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It Snowed !

(really)



For more snow photos, please see page 4.

New Officers Elected

for 2004

At the January 27, 2004 Balcones Woods Annual Meeting, new officers were elected. For a complete listing and e-mail addresses, please see page 3.

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Neighborhoods Awards Ceremony for Austin Police Department

February 24, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at
Covenant United Methodist Church, 4410
Duval Road.

It's a great way to show our appreciation for
APD and the officers supporting our area.

Hosted by the Mesa Park Neighborhood
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Calling All Swimmers & Artists!

Imagine seeing your artwork in print! You could be the one to design the 2004 Balcones Woods Blue Wave T-Shirt! The rules are simple:

1. Anyone of any age can participate.
2. Use no more than 2 colors.
3. Use a plain white 8.5" x 11" vertically positioned page as your canvas.
4. Do not put your name on the **front** side of the art work. This will be anonymous to the voters. Please include your name, address, phone number, and age on the **back** of the art work.
5. The winning artist's name will be announced after the votes are tabulated.

Note: Some designs may be modified by the printing process. If you have Freehand, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe Photoshop, Corel Draw, you may use those application in the high resolution photo mode for your artwork to be printer ready.

Fine line details do not print well on T-Shirts. You can use any method: hand drawing, computer graphics-- use your imagination!

**All original art work needs to be delivered by
March 1, 2004 to:** Linda Shell, 4006 Cordova Dr.,
343-0366, e-mail: Lshell@austin.rr.com

The art will be on display on the Blue Wave Swim Team website @ <http://www.balconeswoods.org/blue-wave/index.html>. Voting will begin on March 5, 2004 via a link in the "Art Gallery." Voting will close on March 21, 2004. Instructions for voting will be included on the web site. The winning design will be on display on registration day (March 27th) for the swim team.

Please contact Linda Shell via email or at 343-0366 with any questions.

Good luck!!!

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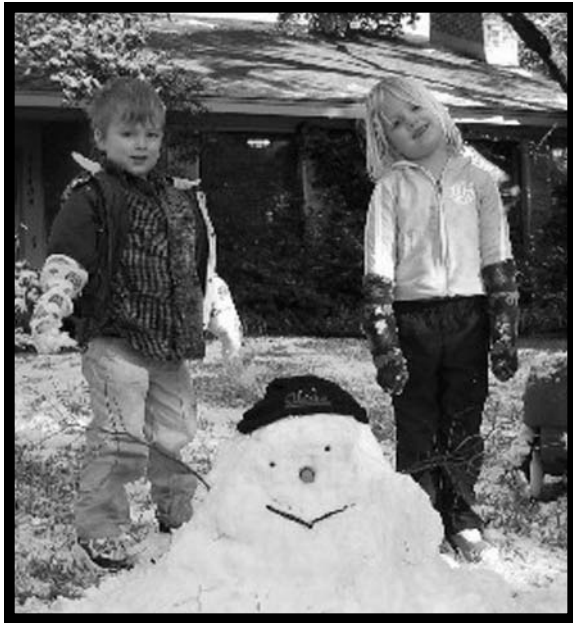
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My Hero

My hero is my little brother
I swear he is unlike any other
There are sometimes when I despise
Those big blue puppy dog eyes
Even though it may not always show
Though it he may not even know
I love him so much
When his little chubby hands touch
He's taught me strength
He's taught me patience
I am always there for him
So he can tell me what he's feeling within
Because of Adam I understand my parents
I understand my Dad
I understand why he wants to teach me things so bad
I understand my mom
Her overprotection and why she's such a peeping Tom
I understand my step-mom
I understand the hurry to teach me new things
Most importantly I understand me
I now know I can be annoying
I understand I need to listen
I realize how much not paying attention makes someone mad
I understand my mom, step-mom, and dad
I understand heroes can be small
They don't need to be famous
They don't need to be a certain age
A hero can make mistakes
Adam's not a famous movie star
Adam is small he makes mistakes
So what if he's three
He'll always be a hero to me

-Marley Cullers
Age 13



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BW Kids Classifieds

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Editor's Note: If you are under 18 and would like to post a free ad for work or a service, please e-mail us at newsletter@balconeswoods.org or mail/drop off your ad to: 11408 Calle Verde Cove, Austin, TX 78759. Be sure to include an ok or permission note from your parent and a telephone number or e-mail address. Because space is limited, we reserve the right to edit ads and will run them on a first come, first served basis. Thanks!

Visit the Anderson Trojan Swim Team Web site

It's now populated with meet articles, results and pictures - <http://www.trojanswimming.com/>

Our Balcones Blue Wave swimmers played a large role in the Trojans' district championship.

Balcones Woods Spring Tennis

Classes run monthly starting in March and are held on Saturday mornings.

Checks or verbal confirmation must be received four days prior to each class. Nancy provides all the equipment, including the rackets. For fees and other information, please contact:



Nancy Rushefsky
Owner/Instructor - Kitfit-Tennis
KidFit Tennis@aol.com
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Car Break-ins Reported


We've received reports of cars being broken into on Bilboa and other Balcones Woods streets recently. Car CD players and speakers are a favorite target.

Police remind us not to keep anything valuable and visible in your vehicle. The **Austin Police Department NW Area Commander's Forum**, held recently at Anderson High School, is a great place to meet with your officers and give your input. Look for future meetings in this newsletter, the community message board, or www.balconeswoods.org.

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Hello Neighbors -
I am Diane Strickland from Coldwell Banker and I live in Balcones Woods, a neighborhood I love. My personal goal is to get you the highest price on the sale of your home in the shortest amount of time. I have been selling real estate since 1988 and continue to be a Multi-Million Dollar Producer year after year. I have a thorough knowledge of the area and look forward to representing you, the seller. I welcome the opportunity to work with you.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Have your picture taken with the Easter Bunny!
"Egg"stra Special Prizes!

Mark your calendar for Sunday, April 4
Promptly at 2:00 pm
Balcones Woods Commons Area

for ages up to 8 years old

Special Thanks to...

John & Linda Mashburn for letting us use their water to water the new landscaping at Balcones Woods Dr. & Calle Verde Dr. Tom Terry, Bobby & Pam Unnasch, Doug Aycok, & Kimberly Blake deserve thanks for their assistance in the watering program.

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Explore UT ! Saturday, March 6
11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

www.utexas.edu/events/exploreut

Join the Blue Wave Swim Team

Registration: March 27 10:00-2:00 at the pool
1st Swimmer \$85, Add'l Swimmer \$80
(Prior swimmers get registration packets in the mail 1st week of March.) *For information, contact:*
Julie 345-6645; jvanderstoep@austin.rr.com or
Linda 343-0366; Lshell@austin.rr.com.

Quarries

For a look at the Hyde Park Quarries baseball schedule, please visit www.balconeswoods.org.

The following is quoted from the December 2003 HPBC newsletter:

"On Sunday, December 21, our congregation voted unanimously to build the Bess and Ralph Smith Christian Life Center. We hope to start construction this Spring and open the sports complex next winter."

Thanks to Tom Terry for the updates.

SPRING NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE

Saturday, April 24th Contact: Michele Champlin
346-9213

\$5 Donation includes your address on maps handed out at the entrance of the neighborhood, balloons and streamers on your mailbox, and a neighborhood ad in the Austin American Statesman.

Wood-boring Beetles in the Home

Various beetles can damage or destroy wood products, including those within the home. These beetles vary in size, shape, damage caused and types of wood infested. The tunneling of the larvae and emergence of the mature adults can cause structural problems with the wood and possibly even destroy it. Proper identification is very important since some beetle species will reinfest the wood.

Several techniques may be used to identify if you have wood-boring beetles. Immature beetles, or larvae, will make audible noises such as rasping or ticking sounds. Often, infested wood will have frass, which often looks like sawdust and can be coarse or fine depending on the species, near holes or cracks. Blistering of wood surfaces may indicate that larvae are tunneling just below the surface while holes may tell of adult beetles emerging from the wood. Adult beetles can often be found near light sources or windows when they are emerging from wood.

The best method to avoid wood-boring beetle infestation is prevention. Inspect and wood products, including bamboo, which you bring into the home. Reconsider purchasing items that have emergence holes of frass associated with them. Look for products that are constructed with kiln-dried and chemically treated wood. Once you have an active infestation, options are freezing, superheating, fumigation or replacing the infested wood. *For more information or pest identification, contact Wizzie Brown at (512) 854-9600.*

BW Swimmers Propel Anderson Victory!



The "Gold Rush" was on at the Texas Swimming Center as the Anderson Trojans won the District 18-AAAA swim meet last month. Before a loud and appreciative contingent of Anderson fans, coach Brian Churchin's team carried the day for the third year in a row.



The final team scores were tallied:

1. Austin Anderson 280
2. Austin Johnson 149
3. Austin McCallum 94

Balcones Woods Blue Wavers contributed greatly to the win. Congratulations to **Dallas Olsen, Andrew Woelke, Steven Larson, Lee Bohne, Jordan Deathe, Leslie Murray, Allison Gilmer, Analise Herrera, and Ryan Rivette.**

Balcones Woods Neighborhood Clubs

Become active, get to know your neighbors in Balcones Woods. Join a neighborhood club! We have:

- *Babysitting Co-Op
- *Book Club
- *Bridge Club
- *Meal Circle
- *Friday Preschool Playgroup

For more information, visit www.balconeswoods.org, and click on clubs.

Ladies of all ages

Discover the unique thrill of singing barbershop harmony! The Texas Star Chorus invites you to a Guest Night on Tuesday, April 13 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at Parmer Lane Baptist Church, 12424 Scofield Farms Dr., Austin 78758

For more information, call Gail at 626-5969 or visit www.texasstarchorus.org.

Balcones Woods Meal Circle

We bring food to neighbors in need of a helping hand. Maybe a neighbor has fallen ill or someone on your street has just had a baby.

The Meal Circle is open to everyone!!! That includes **EVERYONE** who would like to cook--and we can always use new cooks. All we need is your e-mail address and you'll get an e-mail telling you when and who needs help.

If you're interested in learning more, being on the Meal Circle e-mail list, or know of a family that could use this, visit the web site or write us at mealcircle@balconeswoods.org.

Where are they now?

Josh Blake, Lifeguard

Remember that nice young man who watched over your kids every summer from the lifeguard tower? Josh Blake is now an Austin policeman. He celebrates his second anniversary on the force in May. "I'm currently on patrol in Central West Austin," Josh says. "My sector includes everything from 360 and F.M. 2222 all the way over to St. Johns and the west frontage of I-35. However, I'm assigned specifically to the Far West/2222 area."

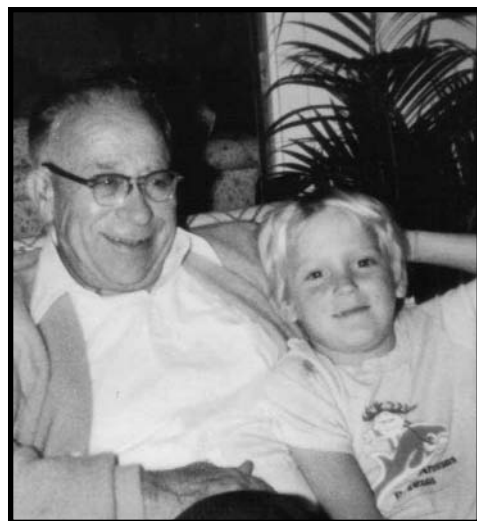
Josh began working the late night shift--from 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. And he loved it!

"I can recall several times when I have been behind stolen vehicles," Josh says. "90% of the time, when you attempt to stop the vehicle, they either run, by foot or car." His longest foot pursuit lasted about 10 minutes. The suspect had assaulted another person. "As I pulled up, I saw him hitting another man," Josh says. "He saw my police unit and ran. I ran after him down through a creek, then back up the other side. We went over two chain-linked fences and through several backyards. The suspect finally fell down out of exhaustion, and with the help of other officers, he was placed into custody and taken to jail." Josh notes that being in a foot pursuit is difficult because not only do you have an extra 20 pounds of gear, but you have to talk on your radio to let everyone know where you are going and the description of

whom you are chasing. "It's always a rewarding arrest though!" Josh says. Although he recently was moved to an evening shift, Josh still hopes for a return to the late shift.

Josh is an active member in the Austin Police Department (APD). For the past year, he has been a member of the Crowd Management Team (CMT). CMT is used for events such as Mardi Gras, protests, or any other large crowd events. As a member of the APD Honor Guard, Josh marches in Parades and Cadet graduations. The guard also attends funerals for fallen police officers both in Austin and across the state. He is attending Basic Instructors School, which qualifies him to teach cadets and new officers who have street patrol.

The lifeguard in Josh remains as he swims for the Great Hills Masters Team. Josh was just introduced to mountain biking and couldn't be happier. His parents, Ken and Connie Blake, love their new home in



Josh, age 7, with his Grandpa

Jonestown, Texas but miss their old house on Balcones Woods. "I'm not married or engaged, however I have been dating a girl for almost year," Josh says. "Wedding Bells?" he adds. "Wait and see!"

Josh can be reached at jblake1@austin.rr.com. If you have a story about a former Balcones Woods resident, let us know at newsletter@balconeswoods.org.



Officer Josh Blake