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Hootenanny on the Hill is October 13th

The Hootenanny on the Hill is something you won't want to miss! It encompasses the 7th Annual Wildflower Seed & Stomp, the Annual Pet Fair, and the 6th Annual BBQ & Chili Cook-off. Mark your calendars for October 13th and start preparing your recipes, grooming your dogs, and saving old clothes for making scarecrows. The entire event runs from 10AM to 2PM.

In addition to the events mentioned below, some old favorites return of the petting zoo, pony rides, trackless train, lots of vendors, and more!

7th Annual Wildflower Seed & Stomp Events:

- Scarecrow Contest, Entries Due by 2PM
- Photos by the Hay Bale Critters
- Pinecone Birdfeeders
- Pumpkin Decorating Contest, Entries Due by Noon.

All events are located at Fairway Fields. Email Christina Baese at cb28655@earthlink.net with any questions.

Plum Creek Pet Fair Events:

- Pup Trot and Costume Contest, 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.

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.

6th Annual BBQ and Chili Cook-Off Information and Events:

•BBQ & Chili Cook-Off: The BBQ competition is IBCA Sanctioned with categories for chicken, brisket, pork spare ribs, and cook's choice. Other categories include beans, potato salad, and desserts! Prize awarded for best cook site. Entry fees range from

\$15 to \$25. Forms due October 10th. Check-in Friday, October 12th at 6PM.

- 10k, 5K and 1K Fun Run, Starts at 7AM
- Washers Tournament, Starts at 11AM
- Horseshoes Tournament, 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, contact Jen LaCour at jen.lacour@gmail.com or 512-787-9611. 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!



Neighborhood Watch

Neighborhood Watch meeting at the Plum Creek community center on Wednesday the 19th Sept, from 7pm til 9pm. Whether you just want some information or you want to be involved in a big or small way, you are welcome! Please come and support the community you live in! Contact thistheevans@yahoo.com

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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.fffoundation.org to make their dream come true.

Kyle Log House Annual Fried Chicken Dinner on September 22nd: 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!

On Saturday, September 22nd, 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 Christina Baese of the Kyle Log House Commission at cb28655@earthlink.net. They could use a few helping hands!

Community Garage Sale on October 6th: The Fall Community Wide Garage Sale is October 6th. Start cleaning out those closets and mark those calendars!

MORE INFO ON SOME

Hootnanny on the Hill

CONTESTS ON OCTOBER 13T

7th 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 12th or create/drop off on Saturday, October 13th 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 Christina at cb28655@earthlink.net 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.

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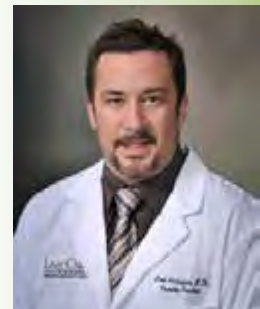
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one or two more categories depending on the creative entries! The pumpkins will be judged and photographed by 2pm and ready to take home at that time. Email Christina at cb28655@earthlink.net with questions.

Washers Tournament: A double elimination washers tournament will be held on Saturday, October 13th 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 enter into the Second 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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What exactly are those strange metal boxes in my home and my backyard???

An Air Conditioner has three main parts. The compressor, condenser and evaporator coil. The compressor and condenser are located in the same unit, outside your home. The evaporator coil is located inside the house attached to your furnace.

A working chemical called Freon circulates through the system. **The amount of Freon in the system is very important and needs to be checked regularly.** Let's start at the compressor. The Freon arrives at the compressor as a cool, low-pressure gas. The compressor compresses the gas and leaves the compressor as a **HOT, high pressure gas.**

This **hot, high pressure Freon** then flows into the **condenser** which is the large coil that wraps around the outdoor unit. The outdoor fan pulls air through the condenser to transfer the heat out. Notice all the fragile fins. These fins transfer the heat more quickly into the outside air. **These fins MUST be kept VERY CLEAN for it to work efficiently!** When the Freon leaves the condenser, its temperature is much cooler and has changed from a hot gas to a **cool liquid.**

Next, the Freon goes through some copper lines to the inside portion of the system, the evaporator. This **cool, liquid Freon** goes into the evaporator coil through a very tiny, narrow hole. On the other side of this hole (or orifice), the liquid's pressure drops. (Picture a spray nozzle on a hairspray can) When it does this, it begins to evaporate back into a **gas or vapor**. As the Freon changes from a liquid **back to a gas**, it evaporates, **and extracts heat from the air around it.** This is where the heat that is in your home gets transferred to the Freon and will soon be carried outside! When the Freon leaves the evaporator, it is a **cool, low pressure gas.** Connected to the evaporator is a fan that blows air through the evaporator fins. This is the fan that circulates air throughout your home. All of this is taking place inside small fragile copper tubes located inside this evaporator coil. Dehumidification also takes place here, where water is collected and drained out. **These drains can get clogged and need regular attention too.** It then returns to the compressor to begin its trip all over again.

This evaporator coil also has many fragile aluminum fins to help in the transfer of heat with the surrounding air. **This portion needs to be very clean as well!** This is why clean filters are so important!

This heat transfer process continues over and over and over until the room reaches the temperature that you tell it you want at the thermostat. The thermostat senses that the temperature has reached the right setting and turns off the air conditioner. As the room warms up, the thermostat turns the air conditioner back on until the room reaches the temperature.

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Negley News, September 2012

We are back to school in full swing. It was great to see all the new and familiar faces at Back To School Night and Set Sail in the Park. A BIG thank to the Plum Creek Fellowship Church for helping us with food and volunteers at the park. We invite you to be a part of our September events, but please do not forget, any event where you will be entering the building you will need your state ID. Thank you for your help in keeping Negley a safe school.

September school events:

9/7-Grandparents Lunch. Calling all grandparents, we would like to celebrate Grandparent's Day by inviting you to each lunch with your grandchild(ren). Please contact child's teacher for lunch times.

9/10-6:30 pm General PTA meeting. This year the PTA will have a specific program for each general meeting that will include activities for children for adults attending. We encourage all relatives, teacher, and community members to become a part of our PTA. If you would like more information, please visit the Negley PTA website <http://negley.my-pta.org/> or ask to be a Friend on Facebook.

9/11-5-8 pm PTA Chick-Fil-A spirit night. We do our best NOT to have door to door fundraisers. Instead we partner with local businesses to help raise funds for our school. Please consider eating at Chick-Fil-A tonight and let them know it is for Negley. We will receive a % from each sale.

9/14-Show your Negley SPIRIT and wear your favorite FOOTBALL Team colors or jersey.

9/20-6:30 1st grade parent reading night. The first grade teachers would like to invite all first grade parents to attend an information meeting on reading in first grade. See your child's teacher if you have any questions.

9/21-6:30 PTA Family FUN Movie Night. Come enjoy a family night watching The Lorax with other Negley families. Look for details on the website and Facebook.

9/25-Fall Pictures. SAY cheese. Pricing information will be coming home with every student.

9/27-Open House. Please join us for Open House and see what your child has been working on for the first moth of school.

Future dates:

10/3 Walk to school Day

10/15 3-4 pm PTA afterschool meeting

10/26 6:30 Family FUN Game Night

10/31 Storybook Character day

Dates and times are subject to change. Please refer to the Negley calendar on our school website <http://www.hayscisd.net/Negley.cfm> for updated information.

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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.

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

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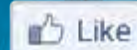
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the ends are just above ground level or add boots or shoes. Tie the trousers to the stake using the back belt loop. Trousers are easier than a skirt, but if you have an old pair of boots, a skirt is fun. It moves in the breeze, making it a more effective 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!



Austin Community College (ACC) HAYS GROUNDBREAKING RECAP

On June 27th, more than 800 community leaders, students and residents of Hays County attended the Austin Community College (ACC) Hays campus groundbreaking event which took place in Plum Creek at the Hays CISD Performing Arts Center. In a program leading up to the ceremonial groundbreaking, leaders representing the college and the Buda and Kyle communities spoke about the effort to bring ACC to Hays County, and the economic and educational benefits that the campus will bring to the area.

Not only will the 88,300 square foot, three-story facility offer an affordable and convenient education for HCISD students, but it will also offer technical training programs that are specifically designed to support the Hays County community and the local economy. These career training programs will help develop a work force that is capable and well-versed in the industries that already exist and are growing up in the Kyle and Buda areas – including health sciences, business studies, computer networking and security, fire protection technology and child development.

“The addition of this campus will [also] be an economic driver in attracting quality companies, jobs and amenities to support the

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needs of the continually increasing population of our community,” said Ray Hernandez, the executive director of the Kyle Area Chamber of Commerce.


Facilities that will be offered at the new campus include a comprehensive student services suite, a learning lab with free tutoring, computer science labs, biology and chemistry labs, a fully outfitted library, and a student commons area. Hays CISD voters approved annexation into the ACC District in November 2010, and construction on the campus began this summer. The campus is scheduled to open in time for the spring 2014 semester.



Taking Care Of Our Trees

It is time to trim the trees of Plum Creek. If you have a tree that is over a side walk or blocking a stop sign, please trim it to the suggested height. Trees over the side walk need to be trimmed to 8 feet and trees blocking stop signs or any other street signs need to be trimmed so that the signs are visible for all drivers and the trees do not hit HISD’s school busses. We have been contacted by the school district, informing us that if the trees are not trimmed so that their busses do not get hit, they will cease to pick up kids from Plum Creek. So lets work together as a community and get these trees trimmed.





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Kyle City Manager Presents *2012-2013 City Budget to Council*

Kyle City Manager Lanny Lambert presented his Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2012-13 totaling \$41.6 million to the City Council at the August 1, Special Called meeting. The budget as proposed allows for all City programs and services to continue at their current levels and does not provide for any new employees, programs, equipment, or facilities.

The proposed budget includes a proposal to increase property taxes by \$0.0399 to \$0.5244 per \$100 of valuation. The additional revenue generated by the tax increase is estimated to raise an additional \$554,668 and will fund increases in the City's debt service obligations, additional funding requirements brought on increases in fuel, public safety and personnel costs. Additionally, the tax increase will allow the City to decrease the amount of money transferred from the City owned water utility by \$300,000, create an "Emergency Reserve Fund" as called for the City's new Debt Management Policy by funding \$350,000 into the fund, and allow for a 3.5% cost of living adjustment for City employees.

The City Council will be hearing presentations from City staff and taking public input during a series of workshops and special meeting in the months of August and September.

The Public Hearings will be conducted as part of the Budget Workshops (special called and regular meetings) of the Kyle City Council on the City's proposed Fiscal Year 2012-13 Annual Budget, Property Tax Rates, Fees & Charges, and Water/Wastewater Rates at the Kyle City Hall,

100 West Center Street, Kyle, Texas, on the following dates and time:

- Budget Workshop #1: Wednesday, August 1, 2012, 7:00 p.m., City Hall
- Budget Workshop #2: Thursday, August, 2, 2012, 7:00 p.m., City Hall
- Budget Workshop #3: Wednesday, August 8, 2012, 7:00 p.m., City Hall
- Budget Workshop #4: Wednesday, August 15, 2012, 7:00 p.m., City Hall
- Budget Workshop #5: Thursday, August 23, 2012, 7:00 p.m., City Hall
- Budget Workshop #6: Tuesday, September 4, 2012, 7:00 p.m., City Hall (1st Reading)
- Budget Workshop #7: Wednesday, September 5, 2012, 7:00 p.m., City Hall (2nd Reading)

All interested parties are invited to attend the public hearings and provide their comments to the City Council. Electronic copy of the City's proposed Fiscal Year 2012-13 Annual Budget document will be made available on the City's website beginning August 2, 2012. Paper copy of the proposed budget for public inspection will be available also beginning August 2, 2012 during business hours Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Friday (except on a City holiday) at the Kyle City Hall, 100 West Center Street,

Strawberry Lemonade

Ingredients:

1 pint strawberries
8 tablespoons plus 2 teaspoons superfine sugar
8 tablespoons freshly squeezed lemon juice
Seltzer water

Directions:

Puree strawberries and 2 teaspoons sugar in a blender. Set out two glasses, and spoon 3 tablespoons of the resulting strawberry puree, 4 tablespoons sugar, and 4 tablespoons lemon juice into each glass. Stir the lemonade, and add ice. Top off the glasses with seltzer water. Add more sugar if desired.



Sip & Sew starts this Fall

September 11th at 6:30 pm at community Center
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