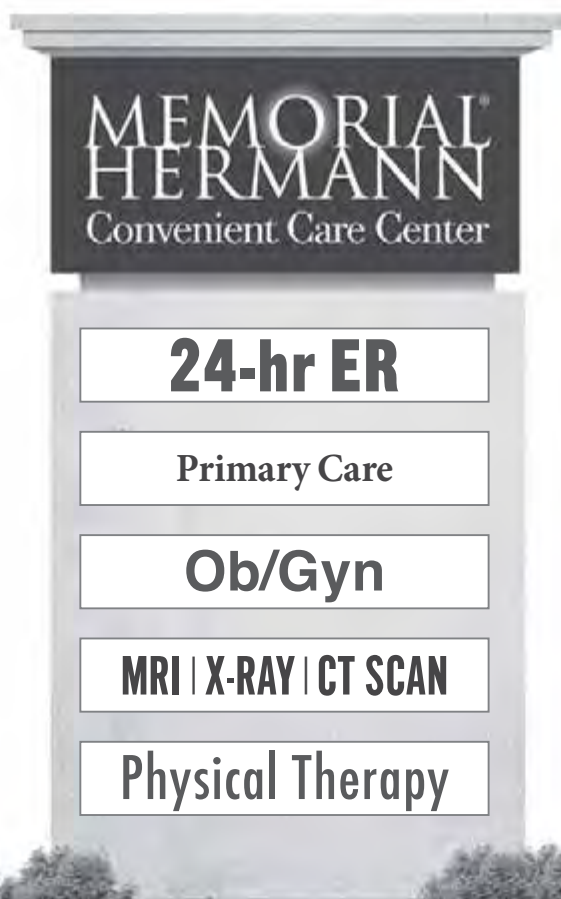
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Pet Traveling Tips

Submitted by Kristen West, Owner of Gusto Dogs LLC.

Traveling with your pet over the holidays? Here are some tips that will help make your drive smooth sailing.

- Take your pet on short trips prior to the big day to let him get used to traveling by car.
- 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.
- 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.
- Feed your pet three or four hours prior to departure and avoid giving him any food or treats in the car.
- Never leave your pet in a parked vehicle, which can quickly become a furnace and cause heatstroke, even with open windows. In cold weather, the car holds the temperature like a refrigerator.
- Your pet's microchip should be up-to-date and he should be wearing a flat collar and ID at all times.
- Bring a bowl and extra water in case you get stuck in the inevitable holiday traffic jam!
- Take lots of breaks to let your pet stretch his legs and relieve himself. It's a great excuse to do some sight-seeing or pick up a fun treat for yourself!

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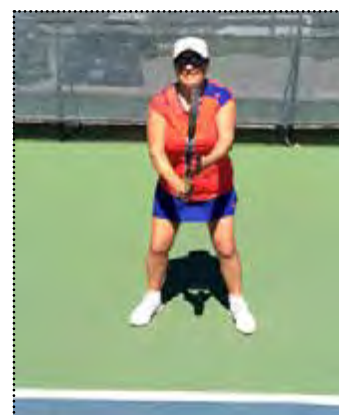
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TENNIS TIPS

By USPTA/PTR Master Professional
Fernando Velasco



How To Execute The Forehand 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 and the one-handed high volley approach shot.

In this issue, I will offer instructions on how to execute the Forehand Lob. This shot is used when a player is forced to retrieve a ball that is hit deep 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, Carmen Manzur, Member of the Grey Rock Tennis Club, shows the proper technique to execute this stroke.

Step 1: The Back Swing: When Carmen is forced deep into the

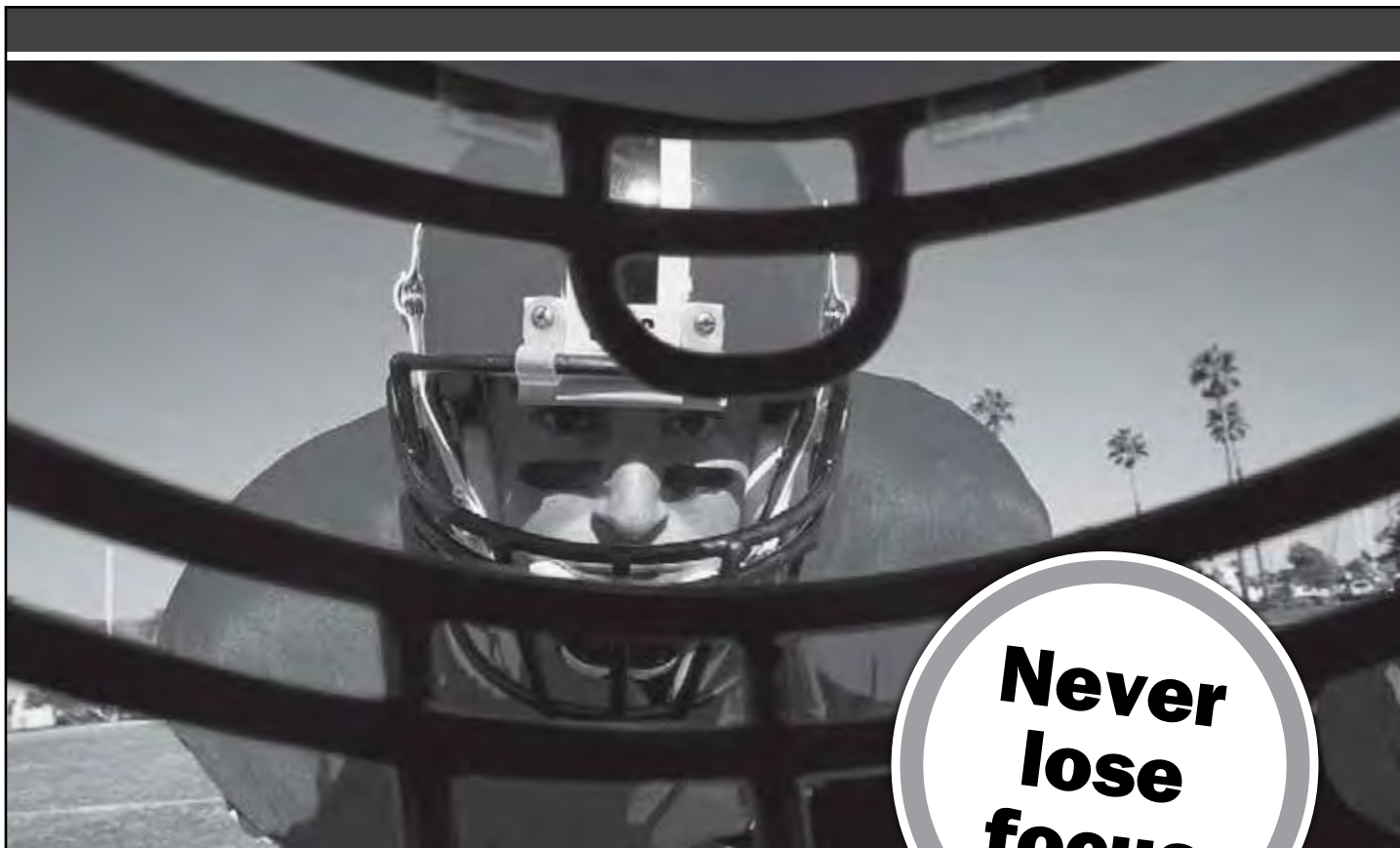
court and realizes that she has to hit a defensive lob, she pivots to the right and gets her racket back early. Notice that the head of the racket is low and her left arm is up in front to keep her balance. Her eyes are focused on the path of the ball and her weight is in her right foot.

Step 2: The Point of Contact: Carmen is now ready to hit the ball. Her eyes are now on the point of contact and the face of the racket is tilted at a 45 degree angle 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. Carmen’s wrist is still “laid back” and her shoulder is lifting the racket above her head. Her right arm is still in front of her in order to allow maximum balance.

Step 4: The Shuffle Back: Once Carmen finishes the stroke, her goal is to either move forward toward the net top to hit an overhead, or to paddle back to the middle of the court to drive the next ball back to the opponent.

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



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Please call Carol at 832-671-4475 for more information... and for reservations, please call by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 13th.

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SUMMERWOOD MARKET UPDATE

Greetings Neighbors,

With 2013 coming to a close, I'm sure your schedule is jammed packed like most. Putting your house on the market may be the last thing on your mind. However, if you find yourself in that situation, rest assured, there are buyers in our market right now, just waiting for the right home to come on. As you can see in this chart, for Summerwood, there is only a 2.6 month supply of inventory. Prices have been rising, days on the market have been dropping and interest rates are still great for buyers. Less competition and continued buyer activity could mean a shorter timeframe on the market and less stress for you.

Now I realize that for some, there isn't an immediate need to list/sell, so you are targeting the spring/summer season. This is traditionally our busiest selling season, but there are things you can be doing now and after the first of the year to prepare your home for the market and ensure that you stand out from the extra competition that the peak selling season will bring.

Whatever your situation, I would love to schedule a time to meet with you to review the market, establish your to do list and show you all that The Davis Group has to offer. I look forward to your call!

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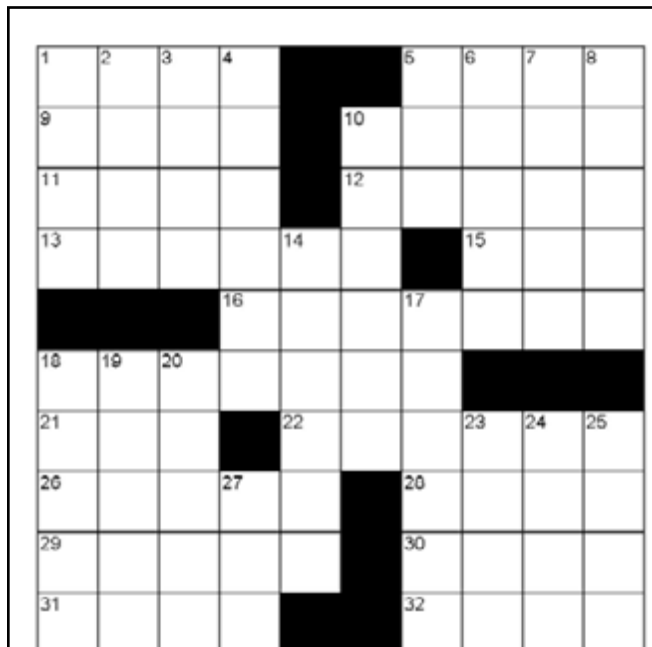


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IN-HOME

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ACROSS

1. Charge
5. Syrian bishop
9. Against
10. Landing
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
17. Strums
18. Slough
19. Ross ____, philanthropist
20. Gods
23. Brand of sandwich cookie
24. Seaweed substance
25. Cabana
27. Blue

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