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The 12th Annual Front Porch Days is almost here. Front Porch Days is a huge gathering each year in May and includes music, a pie baking contest, petting zoo, pony rides, inflatables, barrel train, Texas Skate Team demo, local organizations, vendors, crafts, food, and more.

All of 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 washers tournament, golf tournament, 10K, 5K, or fun run. This year, the majority of events, including the Music Festival, will occur on Sunday, May 5th and take place at Fergus Park.

### SCHEDULE OF TIMED EVENTS

#### SATURDAY, MAY 4TH:

- 8AM: 8th Annual Golf Tournament, PC Golf Course.
- Register online www.frontporchdays.com and www.active. com
- 10AM: 5th Annual Plum Creek Garden Tour, Fergus Park

#### SUNDAY, MAY 5TH:

- 7AM: 8th Annual Plum Creek 10K, 5K and Kids' Fun Run, Negley Elem.
- Register online @ www.frontporchdays.com
- 12th Annual Front Porch Days from Noon to 3PM
- 8th Annual Plum Creek Music Festival from Noon to 3PM
- · Pie Baking Contest @ 1PM, PC Community Center
- Kyle United Methodist Church Kids Washers Tournament @ 1PM

Visit www.frontporchdays.com for details and event updates!

#### **'Rock The Porch"** Kicks off at Front Porch Days

At this year's Front Porch Days, Plum Creek is kicking off "Rock the Porch," a new public art initiative that will beautify and enhance the neighborhood and the greater Kyle community. Similar to the Cow Parade of Chicago and Guitar Town up in Austin, "Rock the Porch" will manifest in the creation of approximately 15 artistic rocking chairs (or iterations of a rocking chair) that will be placed in the public spaces of Plum Creek, like on the fishing pier or in the dog park, and within the greater Kyle community.

We're currently looking for artists, groups and individuals with an innovative or creative streak to participate in the initiative, so the pieces will be unique (maybe even a little weird) and tailored to the areas in which they will be placed. Think something like a furcovered chair for the dog park, or a rocking chair that looks more like a children's playscape than an actual chair. Come see us at the "Rock the Porch" booth at Front Porch Days where we'll have an example chair on display for inspiration, and mini rocking chairs, which families can purchase, decorate at Front Porch Days and take home. All the proceeds from the mini chairs will benefit Kyle-area charity Hope and Love for Kids.

Do you think you'd be a good candidate for "Rock the Porch"? Know someone else who would? Let us know by emailing kelsey@lookthinkmake.com for an application and more information. So come visit us at Front Porch Days on May 5th, and let the creativity flow!

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### Golden Egg Winners for the 2013 Easter Egg Hunt!

Big congratulations to all of the golden egg winners!!

- Ages 0 to 3
- Cole Daley
- Ages 4 to 6
- Abbie Marcionetti and Jackson Jewel
- Ages 7 to 9
  - Taylor Gleason and Scout Hilt
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### Bake a Pie for Front Porch Days!



If you've got the best pie baking skills in Plum Creek, Kyle, or Hays County, compete in the Front Porch Days Pie Baking Contest. Simply, drop off your baked pies between Noon and 1PM on Sunday, May 5th at the Plum Creek Community Center.

Label the bottom of your pie dish with your name, address, email, phone number, and name of pie. Judging begins at 1PM, and the empty pie plates and prizes will be ready for pick-up about 3:00PM, as the event ends.

The pies will be sampled, judged, and thoroughly enjoyed! Prizes awarded for appearance, taste, and originality. Thanks for participating! *HAPPY BAKING*!

# JOIN US FOR THE 5TH ANNUAL FRONT PORCH DAYS WASHERS TOURNAMENT

By Sean Clae

The Fourth Annual Kyle United Methodist Church Washers Tournament is going to be held during Front Porch Days on May 5, 2013.

We're looking for up to 24 teams of two (\$30 per team), and you could win some serious cash for having some serious fun. First place is 35% of the entry fees, second is 15%, and third place will win a fantastic yet-to-be announced non-monetary prize. For official rules and regulations please visit www.frontporchdays.com and follow the link to the Washers Tournament. Please contact Sean Claes (KUMC Communications Chair) via email atseanclaes@seanclaes.com or call 512-787-0308 with any questions.

Early registration is appreciated. Please submit payment and completed form to Kyle United Methodist Church, 408 W. Lockhart Street, Kyle, Texas 78640. Registration payment on day of tournament is cash only.



# GARDEN TOUR

Set for May 4th at 10AM

Please join us on Saturday, May 4th at Fergus Park at 10AM for a tour of gardens in Plum Creek. Questions are encouraged at each and every garden. Learn from your neighbors and see what you can grow in your own backyard. The whole family is welcome to attend and learn. If you have any questions, please email the Suzanne Parr at landscape@plumcreektxhoa.com.



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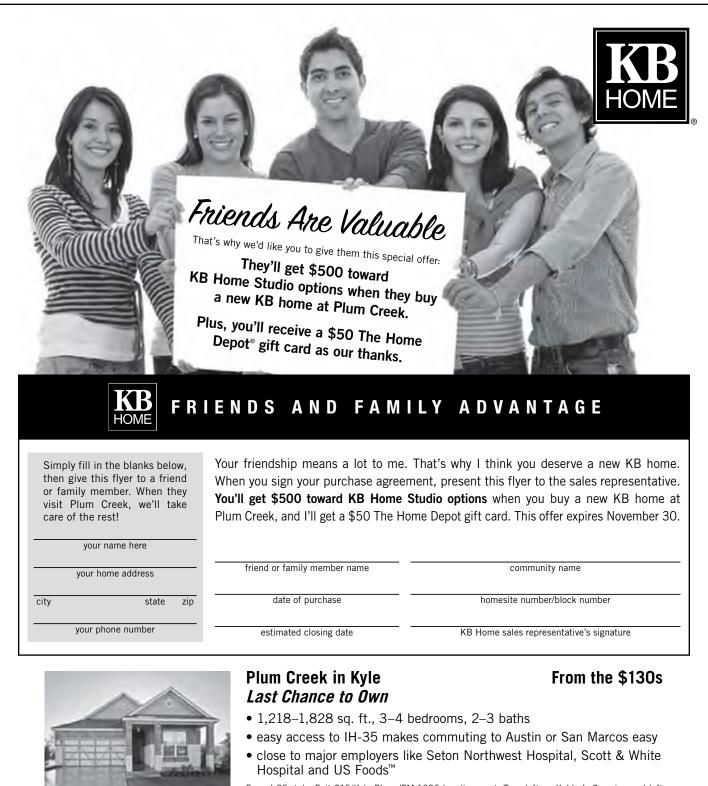
Tress leafing out, flowers blooming, grass turning green. How does your yard look? How does your neighbor's yard look?

The landscaping committee needs nominations for YARD OF THE MONTH. Nominate yourself or any yard you admire by just sending the address to landscape@plumcreektx. hoa.com. The landscaping committee will be judging yards FROM NOMINATIONS ONLY the first week of April, May, and June.

Winners receive gift cards and a sign to proudly display in their yard. So what are you waiting for? Nominate a yard.

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# CONTROLYOUR WEIGHT, MINIMIZE CANCER RISK

Controlling weight can help a person reduce the risk of cancer, said an oncologist from the NCI-designated Dan L. Duncan Cancer Center at Baylor College of Medicine.

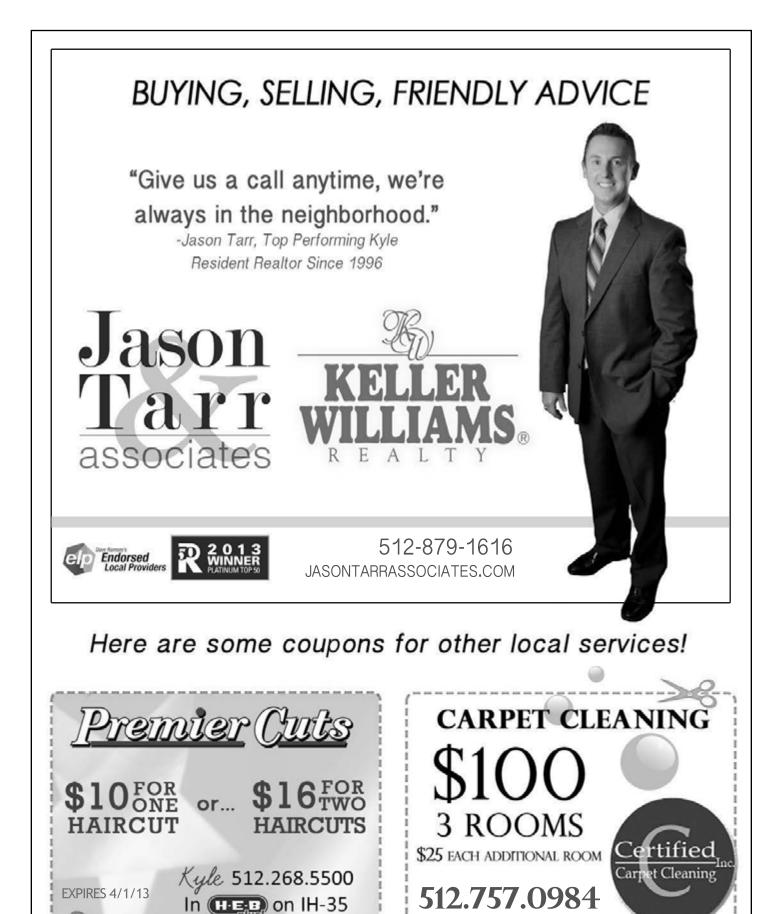
"We do not know exactly how and why obesity affects cancer risk, but we know there is an increase, so it is important for everyone to control their weight to minimize this risk," said Dr. Kent Osborne, director of the Duncan Cancer Center and the Lester and Sue Smith Breast Center, both at BCM.

Research has linked obesity to a greater risk of developing esophageal, pancreatic, colorectal, breast, endometrial, kidney, thyroid and gallbladder cancer, Osborne said.

In some cancers like breast cancer, there is also an increase in the risk of recurrence if a patient already has the cancer and is obese.

Many other factors, such as genetics, may play a role in cancer development, but keeping a normal weight is one thing people can change and it may help, he said.





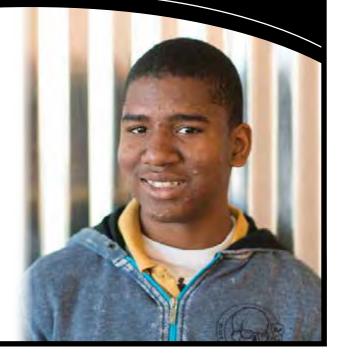
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Marcus is a smart, funny and passionate young man. He is a thinker and a planner who likes to explore new ideas and gain knowledge. He likes to write and listen to rap music. Marcus craves acceptance and responds well to positive attention from adults. He is determined to have a bright future and works hard to reach his academic potential.

Marcus wants very much to be adopted so that he can have a family to love and support him in the future. His adoptive family needs to be nurturing, firm, patient and willing to provide him with much needed one-on-one attention. Marcus will do best in a family with older children and one with parents that can help build his self-esteem while encouraging him to discover his strengths and find his place in the world.

For more information on Marcus, please contact Stephanie Berka at the Adoption Coalition of Texas by email stephanieberka@adopttexas.org or by phone: 512-450-8750.



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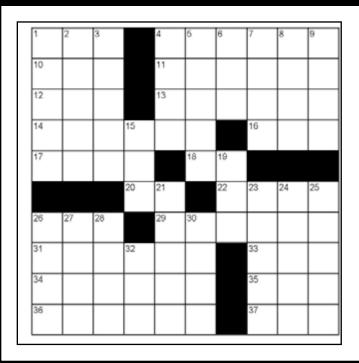
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- 2. Sleep disorder
- 3. Biblical outcast
- 4. Casing
- 5. Money
- 12. Gross national product (abbr.) 6. Tree
- 13. Plan

Sensibility"

4. Asks for legally

- 14. More humble
- 16. Swab

11. Author of "Sense and

- 18. Education (abbr.)
- 20. Headquarters (abbr.)
- 22. Cool
- 26. Poisonous snake
- 29. African country
- 31. Penzoil is this (2 wds.)
- 33. MD
- 34. Build
- 35. Kimono sash
- 36. Walk quietly
- 37. Misty

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- 30. Rejoicing
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