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# SAVE THE DATE

# "Scoot Your Boots to the Baldwin Bash"

PTA Event and Silent Auction Fundraiser
Friday, April 24th @ the Meridian Pavilion from 6:30-10pm
At the Meridian Pavilion, Meridian Park Blvd
Tickets are \$25 each and will go on sale March 30th.

Bring your own beverages and enjoy delicious food catered by Pok-e-Jo's BBQ. Bid on over 100 amazing silent auction items at this adult-only party. Entertainment provided by Tunes Across Texas.

We are still accepting silent auction items. If you would like to see your business featured or would like to make a donation, contact us at fundraising@baldwinpta.org





4TH ANNUAL BALDWIN

# GIFTS TIME

SILENT AUCTION PTA FUNDRAISER

#### **APRIL 16 & 17**

#### IN THE BALDWIN ELEMENTARY FRONT FOYER

Join us for the 4th annual "Gifts of Time" Silent Auction in the Baldwin foyer. The Gifts of Time Silent Auction lets you bid or "Buy a Spot" for time with your favorite Baldwin teacher or administrator doing fun activities like an afternoon of answering the Baldwin phones, kickball games against your teachers, popcorn and movies afternoons, art sessions, recording administrators' voicemail greetings or even getting tucked in with bedtime story at your house!

To see all the available items, please check out the Gifts of Time section in the Auction Preview Book. Bidding will be open in the school foyer on April 16-17 from 7:15AM - 8:30AM, 11AM - 1PM and 2PM - 4PM.

### WELCOME

### A Newsletter for Meridian residents

The Monitor is a monthly newsletter mailed to all Meridian residents. Each newsletter is filled with valuable information about the community, local area activities, school information and more.

If you are involved with a school group, play group, scouts, sports activity, social group, etc. and would like to submit an article for the newsletter you can do so online at www. PEELinc.com or you can email it <a href="mailto:meridian@peelinc.com">meridian@peelinc.com</a>. Personal news for the Stork Report, Teenage Job Seekers, special celebrations, birthday announcements and military service are also welcome.

Our goal is to keep you informed!

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# Save The Date!

Meridian Food, Fun & Festivities

## Evening of Friday, May 8th, 2015 Meridian Pavilion

Bring your family and meet your Meridian neighbors at the Pavilion for a fun-filled evening of live music and selections from local food trailers.

#### WHAT TO BRING:

- blanket and/or chairs
- adult beverages
- an appetite
- cash for food and non-alcoholic beverages



# NOT AVAILABLE ONLINE



# **Student Athlete of the Month**

Zander Smith

What sport(s) are you playing now: TaeKwonDo

#### How did you get involved in this sport?

"One of my classmates brought his mom to a career day, and she talked about her job as a TaeKwonDo instructor, and how it was fun to break boards. That sounded like a lot of fun to try!"

When and where do you practice or how often do you practice? South Austin TaeKwonDo on Brodie Lane by Shipley's Donuts. "It's great because I can practice as many days as I want, which is great flexibility."

# Tell us about your goals and accomplishments in your current sport:

Currently, Zander is a first degree blue belt, and he hoping to double promote at the next belt ceremony. Zander won two bronze medals at his first tournament recently, coming in 3rd for traditional form and sparring. "I really want to be a black belt because of the street credit. No seriously, I think that becoming a black belt would be a big accomplishment because I want to work for it and earn it! I did Parkour class at Champions gymnastics, and it was a lot of fun. I improved my strength and coordination, which has helped me with TaeKwonDo. I have found that the best place to practice Parkour is out in nature, which is cheaper for my parents, too!"

#### What are the other sports you've played in the past?

"I have tried a lot of sports, including soccer, basketball, flag football, t-ball, golf, but my favorite sports have been Parkour and TaeKwonDo."

#### Do you have a favorite team you like to follow?

Zander enjoys to watching the Longhorns play basketball, with his Dad, who is a huge Longhorn fan, too!

#### Do you have any sports related traditions you enjoy?

"When we watch Longhorn football as a family, we have a musical Bevo toy that sings as we celebrate when the Longhorns score." Zander's little sister, Zoe, and little brother, Zack, both love team sports, so much of the Smith's family sports time is spent enjoying soccer and t-ball games, cheering on their family members.



# Zander Smith Age 11 TaeKwonDo

Proud Parents: Rick and Becca Smith School/grade: Baldwin, 5th grade

# CARING FOR CAMO

My name is James Tessmann. I live in the Meridian on Alophia Dr. in Meridian and I'd like to introduce you to "Caring for Camo." I serve on the board of this student organization at the University of Texas, Austin.

This non-profit group was started by a group of students, including UT football alumni and veteran Nate Boyer. Starting with a goal of sending care packages to soldiers, they thought college students would relate to their peers who are serving the country. They look for nonperishable goods to include in the packages and all donations are welcome. Three to four times a year they hold packing parties at Scholz Bier Garden, and anyone is welcome to attend. All you have to do is show up, grab a box, fill it with donated items and write a letter to soldier. They send thousands of care packages and pay for all the expenses.

You can join their Facebook group and follow the updates at the following link: www.facebook.com/CaringForCamo

Within the first year, the organization spread two over five college campuses. All donations go to the cause, as it is 100% volunteer-based. Great way to help a soldier and a really fun evening with the family. You can drop off donations at my house (8508 Alophia) or call anytime with questions. 512.879.7307





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# AUSTIN REAL ESTATE PARTNERS AWARDED BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU'S 2015 TORCH AWARD FOR MARKETPLACE ETHICS

REAL ESTATE

Austin Real Estate Partners, a local residential real estate brokerage owned by longtime Circle C residents Bob and Melinda McKenna, has been honored with the 2015 Better Business Bureau's Torch Award for Marketplace Ethics. More than 200 Circle C and Southwest Austin residents and business owners were on hand when Carrie A. Hurt, President/CEO for the Better Business Bureau serving Central, Coastal, Southwest Texas and the Permian Basin (BBB Austin), presented the honor to the Austin Real Estate Partners staff on Friday, February 20, 2015 at their offices at 9600 Escarpment Blvd., in Escarpment Village.

"We applaud the contributions this business has shown in upholding a trustworthy marketplace," Hurt says.

Following the award presentation Austin Real Estate Partners held an open house and celebration with clients, friends and other community members. For Austin Real Estate Partners founders Bob and Melinda McKenna, the honor recognizes its staff and agents' commitment to the highest ethical standards in business and their dedication to client and community service. "We're honored to be acknowledged for our ethical business practices," says Bob McKenna, who co-founded Austin Real Estate Partners with Melinda in 2003. "The BBB's recognition reaffirms to us that success in business and in life is achievable through hard work, honesty and integrity."

"We were determined to deliver a positive experience for our clients from the beginning," he says. "Our primary goal was to be one of the most respected real estate brokerages in Austin. We feel the Torch Award is recognition for our commitment to service at the highest level to our clients, our business partners, the communities we serve, our agents and their families."

Awards were given out in three different business categories:

companies with 1 to 10 employees; companies with 11 to 49 employees; and companies with 50 to 99 employees. Austin Real Estate Partners won the BBB Torch Award in the category of companies with 1 to 10 employees.

"For twelve years, Austin Real Estate Partners has been a strong asset to our community, lending their support to businesses, schools and community organizations," says Michelle Moran, Executive Director of the Circle C Child Development Center. "I am proud to see their efforts and accomplishments recognized by the Better

Business Bureau, and we cannot think of another business more deserving."

BBB Austin presents the Torch Awards for Marketplace Ethics each year to businesses that exemplify ethical behavior and display integrity in all aspects of its operations. The Torch Awards competition is open to all for-profit businesses headquartered in BBB Austin's 79-county service area. Nominees are offered the opportunity to submit an entry to BBB Austin, where a panel of independent volunteer business and community leaders review the entries and choose the winners based on a set of criteria.

#### **ABOUT AUSTIN REAL ESTATE PARTNERS**

Founded in 2003, Austin Real Estate Partners provides residential real estate services to sellers, buyers, landlord and tenants from its offices in Southwest Austin. Their professionals are recognized by peers and industry publications (Platinum Top 50, Austin Business Journal) as both top producers and agents who are committed to the highest levels of professionalism and ethics. AustinReps LLC is licensed in the State of Texas #515586 and a member of the Austin Board of Realtors. To learn more about Austin Real Estate Partners, how we do business and the services we offer, please visit www.AustinRealEstatePartners.com.



BBB, serving Central, Coastal, Southwest Texas and the Permian Basin



## 2015 BBB Torch Award

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# JOIN US FOR GOLF AND A GREAT CAUSE!

DATE: Wednesday, April 29th

TIME: 11:00 am Registration, 1:00 pm Start

**LOCATION:** Flintrock Falls Golf Course

FORMAT: 4-person scramble COST: \$165 per golfer\*

\*Includes lunch, dinner, hat & swag.

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#### **Questions? Contact:**

Kim Flasch: kim.flasch@colinshope.org Sue Hart: sue.hart@colinshope.org

## WWW.COLINSHOPE.ORG

# APRIL 2015 Calendar of Events

#### APRIL 1

April Fool's Day 8:00 a.m. – Circle C Moms Board Nominations/Elections

AISD School Holiday (Check AISD website for updates)

APRIL 4

9:00 am - Meridian Annual Easter Egg Hunt – Meridian Pavillion APRIL 5

Easter Sunday
APRIL 9

Late Start - Bowie High School 7:30 p.m. - Bunko Night - Circle C Moms APRIL 10

Spring Native Plant Sale (Thru April 12th) - Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

5:30 p.m. – Food Trailer Family Fun Night - Circle C Community Center

**APRIL 13** 

City of Austin Recycle Day – Every 2 Weeks

APRIL 15

5:00 p.m. - UIL Orchestra Concert - Bowie High School APRIL 16

7:00 p.m. - Silver Stars Spring Show - Bowie High School 7:30 p.m. - Bunko Night - Circle C Moms APRIL 17

8:00 p.m. - Silver Stars Spring Show - Bowie High School

Circle C Neighborhood Wide Garage Sale 11:00 a.m. Circle C Ranch Electronics Recycling at CCR Community Center

8:00 p.m. - Silver Stars Spring Show - Bowie High School  $\frac{\text{APRIL } 24}{\text{APRIL } 24}$ 

6:30 - 10:00 p.m. - 4th Annual Baldwin Bash & Silent Auction
APRIL 25

"Texas Highways Photography" Exhibit Opens (Thru May 24th)
– Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

APRIL 26

7:00 p.m. - Broadway Across America: Annie - Circle C Moms

City of Austin Recycle Day – Every two weeks

#### Looking for more information about the organizations listed above?

Circle C Moms – President Kimberly De La Garza, delagarzakim@yahoo.com AISD - www.austinisd.org/calendar Bowie High School – www.jbhs.org

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center – www.wildflower.org
Meridian Pavillion – www.meridianhoa.org



**April 2015** 

### Café # 288-6058

Hours: Monday – Friday 3:30-7:30pm, Saturday/Sunday Closed

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
All Specials Are \$10.00 Ready at 5pm			Sage Marinated 1 Chicken, Pomegranate Sauce Cranberry Rice, Vegetables	Achiote Pork 2 Tenderloin Tomatillo Sauce Rice, Cesar Salad	Almond crusted 3 Tilapia, Sage & Mushroom Polenta, Vegetables	Closed 4
Closed 5	Lime Grilled 6 Chicken,Mango Salsa Cilantro Rice Grilled Vegetables	Baked Ziti 7 Sausage & Vegetables, Cesar Salad	Chicken Picatta 8 Lemon Caper Sauce Pasta, Caesar Salad	Black Bean & 9 Corn Enchiladas Spanish Rice, Refried Beans	Pulled Pork 10 Tacos, Cabbage Slaw, Rice	Closed
Closed 12	Rosemary Chipotle 13 Chicken Roasted Apple Chutney, Oven Roasted Potatoes, Vegetables	Meatloaf, 14 Mashed Potatoes green beans	Sliced BBQ 15 Chicken, Sausage, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Cornbread	Pork tenderloin 16 Roasted Pear & Garlic Sauce Oven Roasted Potatoes, Caesar Salad	Eggplant 17 Parmesan Tomato Basil Sauce, Fettuccine, Caesar Salad	Closed 18
Closed	Chicken Stuffed 20 Crabmeat, Saffron Risotto, Caesar Salad	New York 21 Strip, Wild Mushroom Sauce Oven Roasted Potatoes	Chicken Marsala 22 Fettuccine, Caesar Salad	Jumbo Shrimp 23 Wrapped in Bacon Angel Hair Pasta White Wine Sauce Caesar Salad	Roasted Rosemary 24 Pork with Roasted Pear & Garlic Sauce Roasted Potatoes, Vegetables	Closed 25
Closed 26	Pistachio 27 Crusted Chicken Poblano Crème Sauce Mashed Potatoes Vegetables	Chicken Fried 28 Chicken, Mashed Potatoes & Creamy Gravy, Fried Okra	Pesto Salmon 29 Basil Crème Sauce, Orzo Pasta, Cesar Salad	Cumin 30 Pork tenderloin Black Bean & Corn Rice		

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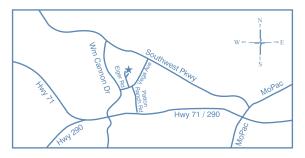
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Waterloo Ice House
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Slaughter & Escarpment Blvd.

BNI Referral Partners Tuesday - 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM

The \$10.00 meeting fee includes a healthy breakfast and beverages. Bring at least 50 business cards to hand out to our members. For more information call 288-8088, or email Melinda@AUSTINREPS.com.



# Drive A Senior

Imagine having to give up your car keys. It is parallel to giving up your independence. How will you get to the doctor, the grocery store, visit a friend or take care of personal business? Your ability would no longer be based on necessity, it would now depend upon the availability and kindness others. Unless you choose to continue to drive, although it could often presents a safety risk to yourself and others. Recent statistics reveal that an average of 500 senior adults are injured every day in crashes, with 15 of those resulting in their death. This does not include injuries to others. Buses are out of the question for many, the stamina required to transport multiple times on and off buses, along with the length of time required to reach their destination are a risk to the older seniors.

Many of those who depend on others for transportation and support services become isolated and neglect their basic needs, potentially exacerbating their health issues. Loneliness and depression can become a risk, 25% of homebound isolated seniors are purportedly clinically depressed. Fortunately, there is help available from Drive A Senior - South Austin. Our mission is to empower and enable independence with a quality of life for seniors in their home communities. We currently serve over 250 clients, 60 years old and up, in the South Austin area. As a volunteer-driven nonprofit, services are offered to clients at no cost. While transportation is the service most requested, we also provide support services which include minor home repairs, yard work, social visits and reassurance calls, emergency food deliveries, and resource referrals. Drive A Senior - South Austin volunteers provide much more than a service; they may be the only human interaction for clients offering a friendly smile and an ear to listen to their story. If you are interested in helping a senior, please call Deborah Brockman at 512-445-5552 or email sa@driveasenior.org. You won't regret it!







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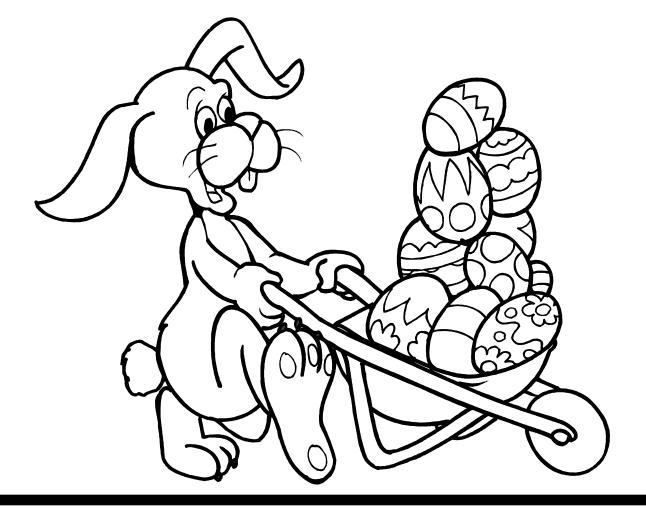
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