



# Chamber Chatter

To promote, empower, and be a valuable resource to the business community and chamber members; and to position our community as a tourism location and ideal place to live.

February 22 2010

Kyle Area Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau  
100 N. Front St. / PO Box 900  
Kyle, TX 78640

[www.KyleChamber.org](http://www.KyleChamber.org)  
512-268-4220

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### FEBRUARY 2010

**22** 11:00am – Early Voting at Kyle City Hall

**22** Hays CISD Community Education program for Spring begins – see the courses [HERE](#)

**23** All Day – NO LUNCHEON this month because of the Gala

**27** 6pm-12am - Kyle Chamber Gala on the Green, A Masquerade Ball – Plum Creek Golf Club House – Tickets on sale now! Call 268-4220 to reserve your tickets!

**27** 2:00pm – Kyle Volunteer Fire Department's Grand Opening of Miller-Whitaker Fire Station #1 & Blood Drive - 210 W. Moore Street in Downtown Kyle – Open to the public!

**27** 11:00am – Fundraiser for Ivan Medina, City staff member recently diagnosed with MS – Gregg Clarke Park

**27** 10:00am – Plum Creek Watershed Cleanup and Park Improvement Project- Steeplechase Park

### MARCH 2010

**2** 7:00am – Democratic & Republican Primary Elections – Kyle City Hall, Buda City Hall, Hays County Elections office

**4** 6:00pm – Kyle Chamber Ambassador's BASH at Centex Homes at Garlic Creek in Buda! – sponsored by Centex Homes at Garlic Creek, Arby's & Texas Ritas!

**8** 6:30pm – Public Input Meeting regarding the proposed Public Library – Kyle City Hall

**9** All Day – Free Small Business Counseling through the Texas State Small Business Development Center – Call 512-268-4220 to make your appointment!



*Cocktails \* Dinner \* Awards Ceremony \* Silent Auction \* Live Auction \* Dancing  
Black Tie & Masquerade attire encouraged but not mandatory \**

*Beverages provided*

*Less than 30 seats remain!*

*[Click Here](#) to find out more about tickets!*



## Congratulations to the 2009 Business Award Nominees!

### Small Business of the Year:

Bordeaux's Restaurant  
Clearly Classy Events  
Inn Above Onion Creek  
Peak Physical Therapy  
TrustTexas Bank  
The Winfield Inn

### Large Business of the Year:

H-E-B plus!  
Kohl's  
Seton Medical Center Hays  
Target

### Business Person of the Year:

Amy Dolan, Inn Above Onion Creek  
Blake Hartman, TrustTexas Bank  
Cory Pack, State Farm Insurance  
Jason Tarr, Great Locations Realty  
Jodi Atkinson, The Winfield Inn  
Leonard Cantu, iCantu Network, Inc.  
Mary Ann Naumann, Thunderhill Raceway  
Mike Remeny, Twin Liquors Kyle  
Ruthie Razee, Kyle Buda Eagle

### Volunteer of the Year:

Adell Hurst, Kyle Area Senior Zone  
Amy Dolan, Inn Above Onion Creek  
Blake Hartman, TrustTexas Bank  
Jim Hough, ACE Relocation Systems  
Johnell Huebner, Clearly Classy Events  
Lucy Johnson, Lucy Cage Johnson Design  
Mia Hendricks, Mia, Ink.  
Vince Collier, Encompass Lending Group

### Organization of the Year:

Central Texas Medical Center  
Hospice  
City of Kyle  
The Connection Church  
Hope & Love 4 Kids

**LAST WEEK FOR EARLY VOTING  
DEMOCRATIC & REPUBLICAN  
PRIMARY ELECTIONS**

**March 2, 2010**

[CLICK HERE](#) for polling place map!

[Kyle City Hall – 100 W. Center St., Kyle](#)

Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> – 11am-7pm

[County Elections Admin Office - 401 C  
Broadway St., San Marcos,](#)

Feb 22-26 7am-7pm

[Buda City Hall – 121 N. Main St., Buda](#)

Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup> – 11am-7pm



## Welcome to Community Education!

**H**ays Consolidated Independent School District (CISD) is proud to introduce its Community Education course catalog. We are committed to partnering with community resources to provide a range of quality and affordable educational opportunities to fulfill personal and practical aspirations for the community. We hope you will take the time to go through the catalog and choose one or several courses for your educational enrichment or just for fun!

The Spring Catalog offers courses from February 22 to May 16, 2010. Courses are available in various campuses in the districts and are identified within the class information. This semester will introduce free courses being provided by our district teachers and community members. For the first time we are offering courses not only for adults, but also for teens and children. We are grateful to all instructors, especially those that will volunteer their time to teach free classes to help make Hays CISD Community Education, "A Place Where Ideas and Dreams Connect!"

**Your community partner in life-long learning,  
Angie Mendez, Community Education  
Coordinator**

### Find a course that suits you!

- Basic Floral Centerpieces
- Practical Parenting
- Zumba Fitness
- Buying & Selling Online
- How Money Works
- Drivers Ed for Teens
- Family Finance
- Personal Safety for Women
- Know & Go (Personal Safety for Children)
- Computer Safety/Awareness for Parents
- Fundamentos de Computación (Bilingual)
- Como Funciona el Dinero (Bilingual)

### Can You Benefit From This Information?

- College Readiness
- General Equivalency Development
- English Learners Language
- Citizenship

For the online catalog visit

[www.hayscisd.net/CommunityEd/](http://www.hayscisd.net/CommunityEd/)

Register online early to ensure your course will not be filled or cancelled.

## Barbeque Benefit Benefiting Ivan Medina

Saturday, February 27, 2010

11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Gregg-Clarke Park Pavilion

\$6.00 per plate

Drive Through Service will be available.

Baked goods and drinks also on sale.

Monetary donations will be accepted.

Please make checks payable to:

"Donations for Ivan Medina"

Open to the Public **JOIN US** Open to the Public



Kyle Volunteer Fire Department will be celebrating the Grand Opening of the new  
Miller-Whitaker Fire Station #1

210 West Moore St., Kyle, TX 78640 on February 27, 2010.

Time: Ceremonies begin at 2:00pm, East parking lot, Tours until 5:00pm

Guests and Presentations

FIRE DEPARTMENT FLAG CEREMONY  
RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY  
WELCOME ADDRESS AND BLESSING  
ESD INTRODUCTION  
BUILDING COMMITTEE INTRODUCTION  
SPECIAL GUEST INTRODUCTION  
COMMEMORATIVE COIN PRESENTATION  
TOURS

Kyle Volunteer Fire Department will also be hosting a Blood Drive, on site, from 1:00pm to 4:30pm

\*\*\*Parking will be limited around the station, additional parking will be available around the square and on Center Street\*\*\*

**~PLUM CREEK WATERSHED CLEAN-UP & PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT~**

**February 27, 2010, 10:00am - 12noon**

Once a year the City of Kyle' Parks and Recreation Department organizes a *"Plum Creek Watershed Clean Up & Park Improvement Project"*. This event includes projects such as picking trash out of the creek, removing dead trees, painting, planting trees & bushes, trail building and general cleaning.

This event is co-sponsored by the State of Texas's *"Keep Texas Beautiful"* program. This event is a perfect opportunity for the civic organizations in the area to do community service projects that help the environment.

This event is open to Scout Troops, Church Groups, Home Owners Associations, School Groups and Clubs, Environmental Organizations, Sports Teams and Clubs and anyone willing to help.

*Park Department Staff will begin at 10:00am, Saturday, February 27, 2010.*



The 2010 Kyle Lions Club Fajita Fiesta & BBQ Cook-Off is scheduled for April 2nd & 3rd at City Square Park.

BBQ Cook-Off Categories include:  
IBCA Sanctioned Brisket  
IBCA Sanctioned Pork Spare Ribs  
IBCA Sanctioned Chicken

~PLUS~

Beef Fajitas, Salsa & Guacamole  
Click Below for more information:

[Registration Form](#) [Cook-Off Rules](#)

[Cook-Off Prizes](#)



## HOT ISSUES FROM IRS.GOV

### Haiti Relief Donations Qualify for Immediate Tax Relief

People who give to charities providing earthquake relief in Haiti can claim these donations on the tax return they are completing this season. Taxpayers who itemize deductions on their 2009 return qualify for this [special tax relief provision](#), enacted Jan. 22. Only cash contributions made to these charities after Jan. 11, 2010, and before March 1, 2010, are eligible. This includes contributions made by text message, check, credit card or debit card.

### Economic Recovery Payment Contact Information

Taxpayers who can't recall if they received the economic recovery payment should contact their respective agency (Social Security Administration, Veterans Affairs, or Railroad Retirement Board) for confirmation before completing and filing their 2009 tax return in 2010. The IRS will not be able to provide this information. If a taxpayer needs to know whether they got a payment they should contact their respective agency personally. Contact information is located on the [Economic Recovery Payment](#) page of IRS.gov.

### Now you can buy U.S. Series I Savings Bonds with your tax refund

Starting in January 2010, you can buy Series I U.S. Savings Bonds with a portion or all of your tax refund. Issued by the Department of the Treasury, Series I bonds are low-risk bonds that grow in value for up to 30 years. While you own them they earn interest and protect you from inflation. For more information see IRS.gov, search "[savings bonds.](#)"



The award-winning Kyle Area Chamber of Commerce brought out the big scissors as the red coat Ambassadors, City Officials, Kyle Chamber members, family and friends looked on as franchise owner Don DeLaney sliced up the red ribbon.

Our local UPS store does much more than provided mail boxes and shipping. They also offer Notary Public services, Office and Mailing Supplies, Passport/ID, Money Transfers, Digital Printing & Copying, Binding, Laminating and so much more. Drop in today and speak to Don or anyone of his team and see what Brown can for you.

The UPS Store is located at 5401 S. FM 1626, in the Kyle Marketplace Shopping Center. 512-262-0045

## Volunteer Opportunities await you with the Kyle Chamber of Commerce!

Looking to network more and get more involved in the business community? Did you know that volunteering in different organizations and serving in committees is a great way to extend you business network? Here are a few ways you can extend your network with the Kyle Area Chamber of Commerce!

- **Tourism Committee:**
- **Business Expo Committee:**
- **Kyle Annual Classic Golf Committee:**
- **5K Kyle-O-Meter Committee**
- **Business Development Committee**
- **Ambassador Committee**
- **Membership Committee**

**Contact us if you would like to join a committee or if you have a question about volunteering!**



**We Can't Move Forward Until You Mail It Back.**

**IT'S IN OUR HANDS**

**[See how the Census works](#)**