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Hootenanny on the Hill on Saturday, October 10th

**COME OUT FOR THE RACES, BBQ &
CHILI COOK OFFS, AND MORE!**

Once again, it will be a great day of family fun at the Hootenanny on the Hill! Mark your calendars for October 10th and start preparing your recipes. The event runs from 10AM to 2PM.

Just across the way, the Recreation Committee will host the 8th Annual BBQ and Chili Cook-Off at the Plum Creek Community Center and Fairway fields. The BBQ competition is IBCA Sanctioned with categories for chicken, brisket, pork spare ribs, and an open category. Other categories include beans, potato salad, and desserts! Entry fees range from \$20 to \$35. Forms are due by October 9th. Check-in occurs on Friday, October 9th at 6PM. Email Brandee Otto at brandeelotto@yahoo.com with any questions.

Hootenanny Races - 10k/ 5K/3K/1K - 7AM

Races start and finish at the Dog Park! www.tinyurl.com/2015HootRaces to register. Use code HootOnline for \$3 off each entry! Deadline for guaranteeing a shirt is October 1 so sign up soon!

In addition to the events mentioned above, some old favorites of a petting zoo, pony rides, trackless train, Hay Bale Critters and more will return from 10 AM to 2 PM. If interested in sponsorships, email Brandee Otto at brandeelotto@yahoo.com.

More information will be provided, as available, via the Plum Creek PC Post and weekly eNews. Also, check out the website at www.hootenannyonthehill.com for additional information and entry forms. As always, volunteers are needed and appreciated at all HOA events! Come out for the fun!

THE HAY BALE CRITTERS ARE BACK !!!!!

We are sorry we missed last year's Hootenanny on the Hill all the fun but are EXCITED to be back for this year's fun and games. We want everyone to come by and say HI and have a picture taken with us. WE LOVE PHOTO OPS!!!!!! We will be located near the dog park and the hiking trail across from Haupt Park.

See ya at the Hootenannyif not before (hint hint).

www.hootenannyonthehill.com

Race registration: www.tinyurl.com/2015HootRaces

Use code HootOnline for \$3 off each entry!

Sign up by Oct. 1st to guarantee shirt.

Hootenanny to you,

-HAY BALE CRITTERS



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

October 6

Kyle, TX, to join cities nationwide for "America's Night Out against Crime"

On Tuesday, October 6, our Plum Creek neighborhood will join forces with over 16,000 communities nationwide for the 32nd Annual National Night Out crime and drug prevention event.

National Night Out is designed to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness,
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime efforts,
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and law enforcement-community partnerships
- Send a message to criminals that our neighborhood is organized & fighting back.

From 5-8pm on October 6, you are asked to lock your doors, turn on your porch light, and spend the evening outside with neighbors, police, firefighters, and EMS workers. Plum Creek HOA will host 4 block parties: Haupt Park, Kirby Park, Decker Park, and McNaughton Park. Find your nearest park, invite your neighbors, and come on by.

Door prize drawings will be held throughout the evening. Games and prizes will be available for children. Kyle police, firemen, and EMS workers will be available for visiting and to show off their vehicles. ADT Security, Van Guard Safety Cameras, and other vendors will also be available at the Haupt Park Community Center from 5-8pm. Everyone is invited to bring food or drinks to share. Paper products will be provided.

National Night Out is a night for us to stand together to promote awareness, safety, neighborhood unity, and give crime and drugs a going away party!

Contact: HOA Safety & Monitoring Committee Chair, Carol Peters, 512-268-2610.

Optional: www.nationalnightout.org

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CLAIBORNE KYLE LOG HOUSE HOLDS ANNUAL FRIED CHICKEN DINNER FUNDRAISER ON SEPTEMBER 26TH

Have you ever driven down Old Stagecoach Road and yearned to check out this historic site? Now's your chance!

On Saturday, September 26th, come out to the Claiborne Kyle Log House for the Annual Fried Chicken Dinner. The Kyle Log House 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 at cb28655@earthlink.net. They could use a few helping hands!

The log house is open the first Sunday of each month after Blooms over the Blanco from 2 to 5 pm. Commission members are on hand to answer any questions and lead informal tours.

History of the Claiborne Kyle Log House

Claiborne and Lucy Bugg Kyle married in 1829 in Tennessee and moved to Texas in 1844. Kyle, a former Senator from Mississippi, relocated to Texas after experiencing some financial hardships. In

1850, they built this massive log house on a bluff overlooking the Blanco River. With help from his farm workers, he built this log house of alternating courses of cedar logs and rock grouting, square notched at the corners and secured by wooden pegs.

The Kyle Log House is a most unusual type known as the "linear four-pen dog trot" and is the only one of this type left in Texas. The home has four rooms, each about 16 feet square and lined up with two on either side of the dog trot. It housed the couple, their eight children, and one adopted son.

It is listed in the Terry Jordan book *Texas Log Cabins*, and a picture and story appear in the book *Nineteenth Century Homes*. On September 22, 1980, the Blanco River Bluffs, Inc. deeded the Kyle Log House to Hays County. A Claiborne Kyle Log House Commission was appointed to direct the restoration and maintenance of the house. On May 28, 1981, the Claiborne Kyle Log House was placed on the National Register of Historic Places. A Texas Historical Marker was dedicated in 1982.



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Lifeguards Going Off-Duty September 7th

Just a reminder to all parents/guardians and swimmers, that the lifeguards final day will be September 7th. The lifeguards will be returning to school. Residents are reminded that the age limits to go to the pool without supervision are 16 and up.

We have numerous non-compliance issues when this seasonal change occurs and many young residents get into trouble when not supervised in the pools. Please make sure that any child under the age of 16 is accompanied by an adult after the lifeguards go off duty. Your assistance in the matter is appreciated. Thanks for keeping our pools safe and enjoyable for all.

SIP AND SEW.....FERGUS COMMUNITY CENTER

Summer Time And The Living Is Easy! Sip and Sew is just thata table filled with a group of individuals enjoying sharing their talents. Maybe you need a "new idea" or want to learn how to needlepoint, crochet, knit, punch needle, rug hooking, mending or you have a project waiting to be completed. A group of talented individuals share their love of hand craft. We meet the second Tuesday of the month, September 8th, in the Fergus Community Center, 6:30 – 8:45 PM. For additional information, please contact: Iris Sandle 512-405-0054 or Sandra Sigler 512 -405-0187.

Walking Trails

Motorized vehicles are not allowed on the walking trails around the lake. Only pedestrian and bicycles traffic only. Motorized vehicles damage the trails and are dangerous for pedestrians.

Trim those trees over the sidewalks and streets. Buses need a 14 foot clearance.

Remember to park in your driveway or garage. Clean those garages to make room from vehicle parking. Street parking makes it difficult for the school buses and emergency vehicles to travel through the streets.

Community Center Reservations:

Reservations will be approved if the following items are completed:

- Reservation is entered into the online calendar: www.plumcreektxhoa.com
- Reservation form is turned into Plum Creek HOA office
- HOA account is paid current

You will need your pool key to open the gate.

Community Garage Sale on Saturday, October 3rd: The Fall Community Wide Garage Sale is October 3rd. Start cleaning out those closets and mark those calendars! Place your items in your front yard from dawn until dusk.

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FIRE ANT TREATMENT

There are numerous ways to manage fire ants, but they are often broken into two categories- broadcast treatments and individual mound treatments. Individual mound treatments are used to treat one mound at a time and can be labor intensive and may result in more pesticide being spread into the environment. Broadcast treatments will spread product (granular or bait) over a large area.

Individual mound treatments include pouring boiling water onto the mound, using insecticide mound drenches, spreading insecticide granules onto the mound and watering them in, sprinkling insecticidal dusts on top of the mound or using bait-formulated insecticides around the perimeter of the mound. There are also many "home remedies", but be advised that many of these do not kill fire ants. Many home remedies make the fire ants move to a new location (often 1-2 feet away), but do not kill the ants.

Bait-formulated insecticides most often consist of a defatted corn cob grit coated with soybean oil; the soybean oil is where the active ingredient (what kills the pest) is dissolved. Worker ants collect bait as a food source and take it back to the colony to share with other ants, including the queen. Depending on the active ingredient, the

bait may cause the queen to die or be unable to produce viable eggs, which gradually kills off the colony. When using baits, results are often slower to observe when compared to individual mound treatments, but can provide 80-90% suppression for 12-18 months. A bonus to broadcasting baits is that the amount of active ingredient is generally very small, which places less chemical into the environment.

With any pesticide treatment, read and follow all label instructions. Make sure to water in the pesticide if the label instructs to do so. Failure to water in chemicals when recommended by the label does an inadequate job of killing the ants. Baits should not be watered in or used before a rainfall event; baits will not be picked up by ants if they get wet.

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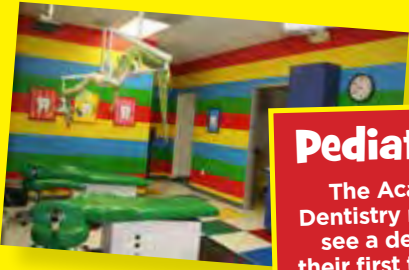
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Control Weeds: Spread Corn Gluten Meal on your lawn between 9/1 and 10/15 to control weeds. As a natural weed & feed and common



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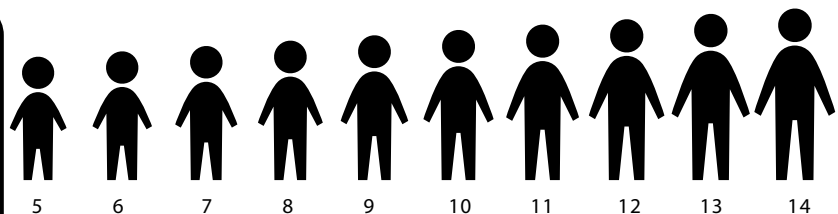
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