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October 8th



The Hootenanny on the Hill is something you won't want to miss! It encompasses the 6th Annual Wildflower Seed & Stomp, the Annual Pet Fair, and the 5th Annual BBQ & Chili Cook-off. Mark your calendars for October 8th and start preparing your recipes, grooming your dogs, and saving old clothes for making scarecrows. The entire event runs from 10AM to 2PM.

New events include Pumpkin Carving Contest, Star Dogs Talent Show, 5K and Fun Run, Pup Trot, Washers Tournament, and Horseshoes Tournament. In addition to the events mentioned above and below, some old favorites return of petting zoo, pony rides, trackless train, lots of vendors, and morel

6TH ANNUAL WILDFLOWER SEED & STOMP EVENTS:

- Scarecrow Contest
- Photos by the Hay Bale Critters
- Hay Rides
- Pinecone Birdfeeders
- Pumpkin Decorating Contest (NEW!), Entries Due by Noon. All events are located at Fairway Fields. Email Christina Baese at announcements@plumcreekxthoa.com with any questions.

PLUM CREEK PET FAIR EVENTS:

- Pup Trot and Costume Contest (NEW!), Starts at 11AM
- Star Dogs: Plum Creek's first doggie talent show (NEW!), Around Noon
- Muffin Eating Contest
- Silent Auction
- Cake (Pet Treat) Walk
- Face Painting and Balloon Animals
- Local pet vendors will be in attendance to provide information for residents.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT PLANNERS MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 11TH:

NNO is Tuesday, October 4th this year. Come to the Party Planner's Meeting on Sunday, September 11th at 7:30pm at the Community Center. Wyana will have tips for a great party and some handouts/promotionals. Email Wyana at safety@plumcreektxhoa.com to RSVP!Toddler Time on September 13th: Rock and Rolling! Join us for Toddler Time on September 13th for a music play date. We'll make some instruments to shake, rattle, and roll, but please bring some of your own things to make some noise! We'll provide some snacks and juice boxes, too. Let's rock the house and march to our own drums! Meet at 10:00AM at the Plum Creek Community Center at 450 Haupt

SIP & SEW ON SEPTEMBER 13TH:

The Sip and Sew ladies are a lovely group, always very busy sipping and sewing! Members are willing to share their talents of knitting, fabric sewing, needle point, quilting, punch needle and rug hooking to name a few. In September, members will bring ideas to complete for the holidays. Projects only get finished if they are started! Remember, the second Tuesday of every month, we gather at the Haupt Community Center from 6:30 to 9:00. For additional info, contact Pam Chapman (512.656.6050), Iris Sandle (512.405.0054), or Sandra Sigler (512.405.0187).

KYLE LOG HOUSE ANNUAL FRIED CHICKEN DINNER ON SEPTEMBER 24TH:

The Kyle Log House is a rare "linear four-pen dog trot," the only one left in Texas. The home has four rooms, each about 16 feet square. In the mid-1800's, it housed Claiborne and Lucy Bugg Kyle, their nine children. It's a great place to visit, and here's your chance!

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Hootenanny...- (Continued from Cover Page)

All events are located at the Dog Park and Fairway Fields. Proceeds benefit the beautification of the Dog Park. For more information, contact Gary and Cindy Kennedy at dogpark@plumcreektxhoa.com.

5TH ANNUAL BBQ AND CHILI COOK-OFF INFORMATION & EVENTS:

- BBQ & Chili Cook-Off: The BBQ competition is IBCA Sanctioned with categories for chicken, brisket, pork spare ribs, and cook's choice. The chili event is IBCA or CASI Sanctioned. Other categories include beans, potato salad, and desserts! Prize awarded for best cook site. Entry fees range from \$15 to \$25.
 Forms due October 1st. Check-in Friday, October 7th at 6PM.
- 5K and 1K Fun Run (NEW!), Starts at 7AM
- Washers Tournament (NEW!), Starts at 11AM
- Horseshoes Tournament (NEW!), Starts at 11AM

All events held at the Plum Creek Community Center and Fergus Soccer Fields. Email recreation@plumcreektxhoa.com with any questions.

Vendors and Sponsors: If selling pet related products, email Gary and Cindy at dogpark@plumcreektxhoa.com. For selling all other products, email Christina Baese at announcements@plumcreektxhoa.com. If interested in sponsorships, email Brandee Otto at recreation@plumcreektxhoa.com

More information and entry forms provided via the PC eNews, www.hootenannyonthehill.com or friend us on Facebook. As always, volunteers are needed and appreciated at all HOA events! Come for the fun!

SEE BBQ COOK-OFF FORM ON PAGE 4 SEE 5K AND FUN RUN REGISTRATION ON PAGE 10



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Upcoming Events..- (Continued from Cover Page)

On Saturday, September 24th, come out to the Claiborne Kyle Log House for Fried Chicken. It is located at 2400 South Old Stagecoach, County Road 136, South of Kyle. This annual event is the only fundraiser for the upkeep of the historical site. Plates are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children under 12. The event runs from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. If you would like to lend a hand at the event, please contact Marilyn Beals of the Kyle Log House Commission at 512-268-9981. They could use a few helping hands!

CLEAN UP DAY AT THE DOG PARK AND LAKES ON SEPTEMBER 24TH:

The Dog Park and Lake Committees ask for your help in cleaning up the trails around the lakes and the Dog Park. Volunteers will work from 9 to 11am on Saturday, September 24 Refreshments, trash bags and latex gloves provided for all that come out and help.

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE ON OCTOBER IST:

The Fall Community Wide Garage Sale is October 1st. Start cleaning out those closets and mark those calendars!

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT IS OCTOBER 4TH:

Email Wyana Eddleman at safety@plumcreektxhoa.comt to get involved!

MOVIE IN THE PARK:

Enjoy a movie at dusk on October 8th at Fergus Park. Movie TBD.

HALLOWEEN & CASINO NIGHT FUNDRAISER FOR AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY AT PLUM CREEK GOLF CLUB:

The event happens on October 29th from 6PM to 10 PM. Entry at the Door is \$30 per person, but Plum Creek HOA members can purchase pre-paid tickets early for \$25 per person. Prizes will go to best costume(s) and top four gamblers. The plan is to have six black jack, one roulette, one craps and three poker tables. Proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society. Sponsors needed. Questions, tickets, or sponsorships? Contact Ken at kenh@foresightgolf.net

Do You Have Reason to Celebrate?

We want to hear from you! Email <u>announcements@</u> <u>plumcreektxhoa.com</u> to let the community know!

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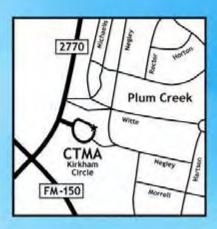
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5th Annual Plum Creek BBQ & Chili Cook-Off

Saturday, October 8th in Kyle, Texas

WHO: OPEN to the PUBLIC

WHAT: Competition includes meat categories of brisket, pork spare ribs, chicken, Cooks Choice, and chili. Other categories include beans, potato salad, and desserts. Entry fees range from \$15 to \$25 per entry. Prize awarded for best cook site. Each registered team receives Gift Bag/T-shirt.

WHEN: Saturday, October 8th with Check-in Friday October 7th at 6:00 PM

WHERE: Plum Creek - Fergus Park and Soccer Fields - Corner of Haupt and Fairway. Self contained RV's and vehicles welcome. Electricity not provided.

WHY: Why Not?? Have fun! Eat great food! Win prizes and more!

HOW: Complete the attached entry form and send your form and entry fees to Brandee Otto, Plum Creek Recreation Committee, 1251 Fairway, Kyle, TX 78640 – Deadline October 1st.

Other questions? Email Brandee Otto at recreation@plumcreektxhoa.com or call 512-557-2728

Sponsorships available. Visit www.hootenannyonthehill.com for more event info.

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One or more categories may be entered. Receive additional gift bag/shirt, if enter ALL categories. Make checks payable to Plum Creek HOA. Mail entry form and check to: Brandee Otto, 1251 Fairway, Kyle, TX 78640. Details regarding event rules, cooking sites, cash prizes, etc. can be found at www.hootenannyonthehill.com. Contact Brandee Otto at (512) 557-2728 or recreation@plumcreektxhoa.com with questions				

COOK SIGNATURE:



NEGLEY NEWS FOR SEPTEMBER

By: Mrs. Lucita, Negley Assistant Principal

In hopes of helping with communication, the office and PTA will be using colored paper for all written correspondence sent home. The office will be using BRIGHT PINK and PTA will be using GREEN. Hopefully, this will help when looking through your child's backpack.

- 8/31: 5th Grade parent meeting for the Outdoor Learning Center (OLC) overnight trip: Calling all 5th grade parents! We will have a meeting to discuss the details for the OLC trip in October. After a short presentation, teachers will be there to answer any questions you still have about the overnight 5th grade trip. Meeting will be held at the Negley Cafeteria at 6:30 pm.
- 9/5: LABOR Day ~ No School: Enjoy time as a family as Hays CISD has a holiday for staff and students.
- 9/12: Grandparent's Day Lunch: We love our extended families at Negley. In honor of Grandparent's Day, we would like to invite all grandparents to come and eat lunch with your grandchildren during their regular scheduled lunch time. We will have a special lunch prepared for you. Please remember to allow extra time to check in at the front desk with a picture ID. Lunch times and cost will be sent home with the students.
- 9/13: NES PTA Chick-Fil-A Day / PTA General Meeting @ 6:30: Come to Chick-Fil-A anytime during the day (Breakfast, lunch or dinner) and let them know you are with Negley. They will then donate a percentage of the profits to our school. THANKS Chick-Fil-A for

being a GREAT sponsor \(\Bar{\text{ There will be a general PTA meeting in the }} \) cafeteria @ 6:30 pm. We invite all teachers, relatives and community members to come check out all the great things PTA has planned for the 2011-2012 school year.

- 9/22: Negley Open House @ 6:30: This is the night to see what your child has accomplished so far this school year. Be sure to sign up for October parent/teacher conferences while visiting your child's classroom.
- 9/23: End of the 1st 6-weeks, 9/26: Start of the 2nd 6-weeks
- 9/27: Negley Fall Pictures: Time to practice your smile and pick your favorite outfit (parent approved, of course) for fall pictures. In the fall, we take pictures of every student enrolled. If you wish to order pictures, you must prepay before or on picture day. Payment envelopes will be sent home in backpacks.
- 9/30: Report Cards Sent Home: Please review, sign and return your child's report card. If you have any questions regarding the report card, please contact your child's teacher. You may also view grades and attendance through the Parent Self Serve (PSS). For more information on the Parent Self Serve (PSS), please visit www.hayscisd.net and click on the Parent Self Serve (PSS) link on the left.

Please note, dates and times may change. For updates, visit www. hayscisd.net/Negley.cfm , call (512) 268-8501, or watch the school marquee. Thank you for making Negley a great school!





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Somehow, the 3rd Place Yard of the Month Sign has gone missing...if anyone has seen it or knows its location, please return to the HOA Office at 4100 Everett, Suite 150 or email landscape@ plumcreektxhoa.com. The sign and stand are metal and will cost about \$75 to replace. Any info is appreciated!

HOST A FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT:

It's an exciting time to host a foreign exchange student. Many students are waiting to be invited to share an American home and school but need a home. The students bring their own spending money, insurance, and lots of enthusiasm for America. If interested in hosting a foreign exchange student, please call Earline Schlortt at 830-931-4921 in Kyle or email schlortte@yahoo.com or visit the website at www.effoundation.org to make their dream come true.

PE Classes Offered for PC Homeschoolers:

Community Life Director/Recreation Chair Brandee Otto is working with Stephanie Pool to bring the SPARK PE Program to Plum Creek Homeschoolers. For information, contact Stephanie at 512.850.8453 or info@elitemedfit.com or Brandee at recreation@ plumcreektxhoa.com.

PLUM CREEK WINE TASTERS GROUP:

Martin & DeDe Juel are interested in starting a monthly wine tasting group. No experience or wine knowledge necessary. If you have an interest in learning about wines, or would like to share your knowledge of wines (or both) in a fun and casual atmosphere, this is for you!

We hope to do wine explorations, simple wine tastings, blind wine tastings, wine and food pairings, and whatever else the group can think up as an excuse to have a gathering to drink wine. (of course, not all in the same evening!) If you have any questions, or are interested in joining, (or potentially helping and/or hosting) email us at mjuel@austin.rr.com.

ACC Lawsuit Dismissed

and Higher Education Plans for North Hays Move Forward

The lawsuit contesting the results of the November 2010 election in which Hays CISD voters favored joining the Austin Community College (ACC) taxing district has been dismissed. As a result, ACC is moving forward with plans to build a 96-acre North Hays County campus in Plum Creek.

Kyle dentist Ray Wolbrecht was the plaintiff in the lawsuit, which ACC won in state district court, and, following an appeal, in the Texas Third Court of Appeals.

The delays caused by the lawsuit caused the campus to be left out of a federal stimulus bond application that would have funded 35 percent of the interest costs of the project. ACC originally planned to expand the 96-acre campus plans to accommodate a \$55.8 million, 100,000-square-foot facility. Increased borrowing costs resulting from the missed bond application has caused ACC to return to original plans for a \$45.8 million, 72,000-square-foot facility.

ACC President Stephen B. Kinslow was recently quoted in an article in the Hays Free Press (8/3/2011):

"The delay caused by this baseless legal challenge was unfortunate, but our planning throughout this process will let us move forward as quickly as possible," ACC President Stephen B. Kinslow said. "The actions of one resident will not stop the college from delivering on our promises to the community at large."

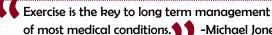
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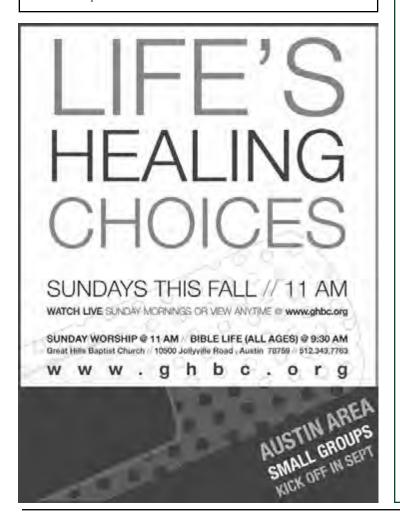


-Michael Jones

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HOW TO MAKE YOUR OWN SCARECROW

FOR THE CONTEST!

Making a scarecrow is a fun way to dress up the garden, and it may even scare off those pesky bird buddies. In this case, we're trying to keep them from eating our wildflower seeds!!

Feel free to change or completely, disregard this basic design in your creations, but hopefully, these instructions will give you a great place to start!!

WHAT YOU NEED:

The "t" for the scarecrow (We'll have some available at the Seed & Stomp at Fairway Fields) - string, wire, and safety pins - pantyhose or tights - small flour bag or pillow sack for the head - straw or other material for stuffing, including old leaves, poly fill, newspaper, plastic bags, and more - clothing, props, and other items to make your scarecrow unique

HOW TO BUILD YOUR SCARECROW:

The head, face, hair, and hat: If you are using stockings for the head, cut off the legs and put one inside the other for extra strength. A flour sack or pillowcase works, too. Floral patterns are fun, or you can use white! Start with a pencil and then, paint a face with permanent marker or paint. You can stitch features, too. Stuff it into the shape

of a head. Tie the head loosely at the neck end. Attach strands of wool, raffia, straw, or other fiber under a hat for hair. A hat certainly makes building your head easier, and a baseball cap is just as good as a straw hat and may last longer. Slide the head onto the short end of the vertical pole and attach the head to the body by tying tightly with string or wire. If you haven't done so already, fix the hat onto your scarecrow's head using string or safety pins. Pumpkins, balls, gourds, masks, or cut-outs may be used for heads, too.

The shirt, jacket, and vest: An old shirt, a jacket, and/or a vest will make your scarecrow more lifelike. Put the shirt on the scarecrow, using the short stake as the arms. Button most of the way to the neck. Tie the arms closed at the end with string or knots. If you are adding gloves, leave a couple of inches of the stick poking out of the sleeves and tie the cuffs firmly around the stake. You can tuck the shirt into the trousers or skirt and fill it with stuffing. Then, close the last buttons. If you want the shirt to hang over the trousers, fill a second pillowcase for inside the shirt and tie it to the stake, button the shirt closed over it, and stuff only the arms. Be sure to tie the arms closed at the cuff before filling. Tuck the head into the neck of the shirt.

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Hands: Tie gloves to the outstretched ends of the crossbar and fill with stuffing.

Trousers, skirt, socks, and shoes: Tie the ends of the trousers with string and fill with stuffing. Lean the trousers against the frame so the ends are just above ground level or add boots or shoes. Tie the trousers to the stake using the back belt loop. Trousers are easier than a skirt, but if you have an old pair of boots, a skirt is fun. It moves in the breeze, making it a more effective bird-scare. If you use a skirt, some old leggings make a good lower body for your scarecrow. Put the skirt over these and attach using safety pins. Then, attach both to the stake using string or safety pins.

Extras: Experiment with any materials you can find. Dangling washed cans or old CD's from the arms will reflect light and help deter the birds. Old tools, a rake, a trowel, or spade make a hardworking scarecrow. A plastic glass and a book create a relaxing scarecrow. Corks dangling from your scarecrow's hat will give it an 'Outback Aussie' look. Sunglasses make a sophisticated and sun-wise scarecrow. Add a scarf around the scarecrow's neck or a basket to carry.

Whatever you do, make sure that you have fun building your scarecrow!

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

GOLF CARTS

Received a few complaints about residents driving golf carts on the trails, which is not allowed per the Hike and Bike rules. Golf carts are not allowed on sidewalks either. Also, children are not allowed to drive them per state law. Here's the law, as provided by a concerned resident:

Under a blanket Texas law, golf carts can be driven on public streets with speed limits of 35 miles or less. They can also be used to cross intersections with speed limits that do not exceed 45 miles an hour. Golf carts can be used on golf courses and ridden to the golf course as long as it is not two miles or more away from where the golf cart is usually parked.

Golf carts that are used on the public streets need to have lights, tail lights, mirrors, a slow moving vehicle sign on the back of the vehicle, parking brakes, reflectors, and blinkers.

Golf carts may be driven in masterplanned communities and on beaches in Texas.

So, please keep them on the street and only allow adults to drive. Thanks!



HOOTENANNY ON THE HILL

5K AND FUN RUN REGISTRATION

Enjoy a 5K or 1K Fun Run at Fairway Fields (450 Haupt) in Plum Creek on Saturday October 8th.Pre-registration begins at 6:00am. 5K Run/Walk begins at 7:00am. Kids' 1K Fun Run/Walk begins at 8:30am. Registration includes an event t-shirt.

5K Entry Fees: \$15 if received by September 20, 2011 OR \$20 after September 20th and on race day. **IK Entry Fees:** \$10 if received by September 20, 2011 OR \$15 after September 20th and on race day.

Register online at www.athleteguild.com/running/kyle-tx/2011-hootenanny-on-the-hill.. Checks payable to Plum Creek HOA. Mail or drop off entry form and check to: Brandee Otto, 1251 Fairway, Kyle, TX 78640. Online and mail-in entries must be received by September 20, 2011 Otherwise, please bring to the event.

When four team members register for either event together and online at www.atheleteguild.com prior to September

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More Info on some Hoot Contests on October 8th

- 6th Annual Scarecrow Contest: Open to residents of all ages! Organizations, neighbors, & classes join in the fun with two ways to enter: Create early and drop off at Negley's atrium by Friday, October 7th or create/drop off on Saturday, October 8th at the event. If you build one at the event, some hay and frames will be provided. Just bring clothes and props. Remember, only homegrown scarecrows!
- Prizes awarded for the Most BEAUTIFUL, Most HUMOROUS, Most TRADITIONAL, Most CREATIVE/ORIGINAL, and maybe, one or two more categories depending on the creative entries! The scarecrows will be judged and photographed at day's end and remain at Negley Garden until 10/31 or until bad weather/damage forces their removal. Let's create a family of scarecrows in PC! Email announcements@ plumcreektxhoa.com with questions.
- Pumpkin Decorating Contest: Open to residents of all ages! Organizations, neighbors, & classes join in the fun and bring your pumpkin already decorated and carved to Fairway Fields by Noon. Put your name, address, and phone number on the bottom of the pumpkin.
- Prizes awarded for the Most BEAUTIFUL, Most HUMOROUS, Most TRADITIONAL, Most CREATIVE/ORIGINAL, and maybe, one or two more categories depending on the creative entries! The pumpkins will be judged and photographed by 2pm and ready to take home at

- that time. Email announcements@plumcreektxhoa.com with questions.
- Washers Tournament: A double elimination washers tournament will be held on Saturday, October 8th as part of the Hootenanny on the Hill events. Check-in at 11am. For all the details and forms, visit www. hootenannyonthehill.com or email recreation@plumcreektxhoa.com.
- Horsehoes Tournament: A double elimination horseshoes tournament will be held on Saturday, October 8th as part of the Hootenanny on the Hill events. Check-in at 11am. For all the details and forms, visit www. hootenannyonthehill.com or email recreation@plumcreektxhoa.com.
- Star Dogs: Does your dog have a talent????!? Let Plum Creek see and at enter into the First Annual "STAR DOGS" at the Plum Creek Pet Fair. Prizes awarded. Anything goes: dancing, fetching, best kisses, etc. Limit your trick to three minutes. If interested, email dogpark@ plumcreektxhoa.com for details.
- Pup Trot/Costume Contest: The pup trot starts at 11AM with same day registration. Fees are \$5 for t-shirt or free to just run! For costume contest details, email dogpark@plumcreektxhoa.com.

More information on all contests and events can be found at www.hootenannyonthehill.com.



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When the beloved garden center, Pots & Plants closed its doors- several flamingos were injured in the move. You can help them return for the best care in town at The Hospital at Westlake by donating \$15. ALL profit in July, August and September benefits Colin's Hope. You can add to The Hospital at Westlake's flock, or start your own flock at home. Visit www.westlakemedical.com for more details or stop in The Hospital's Waterfall Café, 5656 Bee Caves Road, Building L, level 3 to sponsor your flamingo. Spread the word on Facebook and raise even more funds for Colin's Hope!



September 2011 - Sign up for Ourgift and Colin's Hope will receive donations during September!

OurGift.Org[™]OurGift.Org[™] has chosen Colin's Hope as one of the charities that will benefit from donations in September. Please visit www.ourgift.org to learn more and sign up to receive the daily deals from local businesses. It's a great way to help prevent childhood drowning! You get a great deal, a local business is supported and Colin's Hope will get a donation!



October 1 - Colin's CrossFit Challenge

CrossFit Lakeway is hosting a community event from 8:00am-10:00am at BACKWOODS in the Hill Country Galleria to benefit Colin's Hope. The Crossfit Challenge will be open to all fitness levels. There are Beginner / Intermediate / Advanced divisions and prizes will be awarded to 1st and 2nd place in each division. Registration is \$30. For more information or to sign up, please visit www.crossfitlakeway.com or call 512-689-3798.

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