



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.

January 24, 2011

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

Kyle, TX 78640

www.KyleChamber.org

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY 2011

29 9:00am – Lucy Johnson to host “Coffee with the Mayor” – The Java Cup- 130 Kirkham Circle

29 6:00pm – Kyle Chamber Awards Gala – Texas Soiree (Boots & Tiara event) – Texas Old Town, 1205 Roland Lane in Kyle, TX.

29 6:00pm – Thunderhill Raceway & TSRS 2010 Awards Banquet – 6800 Westgate Blvd., Austin

FEBRUARY 2011

2 All Day – Kyle Chamber Staff will be out of the office for a Kyle Chamber Board of Directors Retreat

3 6:00pm – Kyle Chamber Ambassador’s BASH FREE Networking Event – Plum Creek Veterinary Hospital – 4100 Everett St. in Kyle

3-5 Hairspray the Broadway Musical – Hays CISD Performing Arts Center – 979 Kohler’s Crossing

5 7:00pm – Knights of Columbus presents Vegas Knight. Register at www.KyleKC.com/VegasNight

8 12:00pm – Ambassador Committee Meeting – City Hall

8 4:00pm – Legend Oaks Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center Kyle Grand Opening Celebration & Ribbon Cutting – 1640 Fairway

11 7:30pm – Katherine Anne Porter House presents author Rachel Eliza Griffiths – 205 Center St. in downtown Kyle

12 12:00pm – American Cancer Society Relay for Life Buda/Kyle Kick-off – Barton Middle School

19 Disc Golf Tournament - Steeplechase Park – find out details at www.dukebragg.com

22 11:30am – Kyle Chamber luncheon – Hays CISD Performing Arts Center

The Kyle Area Chamber of Commerce requests the pleasure of your company at the

Texas Soirée

January 29, 2011

6:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.

Texas Old Town, Tejas Hall

Cocktails, Dinner and Dancing

Awards Ceremony, Silent and Live Auction

Black Tie attire encouraged - Beverages Provided

Individual Tickets- \$75.00

A Pair of 2 (Couples)- \$100.00

Tickets at the Door- \$100.00



Wednesday is the last day to purchase your tickets and receive the pre-sale price!

http://www.kylechamber.org/EventCalendarItem.php?Events_ID=257.

Thank you to the 2011 Kyle Chamber Annual Awards Gala Sponsors:

Platinum:

Austin Regional Clinic
Power Alley Sports

Gold:

Allied Home Mortgage Corp.
Austin Gastroenterology
Central Texas Medical Center
Chick-fil-A of Kyle
Chuck Nash Auto Group
City of Kyle
Encompass Lending Group
Lila Knight
Lucy Johnson, Mayor of Kyle
Michelle & Ruben Lopez
Randolph-Brooks FCU

Elite:

Austin Community College District
Plum Creek
Seton Medical Center Hays
St. David’s South Austin Hospital
United Heritage Credit Union

Diamond:

American Constructors, Inc.
H-E-B
Inn Above Onion Creek
Peak Physical Therapy
Southwest Orthopedic Group
/The Podiatry Group

Bronze:

Broadway Bank
Hays Free Press
Legend Oaks Healthcare & Rehabilitation
Texas Old Town

Gracy Title, a Stewart Co.
Kyle Lion’s Club
Texas Gas Service
Total Child Therapy

Congratulations to the Kyle Chamber Annual Awards Gala Nominees!

Organization of the Year 2010:

City of Kyle
Hays CISD
Hope & Love 4 Kids
Kyle Area Senior Zone
Kyle Lion's Club

Small Business of the Year 2010:

Broadway Bank
Clearly Classy Events
Encompass Lending Group
Fox's Pizza
FriDaze Liquor
Hays Free Press
Inn Above Onion Creek
The Motley Menagerie
The Winfield Inn
Thunderhill Raceway
TrustTexas Bank

Large Business of the Year 2010:

Chick-fil-A
Chuck Nash Auto Group
H-E-B plus! Kyle
Seton Medical Center Hays
St. David's South Austin Medical
Center
Target
Wells Fargo

Business Person of the Year 2010:

Bake Hartman, TrustTexas Bank
Cheryl Bailey, Cheryl Bailey Catering
Christie Smith, the Quotable Quill
Cory Pack, Cory Pack Insurance
Herb Dyer, Seton Medical Center Hays
Jason Tarr, Great Locations Realty
Jodi Scott, the Winfield Inn
Laurie Luttrell, FriDaze Liquor
Ruthie Raze, Kyle/Buda Eagle
Vince Collier, Encompass Lending

Volunteer of the Year 2010:

Amy Dolan, Inn Above Onion Creek
Bill Zador, Kyle Visitors Center
Volunteer
Cory Pack, Cory Pack Insurance Agency
Herb Dyer, Seton Medical Center Hays
Jim Hough, ACE Relocation Systems
Mia Hendricks, Hope & Love 4 Kids
Samantha Bellows, Individual
Vince Collier, Encompass Lending
Group

Ambassador of the Year 2010:

Cindy Van Wart, Mary Kay Cosmetics
Laurie Luttrell, FriDaze Liquor
Vince Collier, Encompass Lending
Group

Please congratulate these businesses/organizations/individuals on their outstanding support of the Kyle Community!

AMBASSADOR'S BASH

6pm-8pm Thursday, February 3

Plum Creek Veterinary Hospital

4100 Everett St., Kyle, TX

**This networking event will be a treat!
Enjoy free appetizers, cold beverages,
Door prizes and more, all while you
NETWORK!**

**Everyone is invited to join us for
This free networking event!**





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Annual Celebration

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Allied Home Mortgage Corporation Sponsors TxState Students through Allied All-Star Program

Local branch of Allied Home Mortgage Corporation, the nation's largest privately held mortgage banker and broker (www.alliedhome.com/br2900), announced today it's sponsorship of four bright and upcoming Texas State University students to attend this year's 2011 Kyle Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Gala. This year's Allied All-Stars selection includes Megan McClain, Dyana Hampton, Chijoke Stanley Nwosu and Adrian Tullock. These students excel in the classroom and within the Texas State University community. Ambitious by nature, Allied All-stars maintain at least a 3.5 G.P.A. and serve as members in various student organizations.

As an All-star, scholars are taught techniques in networking, building professional relationships and appropriate follow through. "As a Texas State Alum, I thought who better to share my knowledge with than my fellow Bobcats." These juniors and seniors will have the opportunity to network one on one with various business owners, CEO's and other prominent leaders in Central Texas.

"I'm excited about this year's sponsorship because I believe it's a great way to connect Texas State University Student Leaders with our great Kyle Area Chamber of Commerce," said Rudy Barnes, Branch Mgr with Allied Home Mortgage. "Our sponsorship of the Allied All-stars allows me the opportunity to support my local chamber of commerce as well as provide a great networking opportunity for exceptional student leaders and future Texas State Graduates."

About Allied Home Mortgage Corporation: Allied Home Mortgage is the largest privately held lender and broker in the US, with hundreds of offices making thousands of residential mortgage loans in almost every state and the Virgin Islands. Combined with the energy of branch managers who have the freedom to respond to local market conditions, Allied has been the leader in residential mortgage lending since it was founded in 1991.

Allied Home Mortgage Corporation is a HUD-approved Lender (Us Dept of Housing and Urban Development) For more information, please visit www.alliedhome.com/br2900 or call 512-312-5353

CJ Legare places 2nd in National Model Search

Lane Bryant Marketing Specialist Heather McGarry named Kyle resident CJ Legare as the 2nd place winner of their [Curvy Revolution Runway Model Search](#). The plus-size retailer launched the contest on November 24th to find a model to walk in their runway show in Las Vegas on February 20th. Entrants were required to submit a one-minute video displaying their best style, runway walk and creativity. Click [here](#) to view CJ's audition video.

Local residents may recognize CJ from her life & style brand, Functional Girl, which includes a monthly column and empowerment workshops. A recipient of the 2010 Profiles In Power & Women of Influence Award, she is a sought after public speaker and works closely with several non-profits. Click [here](#) to view her keynote address at the Kyle Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

Palm Harbor Homes Joins ABC's EXTREME MAKEOVER: HOME EDITION FOR A SECOND BUILD

Palm Harbor Homes, Inc. joined ABC's *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* (EMHE) in Wellman, Texas, for a home build that will air Sunday, January 30, 2011, on ABC as a 2-hour special at 8:00 p.m., ET, 7:00 p.m., CST. This is the second time the popular television program has featured a home built by Palm Harbor Homes.

After giving a presentation to the student body at Seagraves High School near their hometown of Wellman, Texas, on a frigid November day, the Brown family - Jeanne, Johnnie Mac and their 12-year-old daughter Katrina - learned that they had been selected by *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* for a new home. During their powerful presentation, they told the quiet teen-aged audience about the dangerous consequences that can come from driving while talking on a cell phone, texting-while-driving and riding in a car without a seat belt. Sadly, the Browns know their topic too well since losing their 16-year old daughter, Alex, in an accident in 2009 when she was texting-while-driving and not wearing her seatbelt on the way to school.

To ensure that no other family suffers such a heartbreaking loss, the Brown family turned their tragedy into opportunity. Today, they travel across the state to share their story at high schools, hauling Alex's wrecked truck on their flat-bed trailer as an imposing visual of the dangers of distracted driving. Their goal is simple: they want to save lives.

Maury Kennedy, Vice President of Sales and Marketing for Palm Harbor Homes, explained, "We are thrilled to be working with *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* again. Next week, we are launching *The Remember Alex Brown Tour* featuring Nashville recording artist Mark McGuinn to promote this episode and to raise awareness for the [Remember Alex Brown Foundation](#) to stop texting and driving

For more details and to find out about the tour, the show and family, please visit www.extremephn.com.

Palm Harbor Homes is one of the nation's leading manufacturers and marketers of multi-section manufactured homes. For more information on the Company, please visit www.palmharbor.com.

Remember Alex Brown Extreme Tour 2011 [Full Details](#)

Brown Family & Mark McGuinn to Hit The Road with Palm Harbor for RAB

The tour will be at the Buda Palm Harbor @ 12pm on Wednesday 1-26 -11.. Please come out and support this great cause for the Brown Family .. go to buda.palmharbor.com for directions ... Thanks !!

The Remember Alex Brown Tour is hitting the road to promote the new song by [Mark McGuinn](#) called 'Til You Got Home as well as the episode of *Extreme Makeover Home Edition* airing on Jan 30th at 8:00 PM EST (7 Central) as a special two hour episode featuring Palm Harbor Homes' second home built for *Extreme Makeover*. But the ultimate purpose of the entire tour is to raise awareness and money for the [Remember Alex Brown Foundation](#) to stop texting and driving. Come meet the Brown family and hear their story in person-and see up close what can happen when you text and drive.

Volunteers Needed for Financial Aid Saturdays to be held at Hays CISD Schools

The launch of Financial Aid Saturdays is near and volunteers are needed to help at four Hays CISD Financial Aid Saturdays events.

Interested Financial Aid Saturdays volunteers are welcome to help at any of events listed below or opt to help in neighboring districts if there are schedule conflicts.

Feb. 5, 2011, at Hays High School

Feb. 19, 2011, at Hays High School

Feb. 26, 2011, at Lehman High School (Hosted at Chapa Middle School)

March 5, 2011, at Lehman High School

These events will run from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on their respective dates and provide support to Hays CISD students and families who may need help completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA) to help pay for college. These forms are the primary conduit for grants, work-study, scholarships and other aid that may make the difference between a student enrolling or not enrolling in college immediately after high school.

Please contact Gilbert Zavala, VP of Education and Talent Development, at [gzavala@austinchamber.com](mailto:g Zavala@austinchamber.com) or at 512.322.5644 with any questions about the Financial Aid Saturdays Program and volunteer trainings in your area.



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To be eligible for consideration, at least the first phase of the project should be completed and ready for occupancy by December 31, 2010. Judges rank according to the following criteria: financial impact, architectural design, site design, environmental, community need and visionary impact. Nominations can be made by visiting <http://www2.bizjournals.com/austin/nomination/4561>.