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Letter from the President

The Jester Homeowner's Annual meeting was held on Tuesday, February 21st. We had approximately 30 people in attendance and appreciate everyone's efforts to participate. Reports were given from our Treasurer Glen Brown and Teresa Gouldie reported on upcoming social activities and is need of volunteers. There was an update on Jester's Maintenance committee and we discussed the upcoming TXDOT road proposal meeting. There is much interest on this, please read the article in this last month's issue of the Warbler and note the announcement box on this page. Two Board positions were up for election. Congratulations goes to Alyssa Drury new to the Board and Ashby McDonald who was re-elected. Alyssa is also on the Jester Club board and we hope that this will bring some synergy for both boards to be aware of each other's issues. The Board wants to become more seamless and plan to use the Jester website (www.JesterNeighbors.com – enter code 3328) as a vehicle for interesting articles and notices that pertain to our neighborhood. We also want to meet more frequently and are discussing having another neighborhood town hall meeting open for all to attend sometime in the next 2-3 months. Please contact Board members listed on the following page if you would like to become more involved in Jester.

Diana Miller

Jester Is A Great Place To Live!

ATTENTION Jester Estates Moms...

Stay connected on Facebook!

by Ashley Bruce

Hi fellow Jester moms! With everyone on Facebook these days I thought creating a "Jester Estates Moms" page would be a great way to get to know other moms in the neighborhood to plan some get togethers, walks etc! Please check it out and like the page!

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JHA is sponsoring a Jester Garage sale on Saturday May 19th at 8 am. Ads will run in the American Statesman on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday promoting this neighborhood-wide sale. Please email Teresa at tgouldie@gmail.com or call her at 751-8000 if you would like to register your garage sale location. Maps with lists of garage sale addresses will be available at the entrances to Jester.

**Saturday, May 19th
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Mighty Texas Dog Walk Gets Hairy!

by Bobbi Leverich

This year's Mighty Texas Dog Walk, on Saturday, April 7th at Auditorium Shores is more than walking the most dogs for a third Guinness World Record for Texas. Organizers have added three New Guinness World Record attempts:

- **Biggest Fur Ball** (Sponsored by Mud Puppies) Your dog's hair can help us bring a new Guinness World Record to Austin! - Brush your dog and help us build the Ball!
- **Most Dogs Sitting Simultaneously** - Sponsor this Ring!
- **Most Dogs Wearing the Same Bandana** (provided by Petco!)

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NATUREWATCH

Beautiful Bunting

by Jim and Lynne Weber

One of the most unmistakably colorful birds to return to Texas in the spring is the Painted Bunting (*Passerina ciris*), whose species name, *ciris*, thought to mean 'lord', comes from the Greek myth of Scylla, a sea monster who was changed into a bird. This species breeds in two different populations in the US, the eastern one along the coast of the southeastern states and the western one in the south-central states, which includes Central Texas.

The male Painted Bunting is a small, bright finch, with a red chest, blue head, and lime green back. It has a red ring around each eye, and dark gray wings and tail. In comparison, the female's overall greenish-yellow coloring is much less gaudy, but serves her well as she needs to remain hidden when rearing young. Highly territorial, males announce their territory by singing from a conspicuous perch and warn other male intruders by performing a fluttering flight display. They can be quite aggressive toward each other, often engaging in fights that include pecking, grappling, and beating with their wings which can sometimes end in injury or even death.

Preferring natural grasslands, open brush lands, thickets, and scattered woodlands, painted buntings usually form monogamous pairs, with the female constructing a deep, neatly woven cup-shaped nest of plant fibers, lined with hair or fine grass, and placed low in dense shrubbery. She lays 3 to 4 eggs, bluish-white with gray or brown speckles concentrated near the large end, and the young hatchlings emerge 11 to 12 days later, helpless at first and covered in sparse down.

During the breeding season of spring and summer, painted buntings eat insects, insect larvae, and spiders, but switch to seeds in

the fall and winter. Although painted buntings are mainly ground foragers, they can pick insects from spider webs and will fly up from the ground to grab the seed heads of tall grasses to pull them to the ground to extract the seeds.

One of the main differences between the eastern and western populations of painted buntings includes the timing of their fall molt in reference to the migration to their wintering grounds in southern Mexico and Central America. The western population begins their migration first, stopping to molt in staging areas in northern Mexico, and then continuing south. This type of migration-molt pattern is common among waterfowl but not among songbirds. The eastern population, on the other hand, follows the more typical pattern of molting on its breeding grounds first, before beginning its migration.

Sadly, the overall population of painted buntings has showed a slow, steady decline

since 1965. Because of this, the conservation status of this beautiful bunting is listed as 'near threatened,' and is thought to be due to several factors, including the rapid urbanization of its preferred habitat, increased nest parasitism by the Brown-headed Cowbird, and ongoing effects of climate change.

Fittingly, when seen in a group, painted buntings are collectively known as a 'mural' or a 'palette', and are a visually striking sight. One can only marvel at the wonderfully vivid feather colors that nature has produced, all on the same bird!

*Send your nature-related questions to naturewatch@austin.rr.com and we'll do our best to answer them. If you enjoy reading these articles, look for our book, *Nature Watch Austin*, published by Texas A&M University Press.*

Painted Bunting (male)



Painted Bunting (female)



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4/7 - Sat.	Sul Ross State (DH)	12 p.m.
4/20 - Fri.	Schreiner (DH)	5 p.m.
4/20 - Fri.	Texas Lutheran	7 p.m.
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But he's not alone. Bambi's mother is not far away, and a deer that would otherwise run from a human or a dog will defend her baby if she senses danger. Now is the time to remind your children and neighbors to be deer-smart for the deer's safety and your own. If you find a fawn, leave it alone. Most white-tail deer fawns are born in May and June in central Texas, but they start to appear as soon as late April. For the first three to four weeks of their lives, the fawns are too small to follow their mothers, and it is normal for a doe to leave a fawn alone for several hours at a time. If you find a fawn, do move it or try to rescue it. Most fawns are not orphaned or abandoned. Unless the fawn is obviously cold, sick or in an unsafe area, it should be left alone. If you think the fawn is in danger, call Austin Wildlife Rescue at 472-9453 (472-WILD).

Remind your children to stay away from the deer. Baby animals naturally draw the attention of curious children. Fawning season in central Texas provides a unique opportunity to teach your children about cycles of life and kindness to animals. Educate your children about the fawning season. Explain to them that the fawns are not abandoned. Teach them that they should stay away from the fawns

because the mother is nearby, she will take care of the baby, and the fawn's best chance of survival depends on its being left alone.

Restrain your dogs. Fawns also draw the attention of curious dogs. Walk your dogs on leash. Standard leashes are better than retractable leashes at this time of year in deer country. Off-leash and unrestrained dogs are a primary cause of conflicts with deer. Use your deer deterrents. If you do not want fawns around your property, now is the time to refresh or activate your deer repellents. Does will not leave fawns in an obviously hostile environment. Mend your fences if you do not like deer. The fawning season provides an opportunity to experience first-hand the miracle of the cycles of wildlife and appreciate the wildlife we have living among us. DeerAustin is a group of Austin neighbors and animal lovers who are committed to living compatibly with urban wildlife and especially to protecting and preserving Austin's urban deer herds. Visit us at www.deeraustin.org.

Austin Wildlife Rescue, Inc. is a registered 501(c)(3) charitable organization that rehabilitates and releases orphaned, sick or injured animals and educates the public how to co-exist with wildlife. Learn more or volunteer at www.austinwildliferescue.org. Austin is a city that values its urban wildlife. The opportunity to interact with deer is a part of what makes Austin a special place to live. Please be deer-smart this spring, enjoy the wildlife, and Keep Austin Deered!

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Are you Prepared for a Dental Emergency?

by Drs. Chad and Shelby Denman, Family Tree Dental Group

Thousands of dental emergencies—from injuries to a painful, abscessed tooth—take place every day. Would you know what to do if your child broke a tooth or had a tooth knocked out while playing outdoors? What if you had a bad toothache in the middle of the night and couldn't get to the dentist until the next day? Knowing what to do can lessen the pain and save a tooth that might otherwise be lost.

Keep your dental office phone number and an emergency number where the dentist can be reached after hours with other emergency numbers, such as your family doctor, and fire and police departments. Some families post these numbers on the refrigerator or inside a kitchen cabinet door near the phone. Call the dentist immediately for instructions on how to handle a dental emergency.

Toothache: Rinse the mouth with warm water to clean it out. Gently use dental floss or an interdental cleaner to remove any food or other debris that may be caught between the teeth. Never put aspirin or any other painkiller against the gums near the aching tooth. This could burn gum tissue. If the toothache persists, try to see the dentist. Don't rely on painkillers. They may temporarily relieve pain but your dentist should evaluate the condition.

Knocked-out (avulsed) tooth: Try to find the tooth! This may not be as easy as you think if the injury took place on a playground,

basketball court or while skateboarding, so try to stay calm. Hold the tooth by the crown and rinse the root in water if the tooth is dirty. Don't scrub it or remove any attached tissue fragments. If it's possible, gently insert and hold the tooth in its socket while you head to the dentist. If that's not possible, put the tooth in a cup of milk and bring it to the dentist. Time is critical for successful reimplantation, so try to get to your dentist immediately.

Broken tooth: Rinse your mouth with warm water to clean the area. Use cold compresses on the outside of the cheek to help reduce the swelling.

Tongue or lip bites or wounds: Clean the area gently with a clean cloth and apply cold compresses to reduce any swelling. If the bleeding can't be controlled, go to a hospital emergency room or clinic. You may be able to reduce bleeding from the tongue by pulling it forward and using gauze to put pressure on the wound.

Objects caught between teeth:

Try to gently remove the object with dental floss. Never use a sharp instrument to remove any object that is stuck between your teeth. If you can't dislodge the object with floss, contact your dentist.

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Fit & Fun: Health Tips for You & Your Children

By: Concentra Urgent Care

Getting fit and staying fit can be a fun process. That's true for individuals, and it's especially true for families. Fitness is an important topic, especially when your daily routine involves a lot of sitting, whether at work, at school, or at home in front of a computer or TV screen.

The habits that we learn as children are often the habits we carry into adulthood. As parents, we can help our children build healthy habits and find new, fun ways to motivate ourselves and our children to get active.

Below are some ideas for getting off the couch and having some fun while getting fit:

- **Take an active vacation:** It's tempting every day to think of your vacation as a time to sit and relax. But isn't that what your body does everyday? Instead, you can plan a trip that includes hiking, biking, skiing, and other activities that the whole family can do together.

- **Visit a local park:** It doesn't have to take a whole day, but you could spend a few hours playing at a park. Take a ball (football or soccer), a Frisbee, or a hacky sack, and play. You can invite some friends to join you, too. And remember: It's not just about the kids moving around – it's your time, too!
- **Hold a block party:** Call your neighbors, and block off the closest cul-de-sac for a get together that includes fun and active games. From freeze tag and relay races to hide-and-seek and kickball, there are hundreds of activities to choose from that are fun for everyone.
- **Go for a hike:** Find a local area where you and your family can go and hike for a few miles. Spend time outdoors, and enjoy what nature has to offer while you all get fit!

For more ideas about fun activities, visit the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance's Web site at: www.aahperd.com.

- **The Goal:** Be instrumental in encouraging children to develop the good habit of moving through space, nurturing their physical power, and getting fit.

For more information about healthy activities, contact your health care provider or your Concentra health specialist. For more information on the importance of fitness for children, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Web site at: <http://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/physicalactivity/>

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Call for Artists

by Alan Tonnesen

The Spicewood Arts Society is sponsoring its ninth Arts Round-Up Festival of Fine Arts on October 20 & 21, 2012. We encourage applications from central Texas artists who wish to join us in this wonderful fall art festival in the fast growing Spicewood area. The art show will be held on the beautiful grounds surrounding the La Cabana Grill in a grove of live oak trees at 21103 Hwy 71 West in Spicewood. Guest admission is free. Spicewood is an affluent and rapidly growing community with sophisticated art buyers. In addition, Spicewood is just a short drive from Austin, Marble Falls, Horseshoe Bay, Johnson City, Lakeway, Bee Caves, and Oak Hill, providing participating artists the opportunity to exhibit their work to a variety of art patrons. We encourage all artists living or working in Texas to apply.

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The goals for this show are to provide a cost effective venue for artists to display and sell their art and to provide fun for the whole family. Further information about the show and application forms are available at www.SpicewoodArts.org. All applications will be processed through Zapplication.org. After logging on to Zapp, search for "Arts Round-Up"

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HILL 2011 KINDERGARTEN GROUP - This group is helping connect Jester families with others who also have children entering Hill Kindergarten in the Fall 2011. Email beth@schaffer to be added to our email distribution list.

JESTER DOG LOVER'S GROUP - Put a smile on your dog's face and a wag in his tail — sign up now to be a founding member of the Jester dog lovers group. Contact Carol Powell at 340-0321 or email her at carolpowell@austin.rr.com

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JESTER PAGE TURNERS - Check out the Jester Page Turners, a neighborhood book group that meets the second Wednesday evening of each month. Contact Rachelle Abercrombie at 512-779-5298 or rabercrombie@hotmail.com.

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WELCOME COMMITTEE - Darla Rowan and JoAnn Welles are co-chairs of this committee, which is designed to welcome new residents to Jester, including newborns. Volunteer to help by emailing JoAnn at joann-welles@sbcglobal.net or call her at 346-0349

WOODWORKING GROUP - Join our woodworking group to share knowledge and techniques! Contact John Parker at 345-6991 or JParker84@austin.rr.com

PET REGISTRY

Get your pets registered TODAY! This is a complimentary neighborhood service!

Mail (or drop off) your pet info to:



Carol Philipson
7502 Clematis Cv
Austin, TX 78750



Include type of pet, name, male or female, description, age, medications, veterinarian's name, whether it is microchipped, and pet owner's name, address, and contact information.

For lost or found pets, call 338-1519.

Jester Homeowner's Association Website!

www.JesterNeighbors.com

Community Registration Code: 3328

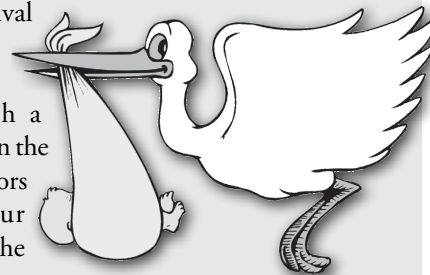
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JESTER STORK REPORT PLEASE SUBMIT INFO & PHOTO!

If you have a new arrival (baby or grandbaby), email us the pertinent information along with a photo and we'll publish it in the Warbler. Let your neighbors share in celebrating your happiness! Email info on the arrival of your little one to Teresa at tgouldie@gmail.com.





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April Events

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Apr. 5	Daniel Tosh <i>One of the most requested headliners in the country!</i>	Bass Concert Hall texasperformingarts.org
Apr. 7	Mighty Texas Dog Walk – "Largest Dog Walk" <i>Bring the Guinness World's Record back to Texas</i>	Waterloo Park servicedogs.org
Apr. 10 - 15	Mary Poppins <i>Bringing its own brand of Broadway magic to theaters across the country!</i>	Bass Concert Hall texasperformingarts.org
Apr. 13 - 15	Spring Plant Sales and Gardening Festival Expert-guided tours with information about native plants	LBJ Wildflower Center wildflower.org
Apr. 14	Louisiana Swamp Thing and Crawfish Festival <i>Vibrant celebration of dancers, Cajun food, Zydeco music</i>	Buda, TX roadwayevents.com
Apr. 14 - 15	Art City Austin - Original artwork & award-winning live music 3rd Annual Austin Art Yards Tour <i>Check out the work of Austin's best yardists</i>	artallianceaustin.org austinartyards.com
Apr. 14 - 15	Laughter and Reflection with Carol Burnett <i>Conversation with Carol - the audience asks the questions</i>	The Long Center thelongcenter.org
Apr. 17	"We Walk the Line"	acl-live.com
Apr. 20	A Celebration of the Music of Johnny Cash Austin Reggae Festival	Auditorium Shores austinreggaefest.com
Apr. 20 - 22	Music, arts & crafts, and Jamaican foods Willie Nelson <i>With Paula Nelson and special guest appearances</i>	The Backyard thebackyard.net
Apr. 21	AI Green <i>The most popular and influential soul singer of the early '70s</i>	acl-live.com
Apr. 26	Texas Hill Country Wine and Food Festival <i>The best chefs and wineries pair their best!</i>	Various locations texaswineandfood.org
Apr. 27 - 29	The Flatlanders <i>Jimmie Dale Gilmore, Joe Ely & Butch Hancock</i>	acl-live.com
Apr. 28	Eeyore's 49th Annual Birthday Party	Pease Park: eeyores.com

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