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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



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GLE's Property Management Company is IMC Property Management and our property manager is Tammy Perry. Tammy can be reached at tammyperry@imcmanagement.net or 936-756-0032.

GLE POA's new website is up and running. Just go to glepoa.com to check it out. If you have any questions concerning the new website, please contact Tammy Perry at IMC Property Management.



GLE Getting Social

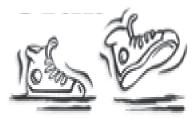
MARK YOUR CALENDARS & JOIN THE FUN!

- BUNCO (GLE ladies meet monthly on the 2nd Friday)
- Walking Club (Wednesdays at the park)
- Mommy & Me Playdate (February 21st)
- Easter Eggstravaganza (March 25th)

The "GLE Getting Social" Facebook page includes the most upto-date details, times, & locations.

If you have an event or special interest that you want to see offered to our community or are interested in getting involved with any activities we have planned, contact Ellen Edwards at grandlakesocial@ gmail.com and be a part of Getting Social in GLE.

GLE GETTING HEALTHY!



We are inviting all of our GLE neighbors to get healthy together, connect with the community, and meet your neighbors at our Walking Club.

Join us at the park on Wednesdays at 5:00pm; we

will walk from there and return before dark.

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FLAGS ACROSS GLE



The first flag flying holiday of 2018 is President's Day, Monday, February 19th.

We are looking for volunteers to help us put up flags prior to President's Day on Friday, February 16th and take down the flags after President's Day

on Tuesday, February 20th. Please visit our "GLE Getting Social" Facebook page to sign up when the events are posted, or contact Brandie Joy at grandlakesocial@gmail.com.

Please remember 100% of the proceeds of the patriotic beautification project directly funds the social activities for the neighborhood, which include the Easter Eggstravaganza, Welcome Wagon, Game Nights, Ice Cream Socials, July 4th Patriotic & Proud, and National Night Out.

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Mark your calendars for Sunday, March 25th.



Bring your family to the GLE park to meet the Easter Bunny and participate in our GLE Easter Egg Hunt. If you have any questions or would like to help, contact Holly Yen at grandlakesocial@gmail. com.



Valentine Roses: The Language of Love that They Speak

Roses are the ultimate choice for Valentine's Day. They serve as a unique symbol of love and they have their own unspoken language of love. There are various varieties of roses available, from which one has to choose. It's not less than a pitched battle to find the perfect rose for the most perfect person of your life. Red rose is specifically the one which is associated with the idea of love on Valentine's Day. Not only people offer roses to their valentine's but traditionally they also prefer wearing rose colored clothes to impress their beloved.

There can be plenty of options to gift rose! One rose or a dozen of gorgeous fresh roses, or a hamper of roses every approach has its own charm. One can pack a dozen of fresh roses in all the shades and sizes arranged together can be really helpful in surprising your special someone. Besides that, you also need to be sure enough that the right kind of message is being conveyed to the one you are sending it. You can end up saying I am falling for you instead of saying thank you, if you cannot make the color selection of the roses. The right kind of rose will say much more than what you want to say. Make sure to match your inner most feelings with the color of the flower.

Traditionally Red roses are considered the symbol of the romantic feeling of love and are the most popular among all the valentine's flowers. But love is much wider than that! Going beyond this idea will help you in sweetening up your relationships and celebrate love in all the relations that exist in our lives. Fortunately, we have the opportunity to wish them all in our life with different color of roses. Here's what every flower conveys:

Red Rose: It says "I Love you"

You need no words, if you can present her a red rose on valentine. It represents courage, love, beauty, respect and romantic relationship between two hearts.

White Rose: It says "I am perfect for you"

Be unique, and surprise your beloved with a bunch of white roses which convey to her your true and pure love. A white rose is the symbol of innocence, youthfulness, charm, purity and humility.

Pink Rose: Shows "Gratitude"

Do you want to say thank you to some body? It's an ideal gift on valentine for a friend who has done favor to you when you needed it the most. a Pink rose is the symbol of gratefulness, grace, happiness, appreciation and gentleness.

Yellow Rose: Says, "You're the perfect friend and I cannot afford to lose you"

Yellow rose celebrates unparalleled friendship! It symbolizes friendship, remembrance, delight, welcome back and joy.

Peach Rose: It asks the other, "to make it a memorable valentine"

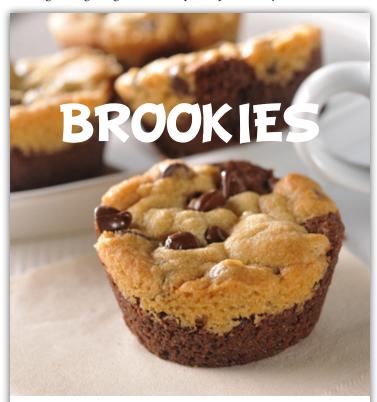
These are a great way of saying that we can make a great day

together and Valentine's Day is the perfect time to do so. It symbolizes closeness!

Orange Rose: It says "I will be lucky to have you in my life"

It shows the other person that you are so much passionate about him/her. It is the symbol of fascination, desire and enthusiasm.

Gifting a rose will only serve its purpose if its color will give the perfect signal to one you are sending it. So, make sure that you are sending the right signal to that special person in your life.



INGREDIENTS:

- -Brownie Mix and ingredients listed to make
- -Packaged Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough

HOW TO MAKE:

1 scoop of brownie batter + 1 scoop of cookie dough in a muffin pan = brookies!

Make brownie and cookie mixes according to box directions. Bake as directed on box BUT start checking about half way through the directed time so your brownies stay moist (remember they are a smaller cook area when made as a muffin size and it will vary a little for each oven)

Suggestion: Bake on 350 degrees F for 20 minutes, but start checking around 12-15 minutes...Yum!!!

Be A Good Neighbor: 10 Good Reasons To Leash Your Dog

Virtually every community throughout Southern California has a leash law. The law requires that dogs be kept on a leash at all times when on public property. While on private property, dogs must be under the control of their owners. The intent of this law is to protect the health and safety of the public and to protect your pet. The use of a leash will benefit you, your neighborhood, and your pet. There are many good reasons to keep your dog on a leash.

- It's a great good neighbor policy, preventing your dog from trespassing on neighbor's property during your walk. It also keeps your dog from jumping on people you encounter, ensuring that your dog has the chance of being properly introduced.
- 2. Improved companionship. A well trained and leash-obedient dog is a pleasure to walk with.
- Walking your pet on a leash will prevent the spread of disease.
 It is less likely that your dog will be exposed to Parvo or Distemper. A leashed dog can be restrained from sniffing the droppings of other animals.
- 4. A leash is commonly referred to as "Your Pet's Lifeline,"

- protecting your pet from traffic and unrestrained animals. Accidents or animal bites are greatly reduced when responsible pet owners obey the leash law.
- 5. An obedient and well behaved dog is a positive reflection of its owner.
- 6. Re-locating your dog into another household is 100% easier if your dog is obedient and leash trained.
- 7. It's a great way to reward your dog. Your dog will immediately respond with a wagging tail the moment he or she sees you holding the leash.
- 8. It's a great identification tool, symbolizing that the dog has an owner, and enabling someone who sees the leash and identification tag attached to the dog's collar to find you if you and your pet should become separated.
- 9. It's a great relief to wildlife, keeping your dog from chasing squirrels, deer and other wildlife.
- 10. It's the law! The law is in place to protect other members of the public and your pet from injury.

Be a good neighbor. Be a good friend. Use a leash.



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Oldest, Middle, Youngest: Who's Most Successful?

All men may be created equal; but a look at their pay stubs will tell you that their incomes are not. Blame it on social class, education — even luck, but according to Dalton Conley, New York University professor of sociology and public policy, inequality begins at home. In his book 'The Pecking Order: Which Siblings Succeed and Why,' Conley says that 75 percent of the income inequality between individuals in the United States occurs between siblings in the same families. He points to the diverse fortunes of Bill and Roger Clinton, and Jimmy and Billy Carter as examples.

Research shows that firstborns (and onlys) lead the pack in terms of educational attainment, occupational prestige, income and net worth. Conversely middle children in large families tend to fare the worst. (Marcia! Marcia!)

"A child's position in the family impacts his personality, his behavior, his learning and ultimately his earning power," states Michael Grose, author of 'Why First Born Rule the World and Last Borns Want to Change It.' "Most people have an intuitive knowledge that birth order somehow has an impact on development, but they underestimate how far-reaching and just how significant that impact really is." Conley concedes that birth order is significant in shaping individual success, but only for children of large families — four or more siblings — and in families where finances and parental time are constrained. (In wealthy families, like the Bushes and Kennedys, it has less effect.)

Here's a look at what impact your birth-order may have on you:

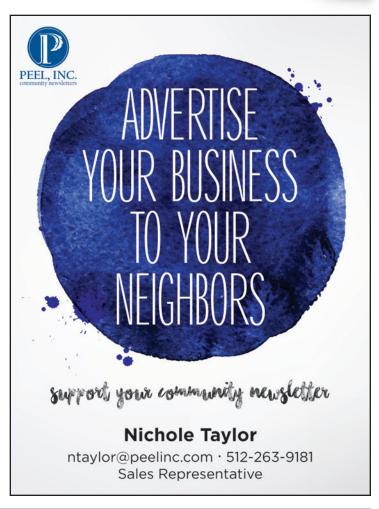
Firstborns: More conscientious, ambitious and aggressive than their younger siblings, firstborns are over-represented at Harvard and Yale as well as disciplines requiring higher education such as medicine, engineering or law. Every astronaut to go into space has been either the oldest child in his or her family or the eldest boy. And throughout history — even when large families were the norm — more than half of all Nobel Prize winners and U.S. presidents have been first born. Famous eldest children include: Hillary Clinton, Bill Clinton, Richard Branson, J.K. Rowling and Winston Churchill. And macho movie stars are First Born, too, including Clint Eastwood, John Wayne, Sylvester Stallone, Bruce Willis and all the actors who have played James Bond.

Middles: Middle children are more easygoing and peer-oriented. Since they can get lost in the shuffle of their own families, they learn to build bridges to other sources of support and therefore tend to have excellent people skills. Middle children often take on the role of mediator and peacemaker. Famous middle children include: Bill Gates, J.F.K., Madonna and Princess Diana.

Youngest: The youngest child tends to be the most creative and can be very charming — even manipulative. Because they often identify with the underdog, they tend to champion egalitarian

causes. (Youngest siblings were the earliest backers of the Protestant Reformation and the Enlightenment.) Successful in journalism, advertising, sales and the arts, famous youngest children include Cameron Diaz, Jim Carrey, Drew Carey, Rosie O'Donnell, Eddie Murphy and Billy Crystal. Only Children: Only children have similar characteristics to firstborns and are frequently burdened with high parental expectations. Research shows they are more confident, articulate and likely to use their imagination than other children. They also expect a lot from others, hate criticism, can be inflexible and are likely to be perfectionists. Well-known only children include Rudy Guiliani, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Alan Greenspan, Tiger Woods, tennis teen queen Maria Sharapova and Leonardo Da Vinci.

Twins: Because they hold equal status and are treated so similarly, twins turn out similarly in most cases. Consider advice columnists "Dear Abby" and "Ann Landers" (Abigail and Esther Friedman), and Harold and Bernard Shapiro, who became presidents of Princeton University and Canada's McGill University respectively.



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Crane Flies

Crane flies are surrounded by misinformation and misnomers. Some think that adult crane flies eat mosquitoes, but this is untrue. Adult crane flies feed on nectar or are non-feeding. Also, crane flies are sometimes referred to as "mosquito hawks" which is a misnomer. The name mosquito hawk is most often used to refer to dragonflies, but sometimes is also used to refer to a large species of mosquito with a larval stage which feeds on other mosquito species.



Crane flies can be small to large insects-topping out at about 1 inch, with long, slender legs, and a V-shaped suture on the thorax (body section behind the head). Legs tend to break off very easily, so you may often encounter these insects with less than their allotted amount of 6 legs (see image).

Adults can be mistaken for giant mosquitoes and may frighten people.

Crane fly larvae are found in moist soil feeding on decaying organic matter. The larvae are wormlike, legless, and without well-developed heads. Some species feed on roots of turfgrass or other plants, but usually do not cause enough damage to be considered a pest.

In Texas, crane flies become abundant in the spring. While adults may be a nuisance when entering homes or disturbing outdoor activities, they do not cause damage and do not bite. Keep doors and windows closed and make sure screens are in good repair. Either turn off outside lights at night or use "bug bulbs" to reduce the number of crane flies drawn near the home because of light sources.

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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Meet Our Students

Hosting an international exchange student is a great way of opening the world to your children and teaching them about new cultures.

STS Foundation is currently looking for families for the 2018/2019 school year. What does it take to be a host family? STS accepts all types of families, be it single parents, young marrieds, empty nesters or same sex couples – we are looking for families that are willing to Share their America with a high school student for the year. All you need to provide is three meals a day and a room for them to sleep in. The student can share a room with a same sex sibling that is within five years of their age. Each student comes with their own spending money and health insurance. Most of all, they come with an excitement to learn all they can about our American way of life.

Here are just some of the many students that are available for placement:

Abby from Denmark – loves being active in sports, nature and at the beach. She is a competitive swimmer and enjoys horseback riding.

Dominik from Switzerland – an open minded, uncomplicated boy, with a real interest in American sports

Maria from Norway – she describes herself as an outgoing, adventurous, mature, compassionate person.

Saana from Finland – she is both sympathetic and empathetic. She enjoys music and sports, and according to her bio – she has a great laugh!

If you are ready for this amazing experience, please give me a call, I'd love to talk with you more about it. I am one of the Houston area STS Local Coordinators, I've worked with foreign exchange students for seven years and have also hosted 13 students on my own. I can tell you anything you need to know about hosting. Please contact Vicki Odom at 832-455-7881 or via email at vicki.stsfoundation@gmail.com.

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