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LOEN Ladies Club News and Information



Since 2005 the LOEN Ladies Club has been providing the women of LOEN with the opportunity to meet their neighbors and nurture lasting friendships. We do this by offering monthly activity group get-togethers including game

groups, book clubs, and social gatherings. General meetings are held five times a year and provide the opportunity for all members to socialize, share great food, and discuss club business. The next general meeting is March 24 in the LOEN Clubhouse, beginning at 6:30pm with a Potluck Social followed by the meeting at 7:30pm. The highlight of this meeting is the election of 2020-21 club officers.

All LOEN ladies are encouraged to reach out and find out more about us and we welcome new members all year long. It doesn't matter if you just moved in or have lived here for years you are welcome to check us out. We to try to accommodate the different schedules of our members by offering activity groups meeting both during the day and evening. The groups meeting during the day are Bridge, Daytime Book Club, Brunch Bunch, and Explorers. Our evening groups are Bunco, Book Club, Dinner Club and Girls Night Out. Our Angels on LOEN group is a community support group that provides meals to residents as needed due to illness, injury, or other special circumstances. To serve our neighbors outside of LOEN, we also sponsor food, toy, supplies, and clothing drives for designated local charitable organizations. We also facilitate a Men's Group for LOEN Men.

Feel free to contact Jeanne MacKenzie at loenladiesclubpresident@gmail.com for more information on the Ladies Club and how you can join!



The Lakes on Eldridge Dolphins Swim Team will begin their 21st season in 2020! We are recruiting enthusiastic swimmers ages 4-18 looking to have fun this spring and summer.

The Lakes on Eldridge Swim Team (LOEST) is a voluntary recreation competitive swim team operated for Lakes on Eldridge and surrounding neighborhoods. LOEST encourages a competitive swim team environment and provides the opportunity for growth, training, enjoyment, good sportsmanship, and participation to all active team members. LOEST is a competitive swim team and does not provide swim lessons. All swimmers must be able to swim the length of the pool without stopping on the ropes.

LOEST cannot function without parent involvement, so each participating family is required to fulfill a volunteer commitment. It's a great way to meet other families and adults in our community!

Please take note of the following important dates:

March 1st -Registration opens

April 15th - Registration ends

April 20th- Practice Starts

May 9th-Time Trials

May 16th- Home Meet against Glencarin

May 23th- Away meet @ Deerfield

May 30th- Away meet @ Cypress Mill

June 6th- Home meet against Towne Lake

June 13th- Away meet @ Jersey Village

June 20th – Championship Meet

Please make sure you check out our website https://loedolphins.swimtopia.com/ to register and to find out anything and everything about the LOE Dolphins!!!

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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Submissions must be received by the

10th of the month for the following month's issue.

(Advertising deadline is the 8th of the month.)

BABY SQUIRREL SEASON

What you need to know

By Cheryl Conley, TWRC Wildlife Center



And so it begins. Baby season 2020 and it all begins with baby squirrels. There are a number of reasons why baby squirrels get separated from mom. Homeowners cut down trees that have nests, high winds can blow nests down or can knock babies out of the nest or sometimes they just fall out. Whatever the reason, you can help.

The first thing you want to do is make sure the baby is safe and warm. Put it in a box or other

small container with a soft towel or t-shirt. You can microwave a sock filled with rice for one minute and place it in the box with the baby or set 1/2 of the box on top of a heating pad set to low. **DO NOT TRY TO FEED IT**. If you do not see any blood on the baby and there are no ants crawling on it, you can try to reunite it with mom. A squirrel's real mom is the best mom.

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into Selling

The spring selling season is upon us. If you are thinking of selling, I would love the opportunity to earn your business. I am a long-time resident of Lakes on Eldridge North, and a neighborhood expert with a proven track record of selling more homes in LOE & LOEN than any other Realtor.

I include a complimentary staging consultation with a professional stager for all homes that I list for sale in LOE and LOEN.

Recently Sold Listings:

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- 1. Place the box with the baby squirrel in it near where you found the baby. You can also attach string or twine to the box and securely hang it from a low branch. Just remember to keep an eye on it from a distance so it's safe from dogs, cats and other predators.
- 2. Getting the baby to call for its mom can help. Sometimes gently picking up the baby will cause it to call her. You can also try holding one foot and applying gentle pressure. **DO NOT SQUEEZE HARD**. This is a tiny, fragile baby.
- 3. If it's raining lightly, cover half the box and put the baby on the dry half. If it's pouring, keep the baby inside until the rain lets up. Remember to **KEEP IT WARM.**
- 4. Be patient. It can take up to four hours for mom to come and get her little one. If she doesn't, you'll need the help of a rehabilitator. Bring the baby to us. If it's after hours, keep the baby in a quiet, dark room and keep it warm until we open. Do not attempt to feed it.

If you notice injuries, keep the baby safe and warm in a dark room until you can get it to us. Do not handle it.

If you'd like to help care for the baby squirrels that are brought to us, we have opportunities available to care for them at our Center or in your home. We will train you. For more information, email berry.moffett@twrcwildlifecenter.org or call 713.468.8972.

Cypress Christian School Update

Sixth-graders spent a beautiful day at Space Center Houston and Johnson Space Center. The students were treated to a guided tour through Starship Gallery, a museum of space artifacts. Students saw authentic flown spacecraft and followed the space race and subsequent development of international cooperation. Future explorers were able to touch a moon rock and got close-up views and stories of these national treasures.

CCS Senior swimmer, Elliott Jones is ranked in the top 100 swimmers in the world (18 & under) according to the USA Swimming World 100 list, 84th in the 100 backstroke and 61st in the 200 backstroke!

- The Class of 2020 have submitted over 200 college applications
- Over 50% of students have received admission to their college or university of first choice
- Over \$1,100,000 in scholarship offers have been reported

Please join us for Future Admissions Events:

- K-12 Preview, April 16, 7 p.m.
- Kindergarten Preview May 5, 7 p.m.

Messiah: A Lutheran Faith Community Camp Hope



Encounter the Unexpected with Jesus

Dates:

- Week 1 July 6-10, 2020
- Week 2 July 13-17, 2020
- Week 3 July 20-24, 2020 9:30 am -3:30 pm

Camp Hope is our three week day camp for children ages 5 yearsold through 6th grade. It is an adult-mentored, student-led ministry. Each day children will hear a new bible story, learn what it means to their life by eating a snack, playing a game, and experiencing the story through the arts, STEM and worship.

Camp Hope is a day camp that is passionate about growing leaders. This is one of the reasons that Camp Hope is one of the BEST ways to develop youth leaders. It's a vital part of what Camp Hope is all about!

Parents are invited to register their children online at www. messiahlc.org/camp-hope. For more information, call 281-890-3013.

Messiah Lutheran Church is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Messiah is located at 11522 Telge Road, ½ mile north of Highway 290. Regular Sunday worship times are: 8 am—Traditions; 9:30 am—The Gathering; and 10:45 am—The Crossing. The Discovery Time (education) is 9:15-10:30 AM on Sundays. For more information, 281-890-3013 or www. messiahlc.org. All people are welcome at Messiah.

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- * This camp is structured for players

(U8 - U14) looking to enhance their skill set through all aspects of the game.

Offered at 2 locations and 2 separate weeks:

March 9 - 12 9:00AM-12:00PM at Katy Park 24927 Morton RD Katy 77493

March 16 - 19 9:00AM-12:00PM at CRSP 3911 Campbell RD. Houston TX 77080

Register at ahfcroyals.com. Question: 713-939-7473



A CULTURAL EXPERIENCE

Want to bring a little culture into your life and the lives of your children? Why not try hosting a high school foreign exchange student? It's a great way to learn about a new culture all from the comfort of your home.

STS Foundation is currently looking for host families for the 2020/2021 school year. Hosting is such a rewarding experience and it benefits all of those involved.

STS Foundation accepts all types of host families – from single parents, newly marrieds, empty nesters and same sex couples. In order to host, you would need to meet the following qualifications:

- Host must be 25 years or older
- Pass a background check
- Provide food for 3 meals daily
- Ensure reliable transportation to and from school (bus is ok)
- A bed for your student
- A safe and loving home

STS Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization that places foreign exchange students with American host families. For more information about hosting, please contact me at 832-455-7881 PM me or email at vicki.stsfoundation@yahoo.com.



INDIANMEAL MOTHS



Probably the most encountered pantry pest by homeowners is the Indianmeal moth. These moths can be found in pet food, birdseed, cereals, dried fruit, nuts, powdered milk, candy, and more. Food can become infested while in

fields, warehouses, or stores and then brought into the home with infested products.

Indianmeal moth adults are small with grayish wings tipped in copper. Larvae are creamy-yellow to yellowish-green to pinkish in color with a dark brown head. Larvae tend to feed on the top of infested items and may produce silk that binds the food together. When larvae are preparing to pupate, they leave the item where they were feeding and crawl to corners or edges of walls, shelves, containers, or other items to spin a silken cocoon.

To eliminate a pantry pest problem, the first step is to locate and remove all infested items. Begin with oldest food items, usually in the back of the pantry, and inspect everything, including unopened food items since these may also be a source. When you find an infested item, do not stop your inspection, multiple items can be infested. Not all pantry pest infestations come from the pantry. Check rooms for items such as dried, decorative peppers, dried flowers, potpourri, natural supplements, make-up, or rice heating packs.

Infested items can be thrown away or treated with heat or cold. If you don't want to throw away food, either place infested food in a ziptop plastic bag and place it in the freezer for about 5-7 days or spread infested food in a thin layer on a baking sheet and bake at 250 degrees for 4-6 hours to kill any insects. Once all insects are dead, you can sift the food or pick out the insects. Another option would be to leave the insects in the food and get a little more protein with your meal!

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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TIPS FOR SAFE NIGHTTIME DRIVING

Driving at night can be tricky—especially through neighborhoods or dimly lit landscapes—so it's important to keep in mind a few basic guidelines to make sure you and your vehicle both are well-prepared for the trip. Consider the following suggestions to help get you to your destination safely.

Ensure headlights are aimed properly. If you think your headlights are casting light too far above or below your line of vision on the road, you may need to adjust their aim. You can do this either by following instructions in your vehicle owner's manual or seeking help from a vehicle maintenance professional.

Dim dashboard lights. Most vehicle makes and models come with a dimmer for the instrument panel. Make sure it's set to the lowest brightness to limit distraction. Also remember to turn off overhead or visor lights while driving, which also can limit visibility at night.

Don't wear tinted glasses. Yellow lenses sold to enhance nighttime driving could actually decrease visibility instead of amplify colors and objects. If you wear prescription lenses, opt for an anti-reflective coating, and clean them thoroughly and frequently to optimize effectiveness at night.

Learn how to spot animals and objects. While driving at night, be on the lookout for wildlife creatures' eyes, which can easily be spotted as pairs of glowing retinas. Any animals' eyes—like raccoons or deer—typically will reflect the light from your headlights long before their true shapes come into view.

Don't focus on headlights in oncoming traffic. Keep your eyes on the road in front of you and avoid looking into the headlights of oncoming traffic—especially if you notice a car using the high-beam headlight setting. If the headlights on the car behind you cause a glare in your rearview mirror, adjust the mirror.

Clean your windshield. Use a clean microfiber cloth or newspaper to clean the windshield—inside and out. Make sure the windshield is streak- and smudge-free before driving at night, and try to avoid wiping window condensation with your hands. Fingerprints and oils from your skin can cause streaks that limit visibility in the dark.

Know when to use your fog lights. Many vehicles come equipped with fog lights, which typically are located underneath the front headlights and are aimed low, where fog usually appears on the road. Fog lights also can be useful on a particularly dark road to further illuminate your path.

Adjust your exterior mirrors. Pointing your side-view mirrors down slightly can help reduce glare from other drivers' headlights and still allow you to see by tipping your head forward a few inches.

Have your eyes checked. Your eyes' ability to keep moving and scan the landscape rather than solely focus on one spot is imperative for successful nighttime driving. Visit your eye doctor for regular checkups to determine whether prescription lenses could help you see better at night.









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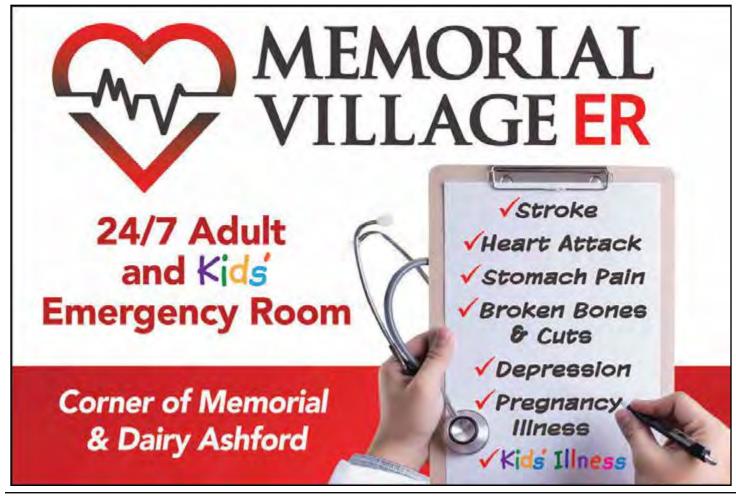
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