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Plum Creek Homeowner Association

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## Yard of the Month Begins April 1st

*By: Christina Baese, PC Landscape Committee*



Yard of the Month awards are just around the corner. Like last year, we are judging only nominated homes, so email us your favorite Plum Creek gardens! Any home in Plum Creek can be nominated. You can even nominate your own home! Once nominated, you will be in the running for all three months or until you win, whichever comes first. To nominate a home, please email [landscape@](mailto:landscape@plumcreektxhoa.com)

[plumcreektxhoa.com](http://plumcreektxhoa.com) or call Christina Baese at 512.449.6825. If you reach an answering machine, please leave a message with the nominated address. To maximize one's chances to win, please nominate by April 1st, but you can submit homes until June 1st.

Once again, we are hosting three Yard of the Month's this year. We'll judge and award in

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## What's Going On At Fairway Fields?

*By Inez Scott, Dog Park Chair*

What's with the tape and stakes? Is it possible that the Dog Park is becoming a reality? IT'S A BIG YES! By the time this newsletter is in your mailbox, you may be seeing the start of the fencing for the Dog Park! Yah-hoo! It's been a long time in coming, but now, it is for real.

Have you been socializing your dog(s)? Will they come to you when you call them? I hope you have been working with your dogs, so they are ready to meet their four-legged friends at the Dog Park to play. If all goes well, we will have a small dog area separate from the big guys. Be sure your pets are up on their shots and that you have a Rec Tag.

Watch for more information on requirements for use and when we will have the Grand Opening! If you want to be on the Friends of the Dog Park email list, send me your name, address, telephone number, and email address. If you have questions, suggestions, or would like to be on the Dog Park Committee, e-mail me at [iscott@austin.rr.com](mailto:iscott@austin.rr.com) or [dogpark@plumcreektxhoa.com](mailto:dogpark@plumcreektxhoa.com)

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### Yard of the Month - (Continued from Cover Page)

April, May, and June. Prizes are awarded for First, Second, and Third Place. Home Depot gift cards are awarded in the amounts of \$75 for First, \$50 for Second, and \$25 for Third. So, if you know of a great garden, it's worth taking a second to submit the nomination.

As with previous years, we're continuing the same schedule to meet our PC Press deadlines and keep the awards timely. We will judge from the 1st to the 10th of the month, and we will award prizes and place signs on the 15th of that month.

### For clarification, here's an example for the first month:

- Judge April 1st to April 10th
- Place in May's PC Press by April 10th
- Award April 15th
- Appear in PC Press about May 1st
- Remove signs May 15th and issue awards for the next month.

Needless to say, have your gardens ready for judging and your nominations submitted by April 1st. Continue submitting lovely yards for awards until June 1st of 2011.

If your neighbor or spouse has worked hard and has a great looking yard, please email [landscape@plumcreektxhoa.com](mailto:landscape@plumcreektxhoa.com) with your nominations! Happy Gardening!!!

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## Save the Dates:

### *Plum Creek's Yearly Event Schedule*

*Come out for the fun in Plum Creek this year!*

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 1ST:

Yard of the Month Season Begins, Runs through June

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 2ND:

Pools Open (Lifeguards arrive May 27th)

#### SATURDAY APRIL 23RD: Easter Egg Hunt

#### SATURDAY MAY 7TH:

Spring Community Wide Garage Sale, open to the public

**SATURDAY MAY 14TH:** Plum Creek Garden Tour AND Front Porch Days Golf Tournament, both open to the public

#### SUNDAY, MAY 15TH:

Front Porch Days, including 5K, open to the public

#### MONDAY JULY 4TH: 4th of July Parade & Picnic

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1ST:

Fall Community Wide Garage Sale, open to the public

#### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4TH: National Night Out

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 8TH:** Plum Creek Fall Fest, including the Wildflower Seed & Stomp & Scarecrow Contest, BBQ & Chili Cook-off, Pet Fest, Family Fishing Day & More

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3RD:

Holiday Lights Contest Begins, Ends 12/7

#### SATURDAY DECEMBER 10TH:

Santa Visits Plum Creek, includes Holiday Market

## AT THE FENCE

### Toddler Time on March 9th

Have a toddler at home? Bring your tiny tot, ages 3 and under, to the Plum Creek Community Center on Wednesday, March 9th at 10AM for some Tunnel Time! We'll have several play tunnels set up, about 100 ball pit balls, and a big foam puzzle mat or two. If you have tunnels, mega blocks, dollies in strollers, other balls, or other fun stuff, bring it, too! We'll have the whole room for the kids to play. Bring your sippy cups, and we'll provide a little snack. Meet at the Plum Creek Community Center (450 Haupt) at 10AM and play until 11:30 or until the kids wear out, whichever comes first! Email Christina Baese at [announcements@plumcreektxhoa.com](mailto:announcements@plumcreektxhoa.com) with questions.

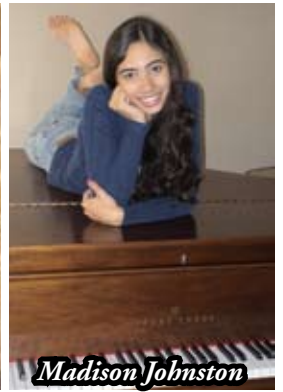
### Starlight Symphony Orchestra

Starlight Symphony Orchestra announces their spring concert series and Youth Festival to be held on Saturday, March 5th at 7:30pm at the First Baptist Church in Dripping Springs (203 Hwy 290 West) and on Sunday, March 6th at 4:00pm at the Hays Performing Arts Center in Kyle. Both the Starlight Symphony Orchestra and Starlight Symphony Youth Orchestra will perform, featuring solo competition winners Christine Anderson (trombone), a Canyon High sophomore, and Madison Johnston (piano) of Plum Creek. The concert is FREE to the public. Families welcome! Hope to see you there! [www.starlightsymphony.org](http://www.starlightsymphony.org)

**Don't miss Christine Anderson and our own Plum Creek resident, Madison Johnston at the Starlight Symphony Orchestra!**



*Christine Anderson*



*Madison Johnston*

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## Helpful tips for your family during flu season



**Dr. Tim Kay**

- Get your yearly flu shot.
- Wash your hands with soap frequently.
- When using an alcohol-based sanitizer, apply to all surfaces of the hands, including nail areas and between the fingers.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze and clean your hands afterwards. If you don't have a tissue or cloth, cough or sneeze into the inside of your elbow or upper arm.
- Get plenty of rest and drink lots of fluids.
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## Sip & Sew on March 8th

Spring brings out a feeling of "newness." Do you have a project you want to complete or maybe, just tackle a new hobby? Come join the Plum Creek Sip and Sew group.

All ages participate, and all arts created. We meet the second Tuesday of the month (March 8th) in the Plum Creek Community Center (450 Haupt by Fergus Park) from 6:30 to 9:00pm. Knitting, crochet, rug hooking, quilting, sewing, counted cross stitch, and punch needle fill the room. Or, if you don't want to sew, come sip. The friendships in the room are blossoming. Questions are gladly answered by Pam Chapman (512.656.6050), Sandra Sigler (512.405.0187) and Iris Sandle (512.405.0054).

## Aggie Moms of Hays County Meeting on March 10th

All moms and grandmas of Aggie students are invited to the Aggie Moms Meetings at 7:00 pm at the Plum Creek Community Center. The dates are March 10th, April 7th, and May 5th. No meetings occur during summer. Please join for fun & fellowship. For more information, contact Rose Crabill at 512.576.9992 or [rosecrabill@austin.rr.com](mailto:rosecrabill@austin.rr.com)

## Neighborhood Watch: Golf Course Vandalism and Trespass

Please remember that the Plum Creek Golf Course is private property. It is not part of our neighborhood park system. Since this area is private property, we are not allowed to use their sidewalks as jogging trails or as shortcuts. In addition, the golf course is experiencing a high level of vandalism, theft, and dumping. They have been forced to call the police department to enforce trespass regulations due to the destruction. Vandalism seems to be occurring heavily on Holes #2 and #3 behind McGarity, and Hole #4 was damaged by a 4 wheeler. Some kids were caught playing on the 14th hole, seeing if they could walk onto the "ice" coating the retention pond during the ice storms. With the frost and cold, any traffic on the greens can "burn" the places touched, resulting in killing off of those spots come spring. Lastly, rocks and cement from an outdoor fireplace construction, bags of trash, and piles of dirt were dumped along Kirby in the drainage channels and along the golf course behind the new nursing home. If you see any vandalism or stealing of property, please contact the Kyle Police immediately.

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to-do list this  
month?



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## Pool Season Begins April 2nd

### *Get your Rec Tags and Pool Keys Starting March 1st*

Pool season is just around the corner. The pools open on Saturday, April 2nd of 2011. The lifeguards will start on May 27th.

Beginning March 1st, residents can obtain a new or replacement Rec Tag (photo id) and/or pool key at the HOA Office at 168B Kirkham Circle. Residents, 11 years or older, must have a Rec Tag to use the pools, fish at the lake, or play at the basketball courts. Rec tags are issued to any homeowner, tenant, or resident family member.

Tenants are charged \$25 for each new Rec Tag. At the end of the lease period, tenants are encouraged and expected to return Rec Tags to the HOA Office. When a Rec Tag is returned, \$15 of the original \$25 per Rec Tag is reimbursed. For example, a family of 4 (all 11 and older) renting a home in Plum Creek must purchase 4 Rec Tags at an original cost of \$100. At the end of the lease period with the return of all 4 Rec Tags to the HOA Office, the family is reimbursed \$60. This helps improve security at the pools and offset the cost of continual Rec Tag issuance to rental addresses due to turnover.

If lost, homeowners and tenants can purchase a replacement Rec Tag for \$10.

One pool key is issued per address. If lost or a second one is needed, they are available for \$25.00 at the HOA Office.

Please remember to have your pool key and Rec Tag available when entering the pool. If you do not have both cards when attending the pools, you may be asked to leave.

Have a fun filled and safe summer this 2010!

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## Save the Date: *Front Porch Days is May 15th*

The 10th Annual Front Porch Days is fast approaching. Front Porch Days is our huge neighborhood gathering during May and includes music, local organizations, vendors, a pie baking contest, petting zoo, pony rides, jump castles, crafts, food, and more. Visit [www.frontporchdays.com](http://www.frontporchdays.com) for updates.

### Excited? Here are the highlights of the upcoming activities and dates:

- Saturday, May 7th: Community Wide Garage/Front Porch Sale
- Saturday, May 14th: 6th Annual Plum Creek Golf Tournament, PC Golf Course AND 3rd Plum Creek Garden Tour, Plum Creek
- Sunday, May 15th, early morning: 6th Annual Plum Creek 5K and Kids' Fun Run, Negley Elementary
- Sunday, May 15th, 12PM to 4PM: 10th Annual Front Porch Days, including the 6th Annual Plum Creek Music Festival, the KUMC Washers Tournament, and the Pie Baking Contest, Fergus Park.

Front Porch Days is a great time to get out with your family and neighbors. The entertainment and many of the events are

FREE. Money is needed to purchase food, drinks, and products from vendors and community groups or to participate in the golf tournament, washers tournament, 5K, or fun run.

**Interested in selling something?** More details coming in April's PC Press. However, we are already taking applications for booth spaces. If you're an artist, craftsperson, business, or community group, we want you! Contact Christina Baese at [announcements@plumcreektxhoa.com](mailto:announcements@plumcreektxhoa.com) or 512-449-6825 to get ask questions or get a booth application. Also, the application is online at [www.plumcreektxhoa.com](http://www.plumcreektxhoa.com)

**Interested in performing?** If you are interested in performing, contact Brandee Otto at 512-557-2728 or [recreation@plumcreektxhoa.com](mailto:recreation@plumcreektxhoa.com). While some larger acts are booked, local talent is always wanted!

**Interested in another aspect of Front Porch Days?** If interested in another aspect of the event, including volunteering, contact Brandee Otto at 512-557-2728 or [recreation@plumcreektxhoa.com](mailto:recreation@plumcreektxhoa.com).



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## Street Addresses Needed In Alleys

*From Property Manager, Chris Gauna*

Did you know that our alleys act as alternative routes for emergency services like police and ambulances?

However, many of our homes, especially in the older section, are not numbered in the alley. Over the years, house numbers have been painted on lot driveways, but sadly, the painted numbers wear away quickly and must be repainted every few years. However, mounted numbers offer a more sustainable and permanent solution.

Have you considered purchasing and placing your street numbers by your garage door for safety's sake?

**In the newest sections of Plum Creek, residents are actually required to have their street number by their garage door, as indicated below:**

*From the Plum Creek Landscape Templates, Page 9 of 17*

### **Home Numbers - Alley Side of Home**

On alley lots, in addition to the numbering system on the front of a home, the street number will be required on the face of the garage structure adjacent to the garage door. The numbers should be located 5' above the ground plane and should be 4" matte black metal letter form. It is preferred that the numbers be located just below a wall mounted sconce light to make the numbers visible at night.

However, the HOA wants to encourage everyone in Plum Creek to place their street address by their garage. These numbers help your neighbors and especially, emergency personnel locate your home with ease. So, if your home has an alley, please consider placing your address on the alley side, too.

We, at the HOA office, have priced 4" black metal letters from Home Depot, which range from \$1.29 to about \$4 each. They can be purchased at Lowe's and other fine establishments, as well.

Thank you for your assistance! If you have any questions, please contact me at [plumcreekmanager@goodwintx.com](mailto:plumcreekmanager@goodwintx.com)



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## Negley News for March

Last month, we had a school-wide assembly, where we were surprised to see our own Negley teachers show some "RESPECT" for us! At this assembly, we learned what respect looks like and sounds like in the common areas of our school. Please continue to ask your child about S.A.I.L., the acronym for our school and how we can (S)how Respect to each other: stop wherever we are and say the pledge during announcements, invite others to play, share equipment, throw away our trash, use manners, etc. Showing respect is an important life skill to help us become successful. Please join us at school for our many activities scheduled this month:

- 3/1 4th Grade TAKS Writing
- 3/2 PTA Meeting and Read Across America-Please come help us celebrate Dr. Seuss' Birthday!
- 3/4 NES Kindergarten Chili Cook-off
- 3/8 3rd and 4th Grades Math Benchmark
- 3/9 3rd and 4th Grades Reading Benchmark
- 3/10 5th Grade Science and Reading Benchmarks
- 3/11 Kindergarten Western Day, AND NES School Spirit Day: Students will wear blue and gold Negley attire. Everyone should help pick up around the school. Sponsored by our NES Gator Club.
- 3/13 Time Change: Spring forward one hour.
- 3/14 Spring Break Begins (3/14 to 3/18)
- 3/22 District JUMP into Diversity
- 3/23 Spring/Group Picture Day
- 3/25 Progress Reports go home, Kindergarten Kite Day, AND PTA Movie Night
- 3/26 All Pro Dad's
- 4/1 PALS – YAP Field Day (for preschool)

Remember, when you visit Negley, please to bring your state issued ID or Driver's License with you. For the above activities, please note, dates and times are subject to change. For updated information, please visit our school website at <http://www.hayscisd.net/Negley>. cfm. In addition, watch for events posted on our school marquee or contact the school directly at 268-8501.

## Neighborhood Watch: *Slow Down on those Streets, Please!*

As a reminder, please keep those speed limits to under 30 (or 20 in some spots) when driving through Plum Creek. Alleys are typically 5 MPH. Please be extremely careful on streets with lots of parked cars, as you never know when a jogger, child, or pet might dart out from behind one. Had a few complaints of speeding lately, so wanted to remind everyone to keep their speeds slow and easy in the neighborhood. THANK YOU! :)

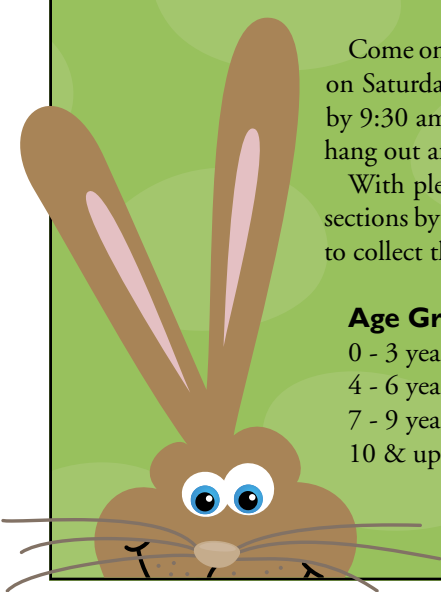
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## Plum Creek Easter Egg Hunt at McNaughton Park

*Sat, April 23, 2011 from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM*



Come on out to the Annual Plum Creek Easter Egg Hunt at McNaughton Park on Saturday, April 23rd! It is important for you to have your children present by 9:30 am, as not to miss the fun! The hunt starts right on time! Feel free to hang out after the hunt and enjoy the bounce house.

With plenty of eggs to hunt, the park will be divided into four, color-coded sections by age group, as indicated below. Also, kids must bring their own basket to collect their tiny treasures.

### Age Groups:

- 0 - 3 years : pink section
- 4 - 6 year olds: green section
- 7 - 9 year olds: orange section
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## 10th Annual Front Porch Days *Sunday, May 15th from Noon to 4:00pm*



### **BOOTH REGISTRATION FORM: DUE MAY 1ST**

Front Porch Days is just around the corner in Plum Creek. With 1500+ homes in the neighborhood, Front Porch Days allows you introduce your organization to our residents and guests. The event is free to attend and runs rain or shine.

\*All products and food must be approved in order for you to sell them at the event. We limit the number of vendors selling the same or similar items, especially food and drinks. You will receive an email and/or phone call to notify you of item approval. Alcohol is not allowed at this event.

Set-up time begins at 10:00 am. You are responsible for

bringing your own set-up and supplies, including tables, chairs, tents, extension cords, etc. Tents are strongly encouraged due to Texas weather conditions. If you have questions, please contact Christina Baese for more information at [announcements@plumcreektxhoa.com](mailto:announcements@plumcreektxhoa.com) or 512-449-6825.

**Businesses:** The space fee is \$20.00 per 10'x10' location. If you need electricity, an additional \$5 fee will be charged.

**Community Groups and Non-Profit Organizations:** If you are a non-profit organization or community group, please contact Christina Baese for more information about booth fees.

**Contact Name:**

**Business/Organization Name:**

**Address, City, State, Zip:**

**Email:**

**Phone:**

**Types of products\*:**

**Types of food/drink with prices\*:**

**Do you need access to electricity? Why?**

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## Neighborhood Watch: *Solicitors in Plum Creek*

In late January, several reports were received report of different groups soliciting houses from carpet cleaning to books to point collectors. Even still, it is not known if these groups are legitimate.

The City of Kyle requires solicitors to have badges and be registered with the City to venture from house to house, effective May 11, 2009. However there appears to be an exception. Security companies that are registered with the State of Texas are not required to obtain these badges. At this time, no other exceptions are known regarding the City of Kyle solicitor badge/permit system.

Again, it is always better to be safe than sorry. Please remind your kids to not open the door to strangers and to not allow them into your home. When in doubt of a salesperson or when any suspicious activity is spotted, please call Kyle PD and let them decide if the person is a threat. 512.268.3232

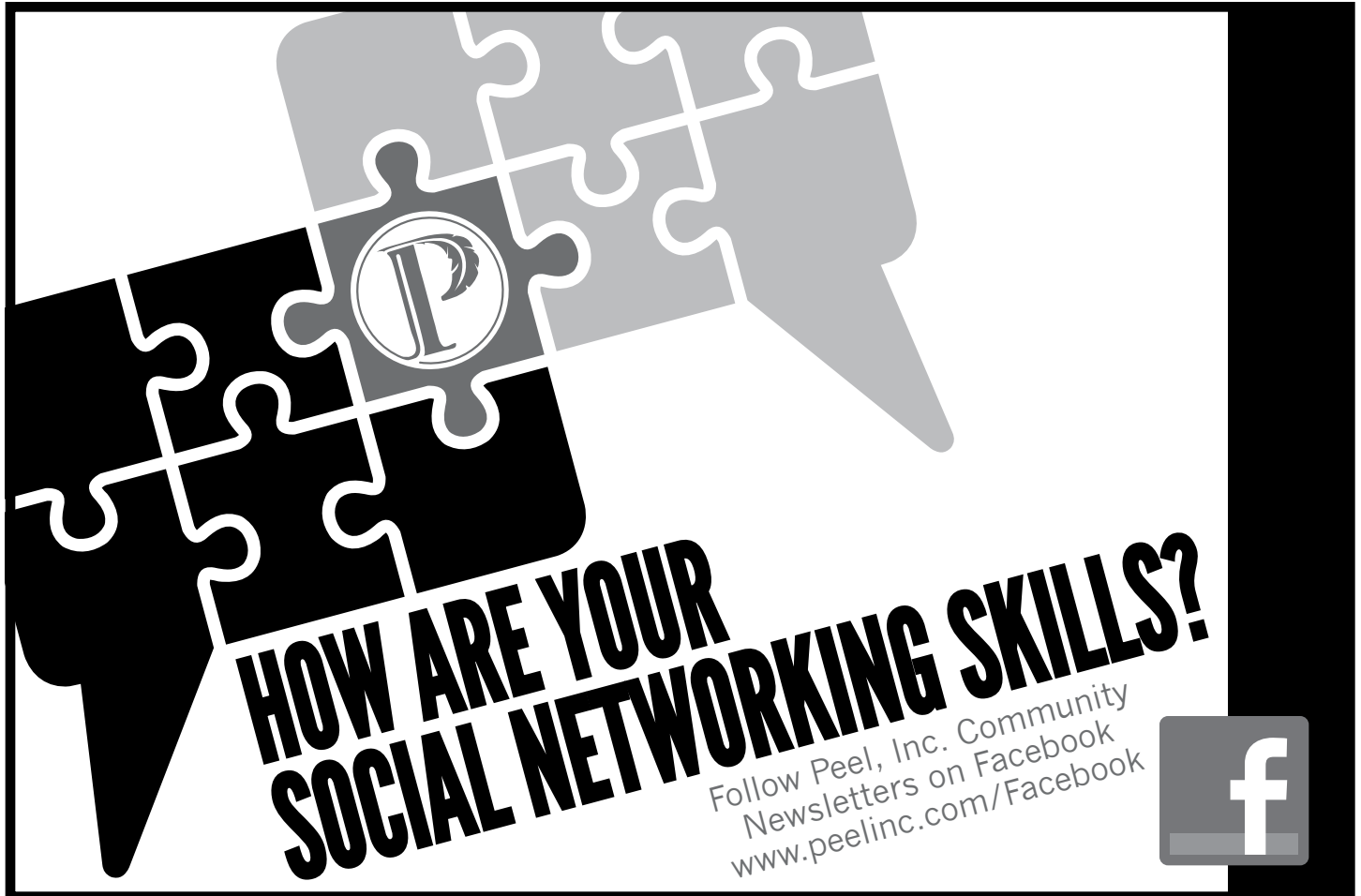
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