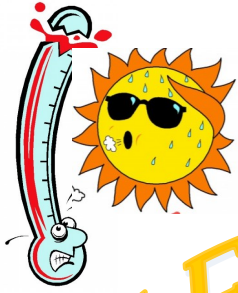


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# ELE NEWSLETTER



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## EGRETS and REMEDIES

In Texas, Cattle Egrets breed in almost every county of our state. They also winter in Texas, primarily along the coast; but, some years they winter far inland. Colony size may vary from fewer than 100 to over 15,000.

Cattle egrets are a type of heron, originally from Asia, Africa and parts of Europe. Due to rapid expansion, they have become common around the world within the past century. Cattle egrets arrived in Texas in 1954 and by February of 2008 they were recognized as an invasive species. Cattle egrets are not considered an endangered or threatened species, but are still protected during nesting season by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918. At the time that one or

more eggs are laid until chicks fledge, harassing and hazing is not permitted. Once nests are determined inactive, it is legal to remove nests or harass/haze egrets away from an area.

Our ELE Cattle Egrets arrived on Lake Tahoe in February of 2018. Arlington Animal Services was contacted and neighbors were told to wait until the egrets left and then trim trees and remove nests. The city also recommended other deterrent systems, like helium filled "scary eye" balloons, streamers, owl decoys and air horns. None of these measures recommended by the city worked and the egret colony on Lake Tahoe increased from an estimated 150 birds in 2018 to 700 egrets in 2019.

With this many birds within less than a quarter acre, the egrets are leaving excessive feces, fallen eggs and deceased chicks. The Tahoe neighbors have had to endure this foul odor, noise and other physical remains as described for two years. Tahoe residents have expressed health concerns not only from the potential diseases an egret may carry, but from the many bacterial and viral illnesses that can come from exposure to feces. As a result, the neighbors on Lake Tahoe have contacted the Southwest Region 2 office of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Albuquerque, NM.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service stated that the best way to prevent our ELE egret colony from returning in 2020

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## HOA ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, SEPT 15  
5:00 PM  
CLUBHOUSE

# HOA ANNUAL MEETING

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Enchanted Lake Estates annual homeowners meeting will be held on **Sunday, September 15, at 5:00 PM**. The meeting will be held in the clubhouse with a cookout afterwards. The pool will be open for those that want to swim from 3:00—7:00.

This year one of the topics which will be covered will be the egrets in our neighborhood. Arlington City Councilman Andrew Piel will also be attending to provide information on that and answer questions on Bowman Springs Park, street widening and the possible senior living center.

Of course, each of the board members will be covering their areas to report on what has been done during the year, what may be coming up in the near future, and where the money from HOA dues has been spent.

Plan to come out. It's a very good way to get involved in your neighborhood and/or meet neighbors.



## ELE LIFEGUARDS - after the pool

Definitely one of the favorite lifeguards for the past five years at the ELE Pool has been Austin Miles. You'll hear kids calling out his name frequently to come in for a game of HORSE basketball. He is a junior at UTA majoring in accounting. He plans on becoming a CPS after college. He was inadvertently left out of the last newsletter, and for that he has sincere apologies. He definitely is not a forgettable person. We hope he comes back next summer.



AUSTIN MILES

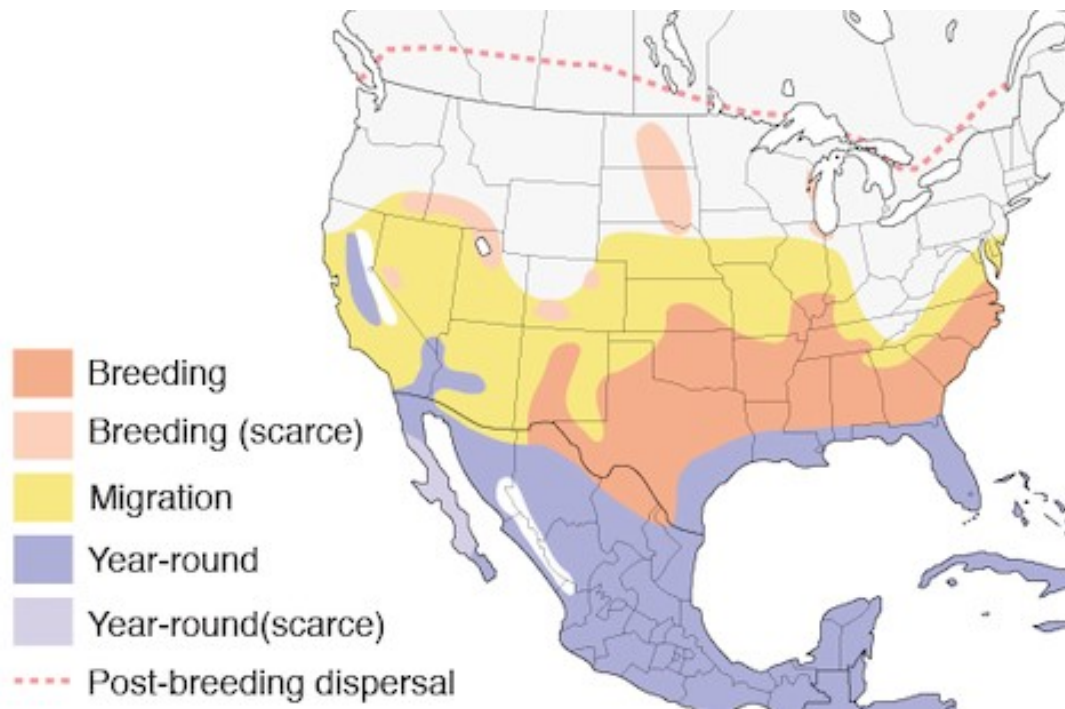
At Martin High School, two other ELE lifeguards are making their presence known under the Friday Night Lights. Adam Nix and Jaxon Lindell both are starters on the Martin Warrior football team. Watch for Adam, #76 and Jaxon, #85.



ADAM NIX



JAXON LINDELL



is through public awareness of proven mitigation strategies. In an effort to disseminate this information to the City of Arlington and interested ELE neighbors, they have scheduled a meeting on October 23<sup>rd</sup> here in Arlington, location and time to be determined at a later date. It is very important that ELE neighbors attend this meeting. At the meeting, an integrated damage management plan to prevent the egrets from nesting in 2020 and guidelines provided in the Code of Federal Regulations will be reviewed with city officials and interested ELE volunteers. So please save the date and plan to attend on October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

In the interim, Jean Christenberry graciously scheduled a drone

flyover and with this footage the nests were recently determined to be inactive by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Hazing

### IMPORTANT

Please make plans to attend the October-23rd meeting with government officials.

Watch for more information to follow.

the birds at this point in the season is now legal. Additional dispersal tools as recommended by a migratory bird biologist were purchased by the ELE Board and we are now attempting to herd the egrets away from ELE. If

egrets should decide your home looks attractive, use noisemakers, air horns, tennis balls, water guns and other city approved dispersal tools to scare the egrets from your home. If the egrets aren't deterred by these measures, please contact an ELE Board member for use of the bird bangers and launchers purchased by the board. Before using the bird bangers and launchers, notify the Arlington Police Department by calling 911, non-emergency. Otherwise, the loud noise from the launchers may be perceived and reported as illegal gun fire.

**Contributed by Jan Brown**

*Note: Jan Brown has done an extraordinary amount of work on our egret problem. We all owe her a huge thanks for her time, effort, and information sharing. THANK YOU!*



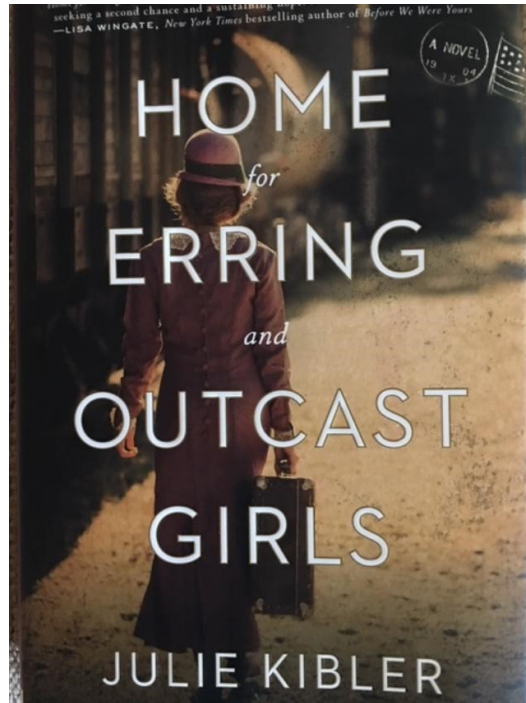
# AUTHOR AND LUNCHEON

The ELE Book Club extends an invitation to all women in ELE to attend an **Author and Luncheon** on Thursday October 10 at 10:30 AM. Join us at the ELE Clubhouse to hear Arlington author Julie Kibler discuss her newest novel, just released, **Home for Erring and Outcast Girls**.

Julie Kibler is an Arlington resident and the author of a previous best selling novel, **Calling Me Home** (published in 15 languages). She has a BA in English and Journalism and an MA in Library Science. She shares her local home with her family,

There was indeed a historical Berachah Industrial Home for the Redemption of Erring Girls, built in 1903 in the outskirts of Arlington. It was progressive for its time, allowing the "ruined" young women to keep their babies and be trained to support themselves and gain respect. The novel moves from the turn-of-the-century Home to current day, when an Arlington University librarian and archivist discovers the cemetery on Berachah's former grounds and traces the

Home's archives. Arlington, Fort Worth and Dallas place names abound. The



cemetery is located at the corner of current Cooper Street and Mitchell Drive at

UTA.

We will meet in the ELE Clubhouse at 10:30 AM on Thursday October 10th, and have coffee and snacks while our guest speaker discusses her books, writing in general, and answer questions. Ms. Kibler will be glad to autograph your book(s). We will then have a salad luncheon and desserts, all provided by the ELE Book Club members, and continue our social afternoon together. There is no fee for this **Author and Luncheon**, but *you are asked to **RSVP** (817-478-0880) so that there are sufficient chairs and food.* You may also bring friends and ELE neighbors. Please remember to count them in your RSVP.

**Contributed by Ronnie Barker.**

## TEQUILA AND TENNIS

Saturday Evening

September 28

Tennis Courts



It was a great day of Tennis for these boys. Lob Fest on Labor Day provided plenty of sweat and fun for Evan Nagy, Ethan Chen, Austin Wright, Noah Ivy, and Max Culver.



# YARD OF THE MONTH SEPTEMBER

This home at 3805 Falcon Lake invites you to wander and discover its many surprises. **Karen and Tom Boujour** have lived here since 1980. In fact, they have lived in ELE longer than that, as they first moved into a home on Lake Tahoe, across from the clubhouse in 1976. Later when they sold that house, but had yet to finish the one they were building on Falcon Lake, they lived in another Lake Tahoe house.

They can tell stories about moving into the neighborhood, if it could be called that. They were the only the seventh family here. And, their son, Brian, was the first child born here. There were very few homes, and like other early arrivals will tell you, many homes that are now surround-



ed by other homes had beachfront property back in the day.

Tom was owner of the



Sound Idea Audio Video Stores. He has since retired, as has Karen. She was a teacher at Cory Elementary for 30 years.

They now enjoy their yard. It is maintained by, as Karen says, "my French gardener"! Sounds so much more interesting that way.



## A REMINDER OF THE BY-LAWS COVENANTS, RESTRICTIONS, AND CONDITIONS OF ENCHANTED LAKE ESTATES

### 8.0108. Maintenance of Lawns and Plantings.

(a) By Owner. Each Owner of a Lot within Enchanted Lake Estates shall keep all shrubs, trees, grass and plantings of every kind on his property, including set back areas, planted areas between adjacent sidewalks and the street curb, if any, and any other area located between the boundary line of his property and the street or other property (public or private) on which such Owner's property abuts, neatly trimmed, properly cultivated and free of trash, weeds and other unsightly material; provided, however, that such owner shall not be responsible for maintenance of any Area for which Declarant or the Association has assumed the responsibility. In the event any dwelling remains vacant for a period of forty-five (45) days, Declarant or the Association or its authorized agents shall have the right at any reasonable time to enter upon any such Lot of Owner to plant, replace, maintain, and cultivate trees, shrubs, grass or other plantings located thereon at the Owner's cost.