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Spotlight on our Neighbor

Dashiell Oatman-Stanford, McCallum Honor Graduate

Congratulations to Dashiell Oatman-Stanford for his outstanding academic performance. Dashiell graduated from McCallum High School third in the senior class of 2006. His grade point average is 4.4.

Dashiell has always worked hard in school, yet attributes his academic success to his parents' attitude. "My mom and dad are extremely lenient and cool" Dashiell said, stressing that his parents let him chose his own path to find success. Dashiell said that his older brother, who currently attends Vassar, was influential on Dashiell's success, too, serving as an excellent role model for him.

During his years at McCallum, Dashiell was very active in band. He participated in marching band, orchestra and jazz band. He is most proud of earning superior ratings on his solos at the State Solo and Ensemble Festival. Each year he has earned a superior rating at State while playing the marimba, timpani, and piano. He anticipates earning a superior again this year with his marimba solo. While at McCallum, Dashiell was an active member in several clubs including Students Against Drunk Driving and National Honor society.

How does Dashiell spend his free time? "I like to eat a lot" Dashiell says and rumor has it that he can be found every day during lunch

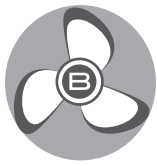
at Thundercloud Subs on Burnet. He also likes to hang out with friends and play board games. Dashiell plans to attend Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois in the fall. Although he's not sure what he wants to be professionally, he plans to focus his college studies on science. Congratulations to Dashiell and his family; we are proud to have you in our neighborhood!

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Memorial Sign at Perry Park

The outdoor sign at Perry Park remembering Chad Wiman was replaced in June with a plaque memorial.

Highland Park Scottie Chad Wiman (1971-1985) died in an auto-pedestrian collision on Koenig Lane in 1985, the summer between his class finishing Lamar Junior High and entering McCallum High School. Chad would have graduated from McCallum in 1989. Chad and his parents, Janet and Bill Wiman, lived on Perry Lane.

The sign and the outdoor learning center it referenced was built by classmate Derek Day in 1988 as an Eagle Scout project. The outdoor learning center was removed last year and now the sign has been removed. A bench in that area now contains a memorial plaque remembering Chad thanks to the Highland Park Elementary PTA and the HPWBANA.



Good Gossip *Someone Told Me That...*

Former Board member Drake Besheer has been spotted picking up trash from the Ridge Oak Reservoir. Way to go, Drake! Thanks also go out to Heidi and Paul Toprac who donated a huge quantity of excess mulch to their neighbors. Sylvia Hall offered use of her trailer and neighbors pitched in to mulch our public green spaces and many yards in the neighborhood.

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Recognizing our Business Sponsors

by Blake Stanford

As a resident of our neighborhood, I am constantly astounded by the variety of resources, services and businesses that have chosen Highland Park Balcones West as their home too. We are truly living in a city called "Austin" and a village called "Highland Park-Balcones West". Such proximity to the source and flow of commerce makes our "village" a special place.

After I moved to the neighborhood in 1991, I realized that if I relocated my own business, Southwest Human Development Services, to the neighborhood, I would be home by now! Making the commute across town for many years was really tiring and moving my business to neighborhood made sense, especially when my daughter's school, Highland Park Elementary and her after school program at Crenshaw's Athletics was just out my backdoor. While my daughter has moved on to middle school, now my Second Grade son is close by and convenient. When school and after school events are held, I can be there with ease. And that is just one part of the benefits of living so close to work and school.

Of course, not a day goes by that I do not find myself or staff ambling next door, checking out the art at Cathy Munson's Studio and Gallery on the way to pickup some coffee and tasty treats at Russell's Bakery and Coffee Bar. Russell has always been involved in the community, taking the Cub Scouts or Kindergarteners into his kitchen for a field trip, catering a special neighborhood event or providing a venue for an aspiring chanteuse such as our own Board member, Lurleen Ladd. Another great place that everyone loves to visit nearby and is within walking distance is Chez Zee. I remember when my wife and I bought our first home here in the neighborhood. We went to Chez Zee to celebrate with nice dinner and fine bottle of wine. Chez Zee truly lives up to the meaning of chez ("home", in French).

What else do I appreciate about living in our village? How great is it that we do not have to travel too far to shop when Randall's is right around the corner? In addition to providing us with groceries and sundries, our local store is also involved with many community groups and when asked, comes through with support. And the same can be said for the Koch family at Balcones Exxon Automotive who are helpful neighbors and have saved my truck more than a few times from automotive disrepair, and for Michael's Hair Company that makes sure that we are always looking good. And much more richer we are in the HPWB neighborhood with good neighbors such as the Junior League of Austin, the business problem solvers at the Athens Group, and the mortgage brokers at Mortgage Acceptance Corporation that support our community and its organizations.

The HPWBANA Board extends a warm thank you to our business sponsors, all of which are listed in this article. Making good neighbors and friends in the "village" is a tradition that your local Neighborhood Association encourages and what makes Highland Park West Balcones such a special place to live.

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Perry Park Tennis Courts Update

- by Nadene Morning, Friends of Perry Park

The entryway to the two tennis courts at Perry Park was repaired in late May. Concrete pavers placed on the ground had become very uneven over time so more pavers were added to even out the area. The material and labor were provided by the HPWBANA. Tennis players can now enter the courts using a smooth pathway.

For those of you unfamiliar with the park, Perry Park has two tennis courts available for public use. They are completely fenced, benches are available and there is lighting



for those evening tennis games. The light is activated by a push button switch on the electrical pole outside the courts. The courts are maintained by PARD with the help of volunteers. If you are interested in helping out with regular court checkups please contact Coach Dave Woods at dwoods@austinsisd.org.



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712—NEW BRAUNFELS: Comal Country Music Show House band and featured artists perform country music. Doors open at 6 p.m. Civic Center. 830/629-4547

12-16—CASTROVILLE: Boys Regional & Sectional Tournament City Baseball Field. 830/931-3680

13-15, 20-23, 27-30—BULVERDE: Crossroads It is 1914 and life is humdrum until a train carrying Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show derails outside of town. S.T.A.G.E., 1300 Bulverde Road. 830/438-2339

13-23—KERRVILLE: The Goodbye Girl —Playhouse 2000 A Broadway dancer, her witty daughter and a neurotic actor are forced to share an apartment. Kathleen C. Cailloux Theater, 910 Main St. www.caillouxtheater.com 830/896-9393

13-29—INGRAM: Cinderella Presents the classic tale. Smith-Ritch Outdoor Theater, Hwy. 39. www.hcaf.com 830/367-5121

13-Aug. 27—AUSTIN: Bad Dates It's a bumpy ride of Mr. Wrongs for a 40-year-old single mom from Austin who is re-entering the dating scene. Zachary Scott Theatre. www.zachscott.com 512/476-0541

14—AUSTIN: Bossacucanova This is a Rio-based trio whose music is both freshly modern and deeply, traditionally Brazilian. One World Theatre. 512/329-6753

14-15—FREDERICKSBURG: Night in Old Fredericksburg Features German food and drink, music, arts & crafts, kids area and historical exhibits. Enjoy German pioneer historical demonstrations, clowns, games and more. Performers include The Sauerkrauts and Dujka Brothers on Friday and Shiner Hobo Band, Jodie Mikula Orchestra, Seven Dutchman and Bobby Jones Czech Band on Saturday. Marktplatz Fredericksburg. www.tex-fest.com 866/839-3378

14-15—TAYLOR: 55th Annual Taylor Rodeo Includes full action from bull riding to mutton busting. A dance is held after the rodeo. East Williamson County Event Center. 512/365-4357

14-16—FREDERICKSBURG: Trade Days Includes more than 300 vendors, five barns, acres of antiques and more, biergarten and music. Hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 9 a.m.

to 4 p.m. Sunday. Hwy. 290 E. across from Wildseed Farms. www.fbgtradedays.com 830/990-4900 or 210/846-4094

15—BLANCO: Market Day www.historicblanco.org 830/833-2211

15-16—AUSTIN: 12th Annual Pond Tour Pond owners open their properties to the public to demonstrate how luscious a backyard can become with a splash of water, flash of bright fish and aroma of many plants and herbs. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. www.austinpondsociety.org 512/627-3483

15-16—AUSTIN: Citywide Garage Sale Palmer Events Center. www.cwgs.com 512/441-2828

15-16—GRUENE: Old Gruene Market Days Nearly 100 vendors offer uniquely crafted items, collectibles and packaged Texas foods. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. www.gruenemarketdays.com 830/832-1721

16—AUSTIN: Eliot Fisk & the Miro String Quartet Prepare to be dazzled when one of the premiere string quartets in the world meets one of the greatest guitar virtuosos for an afternoon of Spanish music — both new and old. Begins at 2:30 p.m. Northwest Hills United Methodist Church, 5070 Village Center Drive. www.austinclassicalguitar.org 512/300-ACGS

21-22—SONORA: World Championship Goat Roping Sutton County Rodeo Arena. www.sonoratr-chamber.com 325/387-2880

21-23—AUSTIN: Custom Sounds Texas Heat Wave Features the hottest cars, trucks, bikes and anything else with wheels. One of the largest custom truck and car shows in the nation. Travis County Expo Center. www.heatwaveinc.com 512/252-0283

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21-23—ROUND ROCK: 2006 Games of Texas Soccer Tournament www.taaf.com/gamesoftexas

22—CASTROVILLE: Annual Kid Fish Open to children age 4 to 16. Begins at 9 a.m. Reservations recommended. Call after June 1 for

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22—FREDERICKSBURG: Fredericksburg Saturday Night: American Music in the Texas This is a series of live Roots music concerts featuring bluegrass, blues, soul, jazz, gospel, Cajun, zydeco and other American music styles by emerging and established artists. Hours are 5 to 11 p.m. The Pioneer Museum. www.pioneermuseum.com 830/997-2835

23—AUSTIN: Sax Pack Consists of three all-star sax players: Jeff Kashiwa, formerly of the Rippingtons; Kim Waters, king of urban smooth jazz; and Steve Cole, sizzling soul man. One World Theatre. 512/329-6753

24-Oct. 15—KERRVILLE: Window on the West The Phelan Collection — Museum of Western Art Features paintings from artists who personally explored the West in the 1800s. 1550 Bandera Highway. www.museumofwesternart.org 830/896-2553

27—MASON: Country Opry The featured artist is Jade Cienega. Begins at 7:30 p.m. Odeon Theater on Mason Square. E-mail: masoncoc@hctc.net • www.masontxcoc.com 325/347-5758

27-30—ROUND ROCK: Games of Texas This Olympic-style event includes archery, badminton, baseball, bowling, boxing, disc golf, fencing, golf, gymnastics (youth/adult), lifeguard competition, racquetball, sand volleyball, soccer (youth), softball (youth/adult), swimming, tennis (youth), track and field, and wiffleball. www.taaf.com/gamesoftexas

27-Aug. 13—MARBLE FALLS: The Sound of Music Community Theatre. 830/798-8944

28-30—FREDERICKSBURG: 29th Annual Swap Meet Lady Bird Johnson Municipal Park. www.fredericksburgcarclub.com 325/388-2223

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28-Aug. 18—WIMBERLEY: The Cocktail Hour Greenhouse Theatre. www.wimberleyplayers.org 512/847-0575

29—STONEWALL: Blacksmithing at the Sauer-Beckmann Farm Hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lyndon B. Johnson State Park & Historic Site. 830/644-2252

29-30—JOHNSON CITY: Arts Encounters 2006 Series Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 6 p.m. Sunday. The Benini Foundation. www.artscountersatbeninis.com

31-Aug. 12—WIMBERLEY: Shakespeare Under the Stars Two Shakespearean plays run consecutively. EmilyAnn Theatre. www.emilyann.org 512/847-6969

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spirits of visitors to Mayfield Park. The charming board-and-batten cottage and its garden setting of graceful ponds and flower beds are listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The grounds are open daily to the public. In addition, the cottage and gardens may be rented for social and business meetings.

The Mayfield Park/Community Project coordinates the restoration of this community treasure through the auspices of Friends of the Parks, a non-profit organization. To support this facility of the Austin Parks and Recreation Department, we raise funds through grants, foundations, and individuals to accomplish the goals established by a preservation master plan. Restoration phases proceed as funds become available, with recent efforts focused on the lily ponds and exterior furnishings at the park.

The Cottage Gardens – Cottage gardens include flowers and herbs planted in an informal manner and shaded by fruit trees. Patterned after such gardens in England, our walled landscape embraces more than 30 raised flower beds separated by narrow paths and shaded by

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Mexican plum and peach trees. Randomly mixed flowers provide year round color, texture, and fragrance in uncomplicated beds of jonquils, pinks, lilies, roses and honeysuckle. Rock gardens sport tiered flower beds of native plants and wildflowers. Water gardens bring yet another appeal to this special enclave. As these hardy plants require less attention than more exotic flora, Mary Mayfield Gutsch was clearly ahead of her time in creating a garden adapted to our rugged climate.

The Mayfield-Gutsch Family – Allison Mayfield purchased this picturesque cottage and 23 acres for his family as a summer and weekend retreat in 1909. A prominent Austin political figure, he served terms as Chairman of the Railroad Commission and Texas' Secretary of State. In 1918 his only child, Mary Frances, married Dr. Milton Gutsch, chairman of the History Department at the University of Texas. The young couple moved into the cottage in 1922, transforming the house and grounds into their own version of paradise with the able assistance of their resident gardener, Steve Arredondo. Mary deeded the home and its acreage to the City of Austin to be used as a park following her death in 1971. A contingent of volunteer gardeners assists the city staff in planting and maintaining this luxuriant oasis based on Mary's ideas of what a garden should be.

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