

# POST

The Official Newsletter of the Plum Creek Homeowner Association December 2013
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# Santa Claus is Coming to Plum Creek

#### Saturday, December 14th · 9am to 1pm · 450 Haupt

Don't fight the lines at the mall for Santa pictures. Come by the Haupt Community Center on Saturday, December 14th to get your picture taken with Santa. Families are welcome or just kiddos. While you are waiting, do some Christmas shopping from local vendors. The event runs from 9am to 1pm.

## **Santa Photos and Donation to Hays County Area Food Bank:**

Digital photos will be taken by the Recreation Committee and printed for you to pick up. You are welcome to snap some photos on your own, too Since this is the season of giving, we ask that everyone bring a donation of canned foods to give to the Hays County Area Food Bank. Check donations made out to the Hays County Area Food Bank will be accepted, as well.

#### **Decorate Community Christmas Tree:**

If you would like to decorate our community Christmas tree, please bring one ornament per family to place on the tree. Feel free to have a family picture or your names on the ornament. We will continue to add to the tree each year as we watch our community family grow.

#### **Vendor Space Available:**

If you would like to have a table at the event that day, the table

fee is \$10. Checks should be made payable to the Hays County Area Food Bank. Space is limited and first come, first serve.

#### **Donation to Hays-Caldwell Women's Center:**

Additionally, this year Plum Creek will also be accepting donations for the Hays- Caldwell Women's Center (HCWC). You can donate items from the list from December 2nd –13th at the Plum Creek HOA office during office hours. On December 14th, you can bring donations to the community center. HCWC will accept the following items:

- Towels or Wash Cloths
- New Women's Bras or Panties
- New Children's Underwear
- Women's or Children's Sneakers
- Sweat Pants/ Sweat Shirts
- New Pillows and Sheets
- Twin-sized Blankets/ Comforters
- Bath & Laundry Baskets
- Holiday Gift Wrap
- HEB or Wal-Mart Gift Cards

For questions or to reserve a vendor space, please call Brandee Otto at 512-557-2728 or email questions to recreation@ plumcreektxhoa.com. See you and Santa on December 14th from 9AM to 1PM!!!



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### Hays Free Press Article Correction

The October 31 edition of the Hays Free Press included an article describing a presentation made at the October 22 City Council meeting regarding the potential use of a Public Improvement District ("PID") to assist in the financing of the remaining undeveloped portions of Plum Creek. As this is an approach which the City of Kyle has not utilized previously, we wanted to make sure that all of Plum Creek's existing residents and businesses had a full understanding of how the PID would impact them.

Under the proposed plan presented by Plum Creek, the use of the PID for the remaining portions of Plum Creek would involve the following:

- No financial obligations to any existing Plum Creek residents or businesses
- No financial obligations to the City of Kyle
- No reduction in tax revenues for the City of Kyle
- No additional assessments will be put on any existing homes or businesses

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## Orchard Park of Kyle

Assisted Living & Memory Care

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#### Orchard Park of Kyle Assisted Living

Orchard Park of Kyle Assisted Living is a special combination of housing, personalized support services and health care designed to meet the individual needs of persons who need help with activities of daily living. Services include assistance with medication administration, dressing, grooming, bathing, toileting, shopping,

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#### New Care For Seniors with Alzheimer's and Dementia in Hays County

There is something new in Alzheimer's and Dementia Care coming for seniors in Hays County with the opening of Orchard Park Assisted Living and Memory Care in Kyle Texas. At Orchard Park they will be unveiling the "Memories in the Making" Memory Care program. This program is based on a resident centered approach of validation. While there are many good programs that deal with Alzheimer's and Dementia the Memories in the Making program is focused on training our staff members and family members around Validation Therapy.

The best way to describe "Validation Therapy" is to say that with Validation the caregiver allows the person with dementia to be heard. To validate someone is to say that his or her feelings are genuine, powerful and deserve to be heard, understood and accepted. To validate someone is also to show that his or her thoughts, opinions and special memories are important and deserve attention and respect.

To validate a disoriented older person, is to do these things with empathy while using specific learned principles and techniques. It also employs assisting that person to relieve pent up emotions, express their inner needs and resolve unfinished life tasks. We at Orchard Park believe it to be a powerful philosophy of care for our residents with dementia.

Naomi Feil, M.S.W., A.C.S.W., is the Executive Director of the Validation Training Institute, in Cleveland, Ohio. She is the creator of Validation Therapy, which is currently recognized as a state-of-theart method for treatment of older people diagnosed with having dementia or related disorders. She is internationally recognized for her work with older people and is a sought after trainer in the field of dementia care. Mrs. Feil continues to conduct work shops in North America, Japan, Europe and Australia.

Steve Catoe the with Meridian Senior Living will be training

caregivers and family members on how to use this new approach. Currently Steve has advance training in Validation Therapy. He will then begin actual hands on training with caregivers at Orchard Park before the Memory Care opens at the end of October 2013. He feels the name "Memories in the Making" best describes the approach our trained staff will use in helping our residents.

"One of our core values at Orchard Park is respect for our residents that call our communities their home." says Steve Catoe. He also states "Respect can be shown in many ways but we believe that the older person with dementia deserves special attention in regards to retaining their dignity. Our priority is on-going training for our staff of loving care givers and assisting them in employing Validation techniques on a daily basis when working with our Memory Care residents. Call Orchard Park for more information 512-920-6400.



## Judging for the Lights Contest Begins on Saturday, December 7th

Beginning Saturday, December 7th, the PC Landscape Committee will judge the holiday lights of Plum Creek. With three categories, everyone can get into the spirit of the season.

Our first category is Traditional, which includes the simpler designs of house trimming and lots of greenery. It's the classic winter wonderland and Christmas of old with 1st, 2nd, or 3rd awarded!

Next, we encounter the Religious category, which embraces all major religious holidays. These holidays include Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and more. We award 1st place only.

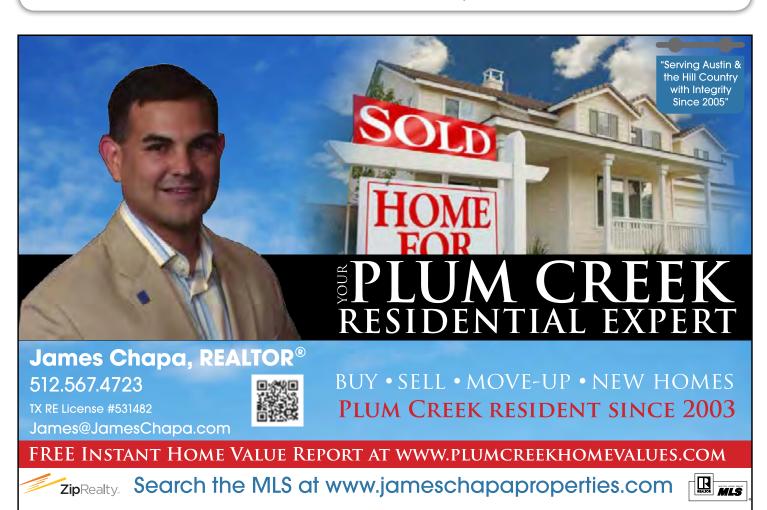
In the Novelty category, you can run amuck! This category

accepts all of the rest! Once again, you can receive 1st, 2nd, or 3rd.

Judging begins the night of Saturday, December 7th at 6PM and runs through the night of Saturday, December 16th. Winners receive a gift card and sign in their yard through the holidays and will be announced in the PC eNews in December and the February PC Post newsletter.

Feel free to nominate your own home or your neighbor! Just email landscape@plumcreektxhoa.com.

Remember, have your decorations up and lights shining by Saturday, December 7th at 6PM and every night at that time until Saturday, December 16th!



## **HOOTENANNY RACE RESULTS**

On Saturday, October 12th, the 7th Annual Hootenanny on the Hill hosted races. The races started on Fairway, between Haupt and Hartson and looped through Plum Creek. Thanks to all the sponsors: Seton Medical Center Hays, Bigelow Homes, Bread Basket, Live Oak Medical Partners, Plum Creek Self Storage, Walgreens, ACC, First Lockhart Bank, Hines Pool & Spa, Homes By AVI and many others. Thanks to all the amazing volunteers for their time and organizational efforts.



## Here are the top 5 men and women in the 5k and 10k races:

#### **5K MEN**

Carl Rindahl Ryan Halley Steve Barraco Randy Aviles Neil Stout

#### **5K WOMEN**

Mariah Gaitan Izel Gaitan Brooklyn Moser Rachel Bickford Cristine Barger

#### 10K MEN

Eric Collier Mathew Slater Arnold Kimball Eric Rindahl Blake Gruver

#### **10K WOMEN**

Silvia Clark Jessica Paz Denise Lewis Holly Scudder Lindsey Sandefur

Thanks to all the race participants! We hope to see you again next year. Visit us on the website: www.hootenannyonthehill.com.



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	BRISKET		
	соок	TEAM	
1st	Jeremy Fuchs	Beaner Schnitzel Cookers	
2nd	Kelly Evers	Creekside Cookers	
3rd	Trent Bertram	Blood Sweat & Beers	
4th	Garrett Brown	Brown's	
5th	Richard Anzablua	Red Raider Smokers	
6th	Dwayne Gorneau	Q4U	
7th	Jason Jones	Hill Country Smoke	
8th	Brent Barrett	Brudinlaw BBQ	
9th	Unclaimed	NA	
10th	Lloyd Gasey	Up in Smoke	

	RIBS		
	COOK	TEAM	
1st	Richard Anzablua	Red Raider Smokers	
2nd	Kelly Evers	Creekside Cookers	
3rd	Garrett Brown	Brown's	
4th	Jeremy Fuchs	Beaner-Schnitzel Cookers	
5th	Dwayne Gorneau	Q4U	
6th	Lloyd Gasey	Up in Smoke	
7th	Angelo Guiterrez		
8th	Brent Barrett	Brudinlaw BBQ	
9th	Stoney Wimberley	No Name Cookers	
10th	Mike Parrish	Double M BBQ	

	CHICKEN		
	COOK	TEAM	
1st	Reid Fairbanks	Team 137	
2nd	Kelly Evers	Creekside Cookers	
3rd	Franky Falcon	Smokin' Across Texas	
4th	Brian Brown	That's Good BBQ	
5th	Trent Bertram	Blood Sweat & Beers	
6th	Shane Sanders	Whiskey Tango BBQ	
7th	Joseph Corona	Life's A Beach	
8th	Tony Genovesi	Lefty's BBQ	
9th	Brent Barrett	Brudinlaw BBQ	
10th	Dwayne Gorneau	Q4U	

	COOK'S CHOICE		
	соок	TEAM	
1st	Kelly Evers	Creekside Cookers	
2nd	Mark Gibson	Blood Sweat & Beers	
3rd	Garrett Brown	Brown's	
4th	Richard Anzablua	Red Raider Smokers	
5th	Mike Minick	Whiskey Tango BBQ	
6th	Minette Hatt	Command Post BBQ	
7th	Gabriel Becerra	Beaner-Schnitzel Cookers	
8th	Reid Fairbanks	Team 137	
9th	Eric Lener	All Lit Up	
10th	Joseph Corona	Life's A Beach	

	BEANS		
	COOK	TEAM	
1st	Garrett Brown	Brown's	
2nd	Jeremy Fuchs	Beaner-Schnitzel Cookers	
3rd	Shane Sanders	Whiskey Tango BBQ	
4th	Trent Bertram	Blood Sweat & Beers	
5th	Brian Brown	That's Good BBQ	
6th	Dwayne Gorneau	Q4U	
7th	Mari Parra	Red Raider Smokers	
8th	Joseph Corona	Life's A Beach	
9th	Jeremy Castro	Team 137	
10th	Kelly Evers	Creekside Cookers	

	CHILI		
	COOK	TEAM	
1st	Madeline Bishop	Queen Beef & Wanna Beans	
2nd	William Kinkead	Wylde Bill	
3rd	Adam Burch	Brudinlaw BBQ	
4th	Mike Parrish	Double M BBQ	
5th	Shane Sanders	Whiskey Tango BBQ	
6th	Dwayne Gorneau	Q4U	
7th	Kelly Evers	Creekside Cookers	
8th	Garrett Brown	Brown's	
9th	Kim Walker	Team 137	
10th	Stoney Wimberley	No Name Cookers	

	POTATO SALAD		
	COOK	TEAM	
1st	Trent Bertram	Blood Sweat & Beers	
2nd	Celeste Minick	Whiskey Tango BBQ	
3rd	Joseph Corona	Life's A Beach	
4th	Stacy Fairbanks	Team 137	
5th	Kristian Stewart	No Name Cookers	
6th	Brian Brown	That's Good BBQ	
7th	Becky Underwood	Team Solo	
8th	Mike Parrish	Double M BBQ	
9th	Garrett Brown	Brown's	
10th	Kelly Evers	Creekside Cookers	

	DESSERT		
	COOK	TEAM	
1st	Trent Bertram	Blood Sweat & Beers	
2nd	Kelly Evers	Creekside Cookers	
3rd	Reid Fairbanks	Team 137	
4th	Gina Champion	Double M BBQ	
5th	Michelle Ducote	Ducote Does Desserts	
6th	Stoney Wimberley	No Name Cookers	
7th	Kiara Benavides	The Muff Munchers	
8th	Joseph Corona	Life's A Beach	
9th	Celest Minick	Whiskey Tango BBQ	
10th	Garrett Brown	Brown's	

	OVERALL CHAMPIONS		
Granc	Grand Champion Kelly Evers Creekside Cooker		
Reserv	e Champion Jerem	y Fuchs Beaner-Schnitzle	
3rd	Richard Anzablua	Red Raiders BBQ	
4th	Garrett Brown	Brown's	
5th	Trent Bertram	Blood Sweat & Beers	
6th	Dwayne Gorneau	Q4U	
7th	Reid Fairbanks	Team 137	
8th	Brent Barrett	Brudinlaw BBQ	
9th	Lloyd Gasey	Up in Smoke	
10th	Jason Jones	Hill Country Smoke	

Thanks to all of our sponsors like Seton Medical Center Hays and Bigelow Homes, and many other sponsors, volunteers and BBQ contest participants for making this a great event.

#### REINDEER NOSES SIMPLY, YUMMY TREAT

This recipe is so simple and so yummy! Basically, you need M&M's in Christmas or Winter colors, Hershey Kisses, and round pretzels. They are salty, sweet, and addictive! Plus, the kids can help, too.



Preheat your oven to 225 degrees. Cover a cookie sheet with the round pretzels but make sure they lay flat.

Unwrap lots of kisses. Place one kiss in each pretzel. Then, put the cookie sheet in the oven for about 3 minutes...just long enough for the chocolate to soften. You want them to be soft enough to mush but still hold their shape when you look at them. If you leave them in too long, they dry out and harden. Put one M&M into each kiss. Let the chocolate cool and setup. You can place in the fridge to speed up the process, too. Some variations include using square pretzels in lieu of round ones or using rolos or Hershey Hugs (the striped kisses). The Candy Cane Hugs seem to be a favorite! Enjoy!

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## 8TH ANNUAL PLUM CREEK SEED & STOMP AND SCARECROW & PUMPKIN CONTEST WINNERS!

By Christina Baese

Thanks to everyone who participated or volunteered at the 8th Annual Seed & Stomp and Scarecrow Contest. We spread about 15 pounds of seed, created 31 scarecrows, made 80 pinecone birdfeeders, and enjoyed just 1 decorated (but completely awesome!) pumpkin. So, thanks for another great year and looking forward to next time and spring flowers! Also, hope everyone enjoyed the Skull and Spooky House Hay Bales, as much as we did making them.



PUMPKIN CONTEST BEST OVERALL
The Claes 4 for Papa Smurf



SCARECROW CONTEST BEST OVERALL Mrs. Vasquez' 1st Grade for Skippyjon Jones

MOST TRADITIONAL	
1st	Mrs. Sparks' Kindergarten for Mrs. Sparks & her Flock of Crows
2nd	Ms. Segovia's 3rd Grade for Wizard of Oz Scarecrow
3rd	Mrs. Corn's Kindergarten for Spiderman
4th	Mrs. Swearingen's 1st Grade for Swearingen Superhero Transformer

MOST HUMOROUS	
1st	The Schiesler Family for Ghostbuster and Slimer
2nd	The Claes 4 for Fred Flintstone
3rd	Ms. Iverson's 4th Grade for the Clown Scarecrow

		MINION AWARD
1s	t	Mrs. Zachary's 3rd Grade for The Three Minions
2n	ıd	Ms. Meyer's 3rd Grade for Yellow Minion
3r	d	Mrs. Steubing's 1st Grade for the Evil Purple Minion

## JUMPSTART & RESOLUTIONS







#### **HAYS COMMUNITIES YMCA**

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The New Year is a time for new beginnings and an opportunity to set goals that will strengthen your spirit, mind and body.

Reach your new resolutions with us at the Y starting today!

### PLUM CREEK POST

	MOST CREATIVE / ORIGINAL		
1st	Mrs. Secrest's Kindergarten for Halloween Humpty		
2nd	Mr. White's 4th Grade for Rubik's Cube		

MOST BEAUTIFUL		
1st	Mrs. Farmer's Kindergarten for Farmer's Farmer Girl	
2nd	The Born Family for Starlight Sparkle	
3rd	Mrs. Snead's 1st Grade for Fancy Nancy	
4th	The Butler Family for Flower Girl	

SPOOKY SCARECROW		
1st	Mrs. Stapp's 2nd Grade for Bunnicula	
2nd	Mrs. Maddux's 4th Grade for Tonto	
3rd	Ms. McGehee PALS Class for the Pirate Scarecrow	
4th	Ms. Shuler's 3rd Grade for Mummy Scarecrow	

BEST CHARACTER SCARECROW		
1st	Ms. Starnes' 3rd Grade for Jack Skellington and Zero	
2nd	Ms. George's 4th Grade for Yoda	
3rd	Ms. Galow's 3rd Grade for Snoopy	
4th	Mrs. Williamson's 2nd Grade for Harry Potter	

BEST HALLOWEEN SCARECROW		
1st	Mrs. Mireles' Kindergarten for Jack-O-Lantern	
2nd	Ms. Moore's 2nd Grade for "Dave" the Headless Horseman	
	the Headless Horseman	

BEST ANIMAL AWARD		
1st	Ms. Kromer's 2nd Grade for Boo Kitty	
2nd	Mrs. Gripp's 2nd Grade for Colorful Creepy Crawly	
3rd	Ms. Hebert's 1st Grade for Charlotte of Negula	
4th	Mrs. Thomason's 1st Grade for Jack, the Juggling Jungle Friend	





## ATTHE FENCE

#### Sip and Sew

Sit back......Take a deep breath and enjoy an evening with the individuals of sip and sew. Bring a project to complete or bring a previous holiday creation to share as ideas for the holidays! We will enjoy holiday treats and sip and sew. Always the second tuesday of the month, tuesday december 10th, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

In the Fergus Community Center. If you have questions, please call: iris sandle - 405-0054 or sandra sigler - 405-0187

#### **Vertical Mulching to Help Your Trees**

Thanks to Resident Valerie Marburger for this great information on Vertical Mulching:

Our trees are taking a beating due to the drought. Have you ever heard of vertical mulching? It's a way to get essential organic matter down to the roots at the drip line of the tree. Simply stated, you loosen the soil around the drip line of the tree and introduce organic matter down several inches. The internet has several articles about this including a 4 minute video at: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PALLQQVTRKg

#### Golfers, did you know?

Plum Creek HOA Residents get a discount at the Plum Creek Golf Course. You need to present your Plum Creek recreational id to receive the discount. Call the golf course at 512-262-5555 for more information.

#### **Street Parking**

The streets can easily become crowded with extra vehicles. Please use your driveway and garage for as many vehicles as possible. If you have more than two vehicles and need to park on the street, make sure not to block access to a neighbor's mailbox. Blocking a neighbor's mailbox on a regular basis can prohibit

their mail from being delivered regularly. Also, be courteous to neighbors and try not to block the entire front of their house. Your neighbors have friends and family that want to visit them also. Remember to be courteous with your neighbors and feel free to discuss parking issues directly with your neighbors.

#### **Plum Creek office- Closed for Holidays**

The Plum Creek HOA office will close at 12 pm on 12/24 and will re-open on Monday December 30th at 9 am.

The Plum Creek HOA office will be closed on New Year's Day.

#### **Plum Creek HOA Office Hours:**

Monday - Friday 9 am to 5 pm

There are times we have to leave the office to run errands on property. Contact numbers are posted on the office door.

## Fantastic Nanny Available in Plum Creek/Kyle Area:

Certified and licensed elementary education teacher with 10+ years of child-care experience, seeking full-time nanny position. Recently graduated from Texas State University with summa cum laude honors in early childhood education. Available to start in Jan 2014 and is looking NOW. Extensively experienced with infants, toddlers and children. Also experienced working with children with disabilities. CPR and First Aid Certified. Extensive references from previous employers available. I have transportation and a clean driving record. Willing to do errands and housekeeping as needed. Intelligent, kind, compassionate, flexible, hard-worker.

Contact Celia Christiansen at cc1850@txstate.edu

## Plum Creek Resident Accepted to Perform in Ballet Austin's The Nutcracker

Kennedy Clement, 9, of Plum Creek has been accepted to perform in Ballet Austin's The Nutcracker. Kennedy will join Ballet Austin to dance the role of an Angel. Students are selected to dance the roles of Clara, Fritz, Party Children, Mice, Angels, Cavalry, Rats, Bon

Bons and as Chinese Dancers in the production. Each child trains year-round at Ballet Austin Academy, an integral part of the Butler Dance Education Center. Congratulations Kennedy! For more information go to www.balletaustin.org.



# CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING AT HAUPT PARK

450 Haupt · December 30, 2013 through January 30, 2014

Plum Creek residents have a great option for extending the life and usefulness of their natural Christmas trees. From December 30th until January 30th, you can drop your Christmas tree at Haupt Park. The tree drop-off will be located at Haupt Park, on the Hartson side, by the group of large oak trees. A designated area will be set up after Christmas for the trees.

The City of Kyle will bring a chipper to the park and chip the trees. You can also bring tree limbs and shrubs and

these will be chipped also. The sap from the trees is too strong for many garden plants so we will recycle it under the neighborhood swings and playgrounds.

Remember to remove all hooks, tinsel, and decorations from your trees before disposing of them. Do not dispose of household trash in this location since nothing will be taken to the dump. Lastly, please do not drop trees after dark or outside the posted dates or designated area.





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