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News For The Residents of River Place

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Evening activities will include a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate completion of the Treasure Island Bench Park, followed by a silent auction of wonderful products and services donated by our local 4 Points merchants.

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Tickets for the event are \$10.00, and can be purchased in advance from any garden club member or at the door.

For more information or tickets, please contact Ann Kennedy @ 512-215-9089.

Fit and Fun:

Health Tips for You and Your Children

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.

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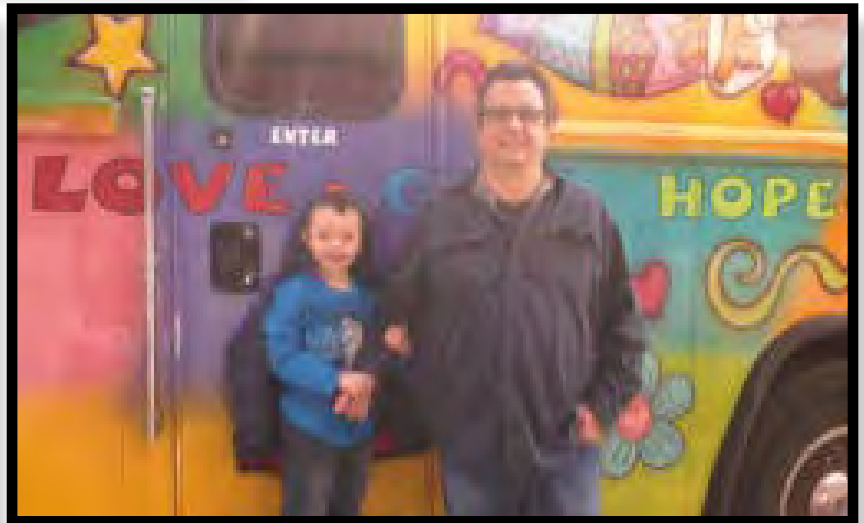


Bartlett Real Estate Gives Back: Winter Blood Drive



Real estate agency Bartlett Real Estate organized its winter blood drive which benefitted The Blood Center of Central Texas on Saturday, February 25th from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. "We had the largest turn out ever with many walk ins" said Stacey Rider, REALTOR, who coordinated for Bartlett Real Estate. "The Four Points area understands this is a vital need and really stepped up."

Bartlett agents coordinate events throughout the year that support the Austin Lake Region of Four Points, a community where they work, play and raise their families. They are passionate about their community and the well being of friends, neighbors and businesses in this Austin Lake Region.



Top: Buddy the Blood Drop waving to passer bys.

Above: Dale Dudley showing his son how to give back.

Left: Dale Dudley from the Dudley and Bob Show, KLBJ 93.7 FM donating blood.

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Legacy We Leave For Our Children

Undoubtedly, as parents, we have thought about the money we will leave behind for our children. Have we ever thought about the part of our spirits that we want our children to inherit? Granted, our children are unique individuals. But, we can still leave footprints in the sands of time that will continue to connect us with our children, long after we die.

Our children will learn their own life lessons. But, that should not stop us from modeling survival skills to our children that have helped us handle the struggles of life. We can nurture resilient children by talking to them about our core values through sharing photographs, conversations and dining table games. Our children will learn from us, both consciously and subconsciously, the skills that can help them weather the physical and mental storms of life. The time spent in reflecting on what really matters to us and communicating the same to our children can make our bonds with our children richer and more meaningful.

My parents actively reinforced the value of gratitude in me. Being mindful and expressing thankfulness for every experience has attracted many positive forces in my life. Gratitude is the legacy that my parents



have left for me. Legacy is a priceless gift that we can pass down to the generations that come after us. Legacy unites us with our ancestors, children and grand-children. Legacy is thinking about what qualities our ancestors have blessed us with, that we will continually strive to transmit in our kin.

It is important to ask ourselves some questions. Which qualities do we value: Humor and Power of laughter; Faith and Spirituality; Forgiveness; Pride; Compassion or something else? Do our children know of our values? What effort am I making in leaving a physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually strong legacy for my children? What difference can I make in the lives of my children in April 2012 through

daily affirmations and encouragement?

We leave a legacy when we make a positive impact on our children's souls. This legacy is pure, powerful and long-lasting. Just like wood becomes stronger and harder when immersed in water, our legacy can preserve the resilience of our children.

Sugandha Jain is a Master Registered Texas Trainer. She is the Director of Accreditation at a local preschool.



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Have you purchased your brick to be permanently placed at the new Lake Travis Community Library? The 11,000 square foot building will be completed before the end of the year and the time to buy a brick is now!

"We have sold nearly 300 bricks so far, but I know that there are people in the community who are still interested and intend to make a donation," said Library Director Morgan McMillian. "The deadline is now! Concrete is being poured this spring, so we must have all brick donations by the end of April."

Commemorative bricks can be purchased by residents and businesses to honor whoever they like to help fund the new library building. The Pathway of Friends engraved bricks come in three sizes and each brick will be engraved with two to four lines celebrating whatever the donor chooses. Donations will be based on the size of the brick and are priced at \$125, \$250 and \$500 each.

"The new facility will have two pathways in which bricks



purchased by donors will be placed," said Ginger Gober, fundraising co-chair. "The Library Pathway will consist of bricks honoring individuals, organizations or businesses, while the Veterans Pathway will honor those who served in the military. Five percent of the Veterans brick donations will also be donated to the nonprofit organization Luke's Wings."

Whether you choose to

honor the person who first introduced you to the joys of reading, promote your business, or show your patriotism, a brick donation will impact the Invest in Lifelong Learning Capital Campaign and become a lasting part of the Lake Travis Community Library.

"This is a wonderful opportunity to permanently recognize someone important to you and help contribute to

our new library building," said Gober. "But, time is running out! Donations must be made by the end of April to ensure that there will be space."

For more information on the brick program, please contact the library or Ginger Gober at (512) 266-9567 and ginger@alangober.com.

Submitted by Lake Travis Community Library Director Morgan McMillian.

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34Th Annual Pecan Street Festival Celebrates Austin This Spring

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The celebrated bi-annual Pecan Street Festival is pleased to announce the Spring 2012 festival will take place on May 5 and 6, 2012 in downtown Austin. The FREE festival features artisans and musicians from all over the U.S. and introduces observers to cultures from around the globe. Festival goers can find paintings, woodwork, candles, jewelry, clothing, home décor other useful and whimsical household items.

This year, the festival aims to encourage green living with the use of recycling programs and organic vendors. It will also promote healthy living by providing fresh food options and a “calorie counting” challenge. Proceeds benefit local city and non-profit organizations, such as The City of Austin and Austin Boxer Rescue in years past. Speaking of pets, the Pecan Street Festival invites Austin residents to bring their four-legged friends for some canine fun, courtesy Austin Pets Alive.



In its 34th year, The Pecan Street Festival is a local tradition that celebrates the city's artistic and diverse culture and commemorates everything “Austin.” From magic shows for the kids to three live music stages for the adults, there is something for everyone to enjoy. This Spring, the Festival is also placing an emphasis welcoming the Hispanic community in conjunction with Cinco de Mayo. Without a

doubt, attending The Pecan Street Festival is the best FREE weekend Austinites can have!

The Pecan Street Festival is the oldest and largest art festival in Central Texas. What started in 1978 as an opportunity for Austin merchants to sell their products has become an Austin tradition that attracts more than 300,000 people every year and generates \$43 million in economic impact. Visit www.oldpecanstreetfestival.com to learn more about the festival.

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WHEN & WHERE

**Wednesday, April 18, 2012 at Green Pastures Restaurant,
811 West Live Oak Street, pre-payment \$20.00.**

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TIME

11:30 a.m. socializing, Luncheon begins at noon.

For Luncheon Reservations Email:

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Fit & Fun - (Continued from Cover Page)

- 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/>

By: Concentra Urgent Care

SHOW OFF YOUR SUPER HERO



Parents this is your chance to brag on your kiddos. We want pictures of your kids doing everyday things, school events, plays, sports, etc.

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Want to place an ad?

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Register online by visiting www.lakewayfop.org or by picking up an entry application at the Lakeway Activity Center or at the registration boxes at the entrances to City Park, The Canyonlands, Hamilton Greenbelt I and Hamilton Greenbelt II. Commemorative T-Shirts may be purchased for \$15 with all proceeds from donations and sales going to the maintenance of the trail systems in Lakeway. This is a great opportunity for runners and walkers, as well as families with children and dogs to enjoy an outing and explore the beautiful trails of Lakeway. For more information, please contact co-chair Sheryl Kelly at 261 6067. Hope to see you there!

SHERYL KELLY, *Friends of the Parks of Lakeway*
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Complaints to the FTC: Identity Theft Tops the List

The Federal Trade Commission received more than a million consumer complaints last year, and identity theft topped the list for the 11th year in a row. The FTC reported more than 250,000 complaints about identity theft in 2010, representing 19% of the total complaints received. Identity theft scams are becoming more prevalent online. About 45% of consumers reporting fraud said the transaction was initiated by email and 11% claimed it was through a website. Here are four tips to help you protect against identity theft:

Check your accounts regularly. Kiplinger's suggests spending a few minutes online every day looking at your bank and credit card accounts. Make sure you can recognize every transaction. By making this a habit, you can detect suspicious activity before it's too late.

Watch your phone! If your phone gets lost or is stolen, someone could have access to more than just your email. According to AdaptiveMobile, security attacks on smart phones were at an all-time high in 2010. Keeping your phone locked is a start, but it won't prevent tech-savvy thieves from breaking in. Make sure you log out of any bank apps or sites where your financial information is stored as soon as you're finished. Many smart phones also offer remote wipe-out services that



will automatically erase any information on your phone if you claim it as lost or stolen.

Don't be fooled by an email. Many scams start with an email. You're probably aware of scams that claim to award money or transfer wealth from a foreign country, but identity thieves are getting smarter. It's becoming more and more common to get an email from a legitimate company asking you to log in to their website. Clicking the link takes you to a malicious copycat site that can steal your login credentials. If you ever doubt an email, call the company or open a new browser and go directly to the website.

Be smart on social networks. Be careful about what you post on social networking websites because this is one of the main sources of information for many identity thieves. If your name, phone number, address and date of birth can all be found on Facebook, you're giving identity thieves a head start! Check your privacy settings on any website to ensure your personal information isn't open to the public. For financial peace of mind, work with your financial coach to make sure your family is taken care of. Source: Primerica, Kiplinger, CNNMoney.com, Yahoo Finance.

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Plant of the Month



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Submitted by: Debbie Cole, Greater Texas Landscaping

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- fresh corn on the cob in husks
- 2 sticks unsalted butter, room temperature
- 2 T fresh parsley, minced
- 1 - 2 T cayenne pepper (depending on your taste)
- 1 T salad supreme seasoning
- 1 T fresh cracked pepper
- salt to taste

DIRECTIONS:

In a small bowl combine butter and herbs/spices, mixing well. Set aside. Remove outside corn husks to reveal pale green and tender husks. Gently peel them away from the cob and remove all the silk. With a spoon, spread a thin layer of the butter mixture over the corn and gently bring the husks back into place. They will stick to the butter, but I like to use a husk to tie a knot at the top of each ear of corn. Grill over medium heat on your grill for about 20 minutes or until tender. To serve, have your guest peel the husks back and use them as a handle!

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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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A catalytic converter becomes defective when too much raw fuel enters the exhaust system—causing the metals inside to start imploding. When this happens, severe black exhaust fumes (smells like raw fuel) and/or “bogging down” can happen and causes back pressure on the engine. Your check engine light will illuminate on your vehicle’s dashboard when this occurs.

What can I do to prevent catalytic converter failure? Two simple things:

- Make sure your vehicle is tuned up on time; every time. Why? Once the spark plugs become worn, they will not burn fuel optimally—this causes raw fuel to enter and/or collect in the vehicle’s exhaust system.
- Service your cooling system every two years or 30,000 miles (contrary to the manufacturer’s suggestion of five years or 100,000 miles. With wear and tear, your vehicle’s cooling system thermostat may be sticking “open,” causing continuous flow of coolant—never allowing the engine to reach its full operating temperature the majority of the time. The driver will never see this issue on the gauge. It’s a minute problem that will cause severe issues to the catalytic converter later down the road. If the vehicle continuously stays cool, the computer wants to dump more fuel in the engine than what is really needed. This again allows raw fuel to enter the exhaust thereby causing catalytic converter failure.

Tommy Bludworth is an ASE certified technician with more than 15 years experience. Advice and recommendations given are for your convenience. You should see a qualified, professional when having any automotive repairs made on your vehicle.

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