

# FOURTH FEST

4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

11 am-2 pm

**CLUBHOUSE** 

PIZZA AT 11:30 TO 12:30

#### MASKED SINGER AND GAMES

Even with the COVID Virus still directing our lives currently, the ELE Board has decided to have a celebration of July 4th.

While being mindful of the rules surrounding us, the pool will be open allowing up to 30 swimmers at any one time. We will not be cooking food, but will be ordering in a variety of pizzas, which will be served by a gloved and masked server between 11:30—12:30.

The tennis courts will also be open for singles or doubles, so bring your balls and racquets.

For entertainment, there will be Karaoke and games for all that want to participate.

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### IT'S TIME TO



I'm **Courtney Shank** this is my 11th year lifeguarding and I love this job! I went to Stephen F. Austin where I was a college cheerleader! I am currently a 7th grade math teacher at Young Junior High. I look forward to a great year! Ed. Note: She's the best!







I am **Trey Watson** and currently graduating from Martin High School as the senior class president. This will be my third year as a lifeguard. Next year I plan on going to the University of Arkansas to major in business.



I'm **Nicolas Rodriguez** and I'm a senior at Martin High School. I will be playing football at Baylor next year where I will study biochemistry. I enjoy being outside and playing sports, and especially going to the beach. This is my first summer lifequarding at ELE!



My name is

Krista Rude
and I graduated
from UTA in December with a
Bachelor of Science in Mathematics. This will
be my 6th year as
a lifeguard for
ELE. I am now a
math teacher and
coach at Young
Junior High.



I am **Ryan Wisbrock**. I graduated from Martin high school where I was a member of the student council and the psychology honor society. In the Fall I will be attending Texas A&M where I am hoping to major in biology. Gig 'em! I have been lifeguarding for 2 years!

I am **Hillary Jorgenson.**I am a sophomore at Texas A&M studying nursing. I have been lifeguarding for 4 years and this is my 3rd year at ELE!





I am **Ashlin Jaime**. This year I graduated from Martin high school and was involved in golf and avid. Next fall I will be attending TCC to get my basics and then will begin studying communications. This is my third year lifequarding at ELE.



I'm **Cameron Shayman**. I am graduating from Martin this year! This is my 3rd summer as a lifeguard. I love to fly planes and play golf, and I'm close to getting my Private Pilot License. I am attending the University of North Dakota and double majoring in Commercial Aviation and Unmanned Aircraft Systems.





My name is **Jaxon Lindell**, I am graduating from Martin High School this year. I played football and rugby. This will be my second summer lifeguarding at ELE. I am interning next year in Florida.

### **CONCERT NIGHT**

Sara and John DeMore brought a night of delightful fun to Crater Lake on June 13. The couple is good friends with Mike and Nancy Conner, so they teamed up to perform for the neighbors. Sara and the SaraTones is an acoustic trio performing rock, Motown, blues, folk and country music to audiences around Arlington and other parts of the country regularly. And, did they put on a terrific show for those there! Mike Conner was on keyboard sharing some of his original music in spite of some electrical problems, and Rod Sutton, a neighbor on Crater Lake, was invited up to join in with his harmonica and it sounded as if he'd been with

the group forever.

While quite a few neighbors did come out, there was lots of clamoring for a bigger venue for the entire neighborhood- and it was agreed upon that it should become an annual event.

Kids played, adults visited, sang along, imbibed and danced the night away. Mother nature enjoyed the music and offered a beautiful evening.

Their next visit will be well advertised so that all can enjoy their fantastic sound.



NOTE: Pictures courtesy of <u>Dave Reeves</u>, extraordinary human being and ELE homeowner for about 35 years!!!

## LITTLE LENDING LIBRARY v. 2.0

After carpenter ants took up residence in our original Lending Library located in front of the clubhouse, something had to be done.

This is where Jeff and Susan Quail and their son Peter stepped up and offered to purchase a new library to replace the crumbling remains. The new structure arrived and has been put in place.

The flag and its post will be replaced onto the front column of the clubhouse. where it they were originally.

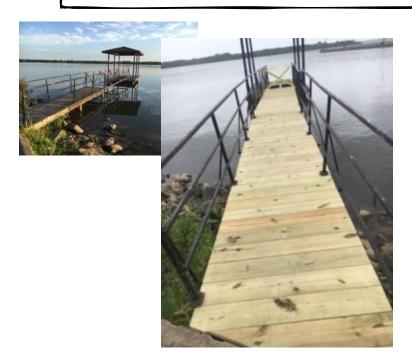
So, for all of you that have put this little library to such good use, it is back in business. And, for those of you who have yet to avail yourselves of the joys, feel free to take a book or leave a book. The books turn over regularly, so there should be something there for everyone.

And a great big THANK YOU to the Quails for being such good neighbors. And one last thank you to the

Eagle Scout who took the time to make a Little Lending Library for ELE a project we all enjoyed



#### ELE DOCK





The repairs to the dock are nearly complete. Additional railing was decided upon as the work neared an end. But this will be done, but the framing and decking has been replaced on the walkway out to the dock itself.

At its last meeting, the ELE Board discussed the problems we are still having with outside people coming in to use our facilities. We even had one tennis team coming early mornings to use our courts. It was decided to ask that ELE residents either place decals on their vehicle windows, or leave their pool tags on the dashboard of their vehicle when using the tennis courts or the boat dock. The pool tags are easily acquired by presenting a signed pool tag form, found in the ELE Directory, to the lifeguards at the pool during pool hours. If dues are current, then you will receive a pool tag.

Stephanie Ivy has installed a lock on the tennis courts. Contact her for code: 817.538.3649

### June Yard of the Month

One outcome of the pandemic is the realization of how much we need and rely on each other. Another is giving individuals the opportunity to discover ways to live rich, meaningful lives in good times as well as bad. While our world felt a bit off kilter, our little ELE community gave us much to celebrate!

We realized our boys were living the last great childhood in America —- it is safe here, in our bubble, for them to ride bikes down the street and haul kayaks down to the lake and wander in and out of garages, finding fort building tools and grabbing snacks/ drinks from garage fridges!

The iconic tree that we inherited from the Farringtons, who were the original planters and owners of the home, literally held the weight of the boys through the neighborhood as they would play hours on it during the COVID-19 months. The tree became such a hangout that we decided that the garden was needed as a surrounding. Planting roses instead of bringing flowers became the norm for Richard early in the relationship—- as his wife did not want the flowers to die! Elephant ears were planted from bulbs from his own mother's yard, who loved elephant ears and taught him to listen "big" (they are huge).

The little bridge was a recycled item that was repurposed over the drainage river that now reduces the flooding in the yard and recycles water. The lavender and lantana ideas were taken from so many of the yards, as we walked the neighborhood during the pandemic and got so many garden ideas from our neighbors' beautiful yards! The neighborhood definitely inspired Richard on his progress and so many stopped to admire his efforts, which only reinforced him to add as he went.

The spring storms left us with 2 ten-day-old orphan kittens, which we bottle fed and they now serve as yard ornaments and pets!

The far side of the yard is left open for the many crossnet and volleyball games of the neighborhood boys, which kept our boys busy during this pandemic. We were grateful to have such a wonderful neighborhood and support system during this time! Our yard is truly shaped by the community that built it! -STEPHANIE IVY









#### **ELE ANNUAL MEETING**

The ELE HOA Annual meeting will be coming up in September. We have a number of new homeowners to the neighborhood, and invite those people, along with everyone else, to please consider taking a seat on the ELE Board. There will be more about the seats that will be opening up in the next newsletter. But fresh blood is always needed to keep a neighborhood fresh and dynamic. We will soon be facing a number of issues, with bandaids covering them currently, that need resolving. And people with past HOA experience and/or creative thoughts would be very welcomed and very needed. If you don't want to take a chairmanship, volunteering to help the chairs is also an option. Let your voices be heard and share your talents! You are the ones who can keep ELE a highly desired neighborhood and make it a joy for all of us to live here and encourage others to buy homes here also.







