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Residents of Lakes on Eldridge

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LOE Holiday Party - Fun Had by All

A great time was had by all at the LOE Families Holiday Party. Approximately 35 children got a chance to meet Santa and tell him their Christmas wishes, while everyone enjoyed cookies and hot cocoa. Each child brought a toy to donate to the Mission of Yahweh women's and children's shelter and we were able to collect a carload of new toys to make their Christmas a little brighter. We would like to send a huge thank you to Santa for coming by our party and to the LOEN Board for allowing us to use their clubhouse while ours is under construction. Happy Holidays!



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LOE BOOK CLUB

We meet the 4th Monday of each month at 7:30 P.M. (unless we decide to skip a month or change the meeting day). We take turns hosting the meeting and sometimes change the date or book, so please contact celeste.fritz@gmail.com to get the details for each meeting. Our group has lively discussion (not totally about the books) and we challenge ourselves to read out of our comfort zones.

January 22 - The Tumbling Turner Sisters by Juliette Fay. Set against the turbulent backdrop of American Vaudeville, four sisters embark on an unexpected adventure—and a last-ditch effort to save their family.

It's 1919, and the Turners are barely scraping by. When their father loses his job, their irrepressible mother decides that vaudeville is their best chance to make the rent—and create a more exciting life for herself in the process.

Traveling by train from town to town, teenagers Gert, Winnie, and Kit, and recent widow Nell soon find a new kind of freedom in the company of performers who are as diverse as their acts. There is a seamier side to the business, however, and the young women face dangers and turns of fate they never could have anticipated. Heartwarming and surprising, The Tumbling Turner Sisters is ultimately a story of awakening—to unexpected possibilities, to love and heartbreak, and to the dawn of a new American era.

February 26 – Flight Behavior by Barbara Kingsolver. Flight Behavior is a brilliant and suspenseful novel set in present day Appalachia; a breathtaking parable of catastrophe and denial that explores how the complexities we inevitably encounter in life lead us to believe in our particular chosen truths. Kingsolver's riveting story concerns a young wife and mother on a failing farm in rural Tennessee who experiences something she cannot explain, and how her discovery energizes various competing factions—religious leaders, climate scientists, environmentalists, politicians—trapping her in the center of the conflict and ultimately opening up her world.

March 26 – Commonwealth by Ann Patchett. The acclaimed, bestselling author—winner of the PEN/Faulkner Award and the Orange Prize—tells the enthralling story of how an unexpected romantic encounter irrevocably changes two families' lives. Told with equal measures of humor and heartbreak, Commonwealth is a meditation on inspiration, interpretation, and the ownership of stories. It is a brilliant and tender tale of the far-reaching ties of love and responsibility that bind us together.

April 23 – The Bonesetter's Daughter by Amy Tan. “The Bonesetter's Daughter dramatically chronicles the tortured, devoted relationship between LuLing Young and her daughter Ruth. . . . A strong novel, filled with idiosyncratic, sympathetic characters, haunting images, historical complexity, significant contemporary themes, and suspenseful mystery.”

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So many books, so little time!.....

2018 ASSOCIATION ASSESSMENTS REMINDER

The 2018 Assessments are coming due and your statement has already been mailed out to you in November. If your mortgage company escrows these funds, please forward the invoice and remittance coupon to them. If you misplaced your statement, please request a copy by email to general@cmctx.com and reference LOE 2018 assessment statement in the subject line. Please do not wait too long as these are busy collection months at the CMC offices. We want to thank the 76 residents who already paid their assessment before December 1.

Your assessment is due on or before January 1, 2018. It will be considered late if payment is not received by March 1, 2018. A late fee in the amount of \$100.00, plus interest in the amount of 18% per annum, will be assessed until the assessment is paid in full. Please use the coupon that was enclosed with your statement to ensure that your payment is applied to the proper account. Failure to do so could delay processing of your payment. If you are mailing your payment, please allow 7 - 10 days for mailing as the payments are not coming to Houston and we do not post based on postmark date.

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For those owners dealing with uninsured flood damage expenses, if you need to discuss a reasonable payment plan, please email mgarza@cmctx.com explaining your situation and what you propose for a payment plan and we will work with you. Questions about your assessment account should also be addressed to Ms. Garza, our Collections Manager.

FLOOD AND RECONSTRUCTION DEBRIS REMOVAL

HOMEOWNER RESPONSIBILITY

We realize that some residents are still working through the needed repairs in their homes from the Harvey Flood. As it has been previously announced, all storm debris removal sponsored by MUD 341 ended some time ago. Unfortunately, we are seeing properties with piles of debris stacked up outside and on lawns. Please remember that storm damage and remodeling debris

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will not be picked up by Waste Management. Each impacted homeowner should tell their contractor to remove the debris. While we are sensitive to the difficult situation, we cannot permit these piles to remain as they are a distraction to the overall curb appeal, an inconvenience to the neighbors and an attraction to unwelcomed varmints. Thank you for your cooperation.

YARD MAINTENANCE, LANDSCAPE BED MAINTENANCE, RAKING AND BAGGING UP FALLEN LEAVES – IT ALL STILL NEEDS TO BE DONE DURING THE WINTER MONTHS.

- Please make sure that your lawn and leaf bags are not placed at the curb until the night before trash service day.
- Do your lawn a favor and apply the appropriate fall/winter fertilization to help protect the turf for a nice green up in the spring.
- Landscape beds should be weeded, cleared of fallen leaves and mulched to help cut down on weed growth, retain moisture and protect the roots of the plants from possibly freezing temperatures
- It's a good time also to get that nasty mold power washed off the exterior of your home and to clean out the gutters from leaves and pine needles – they just cause undue weight and impeded functionality of the gutters.

Harvey Reconstruction Update

We are very pleased to announce that on December 6, 2017, the insurance company finally agreed we had flood coverage and paid us an initial payment of \$100,000. This has been a challenging period and we anticipate additional issues, but we will keep pushing for maximum payments to cover our losses.

The physical reconstruction is in progress at the clubhouse, pool baths and gate house and all 3 have been sheet rocked, taped and floated. Significant relocation of conduits and wiring has been completed at the gate house and the revisions to the front gate are complete. The new underground loops will go into service when the gate house reopens.

Fountains are in progress. The brick work necessary to restore the bridge was requested months ago and although we are in the queue to be done, Brick Restoration is prioritizing individual homes over commercial properties.

Thank you for your patience.

LOEN Swim Team

It's that time again! Before we know it, the Lakes on Eldridge Swim Team will be gearing up for another fun filled season. Please be on the lookout in the next months for more information on the upcoming season, including sign up dates and, practice times and the meet schedule. We are looking forward to a wonderful season!



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Recluse spiders

Recluse spiders are shy and, as their name suggests, do not like being out in the open. They are about the size of a quarter, with a body that is 1/2 inch long. They can be light brown, dark brown or greyish in color. They have no spines on their legs and usually have a uniform body color. Recluse spiders are known for their characteristic violin or fiddle-shaped marking on the "back" (a.k.a. cephalothorax...the front part of the spider). The real distinguishing feature is an eye pattern of three pairs of eyes arranged in a semicircle on the front of the cephalothorax.

Outside homes, recluse spiders can be found in garages or sheds, firewood piles, or piles of stored materials such as lumber, bricks, or rocks. Inside the home, these spiders are found in bedrooms, closets, bathrooms, under furniture, behind baseboards, in attics, or in cracks and crevices. They are most active at night when hunting for food.

People are typically bitten by accidentally rolling over onto a spider while sleeping or trapping a spider next to skin when putting on clothing where the spider is hiding. Recluse spiders have a cytotoxin that breaks down tissue in the bite area. Several hours after being bitten a blister forms at the bite site that may grow in size as tissue breaks down from injected venom. Infected tissue eventually sloughs off, leaving an open wound that takes a while to heal. More serious symptoms may also occur such as chills, fever, fatigue, joint pain, or nausea. If you experience problems

after being bitten by a spider, then seek medical attention immediately.

To avoid spider bites, try some (or all) of the following:

- Use sticky taps to capture spiders
- Remove bed skirts from beds (these make it easy for spiders to crawl into the bed)
- Don't leave clothes or blankets on the floor; shake out blankets and clothing before using
- When storing items, either use sealed plastic containers/ bags or tape boxes on all seams to keep spiders out
- Wear leather gloves when cleaning in undisturbed closets, attics, garages, or the yard

· Keep stacked, stored items away from the home. Do not store firewood against the house and only bring in firewood to immediately place on a fire.

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600. Check out my blog at www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com

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INGREDIENTS

1 box yellow Cake mix
1 (3 oz.) box instant vanilla pudding
1 (12 oz.) pkg. butterscotch chips
1 c. nuts (pecans or walnuts) coarsely chopped
1 c. flaked coconut
4 eggs
1 c. sour cream
2/3 c. oil

DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 325 F. Combine cake mix, pudding mix, chips, nuts, and coconut. Stir in eggs, sour cream and oil. Mix well by hand. Bake in a Bundt pan, greased well and floured, for 1 hour or until done. Cool 5 minutes before turning out of pan.





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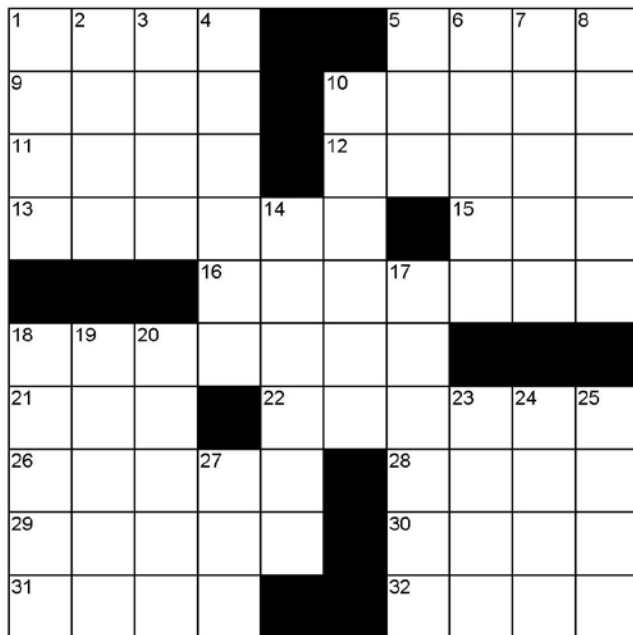


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ACROSS

1. Chances of winning
5. Association (abbr.)
9. Rise (2 wds.)
10. Horse-like animal
11. Eye
12. Foreign
13. Substitute
15. What a nurse gives
16. Heavy
18. Luau guitar
21. Moved quickly
22. Despot
26. Filth
28. Water (Spanish)
29. Devourer
30. Quieted
31. Brood
32. Glen

DOWN

1. Stare at
2. One who gets things done
3. Fees
4. Spread out on the couch
5. Entire
6. Quoth
7. Melt ore
8. Girl detective Drew
10. Idly
14. __-totter
17. President Ford
18. Goads
19. Gold weight
20. Marry
23. Accent mark
24. Void
25. Leggy
27. Kitten's cry

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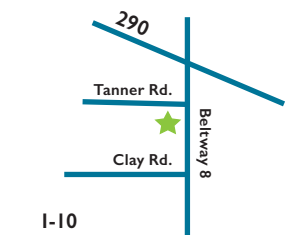
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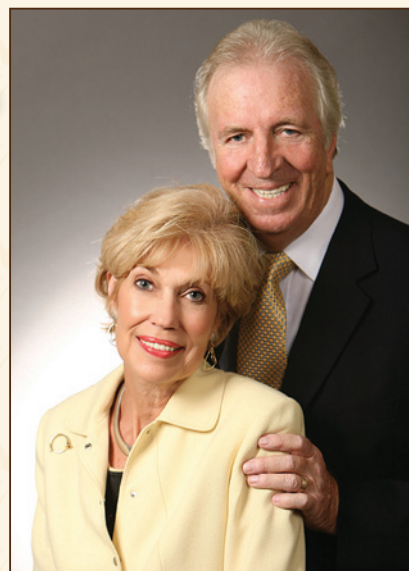
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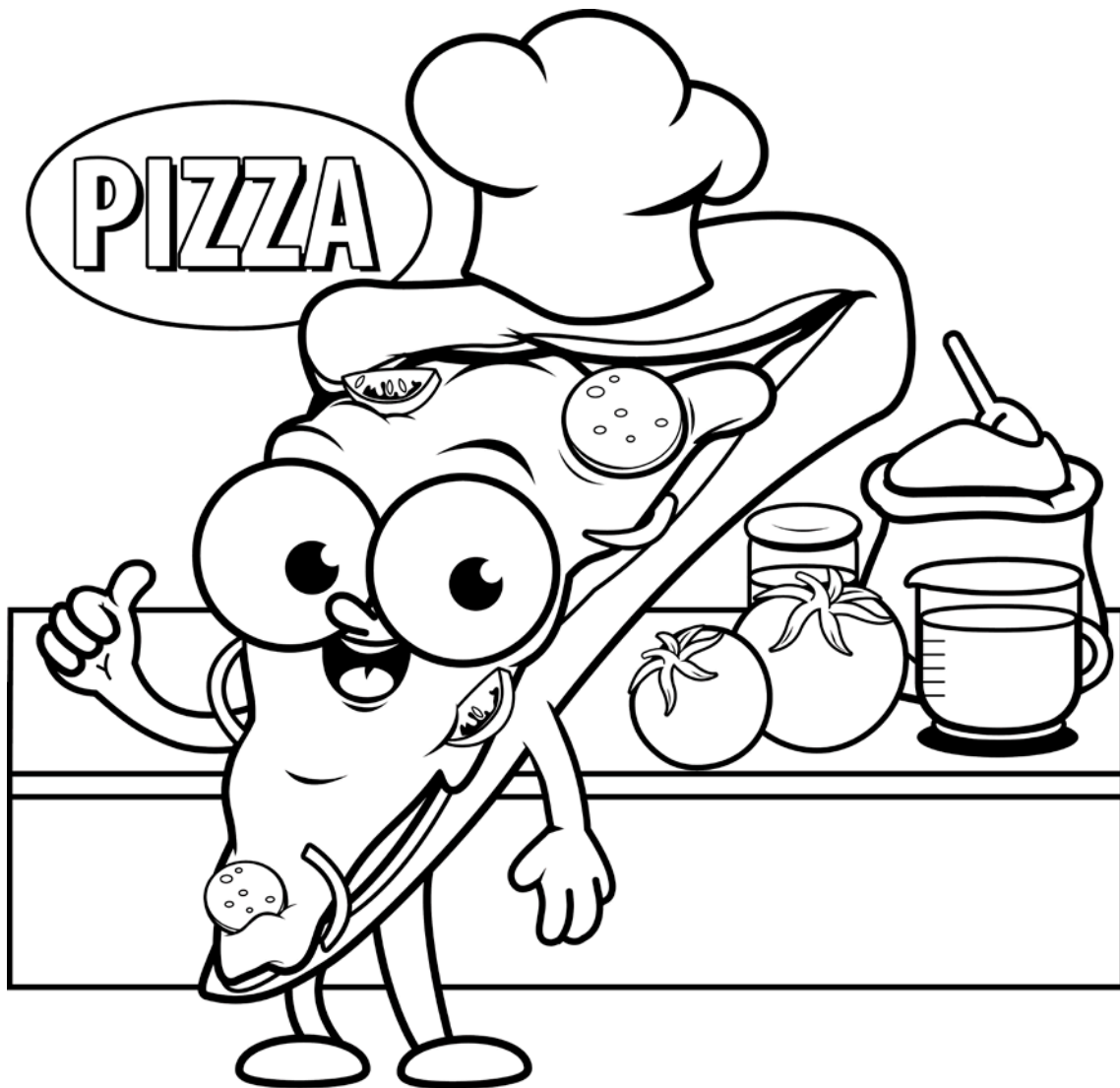
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