



Chamber Chatter

March 2, 2009

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

Kyle, TX 78640

www.KyleChamber.org
512-268-4220

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH 2009

4 7:30am – Grand Opening of Kohl's Department Store! - 20185 Marketplace Avenue in Kyle

5 6:00pm – Kyle Chamber Ambassador's BASH – Sean Patrick's Irish Pub & Texas Grub – 202 E. San Antonio St., Ste 119

7 9:00am – Steeplechase Park & Creek Clean-up – Call Parks & Rec. 262-3939 to set up your team!

8 2:00am – Daylight Saving Time Begins

8 3:00pm – Hays CISD 3rd Annual JUMP into diversity – Free and open to the public – Hays CISD Performing Arts Center

10 All Day – Free Business Counseling with the Texas State Small Business Development Center – Call 268-4220 to make your appointment

10 12:00pm – Kyle Chamber Ambassador Committee Meeting, come see what they are all about! – Depot

24 11:30am – Kyle Chamber Monthly Luncheon – Word of Life Church – 400 Old Post Rd

27 5:00pm – Grand Opening Celebration of Word of Life Church – 400 Old Post Rd

29 2:00pm – CTMC Hospice Care presents the 5th Annual Hats Off for Hospice – Texas Old Town – Sponsorships now available – Call 512-754-6159

The Kyle Area Chamber of Commerce presents the:

Ambassador's B.A.S.H.



Thursday, March 5, 2009

6pm-9pm

Sean Patrick's Irish Pub N' Texas Grub

202 W. San Antonio Street

San Marcos, TX

 **HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY**

Free

Networking Opportunity!
Bring Your Business Cards!

 Free Food!
Free Drinks!
Live Music!
Door Prizes!



Live Music by:
The Motley's



Ambassador B.A.S.H. stands for Business Advancement Social Hour. If you would like information about sponsorship opportunities, contact Rudy Barnes, Chair at 512-669-5556.

Expect Great Things at the Kohl's Grand Opening Celebration!

Wednesday, March 4

7:30am

20185 Marketplace Ave.

Kyle, TX 78640

Now Open!

Join the Kyle Chamber and City & County Officials as we celebrate the latest grand opening in Kyle! You won't have to drive any farther than your local Kohl's Department Store to look great! Light refreshments will be served.

(512)268-1537

KOHL'S
expect great things®

Now Open!



Please join CTMC Hospice Care at their 5th annual Hats Off For Hospice on March 29, 2009. This is a special event that helps to raise money for Dream A Dream, a wish granting program for our hospice patients and families. Wishes have ranged from special vacations, family portraits, limousine rides and more! Help to make a dream come true...

SAVE THE DATE!!

March 29, 2009

2:00 PM—6:00 PM ♦ TX Old Town, Kyle



Live & Silent Auction

One-of-a-kind auction items including fine jewelry, cowboy boots, and spa getaways!! Autographed items from Grammy Award winning artists such as Alan Jackson, Reba McEntire and George Strait. Signed sports items from Michael Jordan, Kobe Bryant, Troy Aikman, Magic Johnson, Craig Biggio and so much more!!

\$40
One Ticket

\$75
Two Tickets

\$10
Kids between 8-17

FREE
5 and under

\$300
Reserved table for 8 people

\$20
Concert Tickets Only
(Excludes BBQ Plate)

Soda and water available for purchase.



Music by
RECKLESS KELLY

Show starts at 4:00 PM

www.HatsOffForHospice.com



\$25/One Ticket \$50/Three Tickets

Ruidoso is beautiful in the summer and winter time! Whether you're a skier or golfer, there is plenty to do for the entire family. Winner does not need to be present to win. Travel must be completed by March 29, 2010 and is subject to availability.

CTMC
CENTRAL TEXAS MEDICAL CENTER
HOSPICE CARE
1315 IH-35 North
San Marcos, TX 78666
(512) 754-6159

For ticket information, please call our office at 512-754-6159. Thank you.

The Kyle Chamber would like to thank Plum Creek Development for sponsoring the February Luncheon. We would also like to thank Manna from Heaven for catering the luncheon. In case you weren't able to make it, here is some of the news that you missed:

What's Ahead for Plum Creek

As we begin a dialogue about the opportunities in Plum Creek, we will explore the vision of the development. Plum Creek is based on principles of New Urbanism including walkability, connections to housing, work and transportation, and accessibility to a diverse supply of housing. The team looks forward to sharing more about plans for the next phase of development of this 2,200-acre mixed-use, master-planned community.



TrustTexas Bank Branch Coming to Plum Creek in Late 2009

TrustTexas Bank SSB selected a site in Plum Creek south of Kohler's Crossing on Kyle Parkway (FM 1626). The location will be home to a 3,679 square foot full-service branch scheduled to open in late 2009.



Austin Regional Clinic Construction Underway in Uptown District

Austin Regional Clinic is scheduled to open its first Hays County facility in late spring of this year. The 36,000 sq. ft. clinic is located in Plum Creek's Uptown District, a planned mixed-use development of medical, retail and restaurants. Services offered will include Family Medicine and Pediatric physician care, same-day appointments, on-site lab, immunizations, and online appointment requests. Clinic and lab hours will be Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



ARC Kyle will be the 21st location for Austin Regional Clinic, which has facilities in Austin, Round Rock, Cedar Park, Pflugerville, Leander and Hutto.

"Because of new hospitals, new transportation infrastructure and the growing population, the move to Kyle makes sense," says Dr. Norman Chenven, Founder & CEO of ARC. "When a community has a significant level of growth, ARC responds by putting family-friendly care in that community."

Austin Regional Clinic locates near hospitals that need medical facilities like ARC to support their operations and provide referrals. ARC works closely with the Seton Family of Hospitals, and supports the services Seton will provide to the community in its planned Seton Hays facility, scheduled to open this October.

A+ Federal Credit Union Selects Site in Plum Creek's Uptown District

A new branch location for A+ Federal Credit Union is coming to Kyle. Opening during or after 2010, the 3,800 square foot A+ Federal Credit Union location will be adjacent to the ARC building, near the Hays Consolidated Independent School District offices and Performing Arts Center.



The A+ Federal Credit Union will be part of Plum Creek's Uptown District, a development that will integrate retail, mixed-use and office space into a walkable, pedestrian-friendly town center.

Upcoming Front Porch Days

Mark your calendar for the 8th Annual Front Porch Days, May 2-3, 2009. Front Porch Days is a two-day celebration that brings over 5,000 residents of Kyle and surrounding areas to Plum Creek's Fergus Park. The celebration kicks off of April 25 with a community-wide Plum Creek Garage Sale.



Official Front Porch Days activities will begin Saturday, May 2 with a morning Garden Tour through Plum Creek and a golf tournament at the Plum Creek Golf Course. Sunday, May 3rd begins with a 5K and Kids' 1K. The activities on Sunday continue from 11a.m. - 4p.m. with face painting, inflatable games, a petting zoo, a pie baking contest, pony rides, and more. Two music stages will host 10 family-friendly bands throughout the day. More information is available at www.frontporchdays.com.

Hello from the Texas State Small Business Development Center!

Are you a small business owner or someone planning to start your own business? The Texas State Small Business Development Center (SBDC) works with existing and new or emerging small businesses to help them advance and compete in the current economy. We invite you to attend one of our professional training seminars in March! We have scheduled the seminars listed below, and are working on several more to offer you.

We will be updating our training web pages at <http://www.business.txstate.edu/sbdc/> very soon with the seminars listed below.... Please bear with us as we transition to a new training staff and new seminar offerings!

CONTACT INFO: To reserve a seat in a seminar or for more information, please contact: F.C. Caranikas, PhD, at the Texas State SBDC (phone – 512.716.4820; email – fc16@txstate.edu). Thank you!

For existing small businesses and business owners interested in improving your QuickBooks accounting skills, or your tax preparation skills, please join us for

Intermediate QuickBooks (\$75 for all 3 sessions; or \$35 per session)

This 3-part series will include topics such as Recording Sales, Receipts and Invoices, Understanding Job Costs and Classes, Customized Reports & Troubleshooting, Beginning Balances, Inventory and Payroll. Presented by Maureen Sittig, SoCo Business Solutions. Ms. Sittig has many years of experience in banking, tax preparation, and bookkeeping. She works with small businesses to set up financial and sales operations, and to provide training in QuickBooks and its applications.

Kyle Library Offers Free Tax Assistance

Beginning this Saturday, free assistance with tax preparation will be available to you at the Kyle Library. You can take advantage of this program every Saturday between 10am and 1:30pm. Appointments are filling up fast and the next available appointment is on Saturday, March 21.

Walk-ins are welcome but there is no guarantee that you will be seen. For more information or to make an appointment, contact the Kyle Library.

Kyle Community Library
409 W. Blanco Street / P.O. Box 2349
Kyle, Texas 78640
512-268-7411

Free Small Business Counseling at the Kyle Chamber Office!

Everyone is encouraged to take advantage of the free opportunity available to you through the Texas State University Small Business Development Center. A representative from Texas State comes to the Kyle Chamber office the second Tuesday of every month just to meet with you and answer any questions you may have. Whether you already have a business and want to make sure you are on track, if you are looking to start a business or if you would just like help writing a business plan, Mr. Ray Mason is here to help you.

Just call Maggie at the Kyle Chamber office to set your appointment. Appointments do fill fast, so call 512-268-4220 today! All counseling sessions are confidential.

CTMC MARCH BLOOD DRIVE SLATED

Central Texas Medical Center will hold a Blood Drive on Thursday, March 5 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the first floor in the main classroom.

Central Texas Medical Center's mission is to extend the healing ministry of Christ. With your help people can not only be healed, but saved. The Blood and Tissue Center of Central Texas says that it needs to collect over 55,000 blood donations in order to have blood products available for as many as 150,000 area patients. To help meet this need, CTMC sponsors five blood drives a year in conjunction with the Blood and Tissue Center of Central Texas.

You can sign up before the event or find answers to any questions you may have about donating online at www.inyourhands.org. Be sure to use Sponsor Code: CTMC and remember to bring your photo I.D. and Social Security number.

For more information about this event, please call Lisa Moore at 512.753.3533

**Each year, The Blood Center of Central Texas needs to collect over 55,000 blood donations in order to have blood products available for as many as 150,000 area patients.*

***With a single donation, you can save as many as two lives. If you donate once a quarter, you can save as many as eight lives ... lives that are in your hands.*

TEXAS STATE STUDENT'S COLLEGE STORY HITS YOUTUBE

David San Miguel has a message for students in eighth to 11th grades who think college is beyond their reach. The 23-year-old Texas State University senior from Lubbock recently unveiled a two-minute video to promote college to students in Kyle and Buda. His clever rap is available on YouTube and has already attracted hundreds of viewers.

Viewers will find the rap on YouTube by searching "college intervention" or by going to <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lbY1LQieaAo>.

Join a Committee!

Joining a Kyle Chamber Committee is a great way to meet new people and to gain potential new business! Some of the Committees you can join are:

Business Development Committee
Ambassador's Committee
Kyle Annual Classic Committee
Awards Gala Committee
5-K Committee
Website Committee

Call 512-268-4220 to find out more!

Central Texas Medical Center is pleased to announce an offering of three \$1,000 scholarships to deserving regional high school seniors.

The scholarships may be used for costs of attending a university, college, community college or vocational/trade school. Proof of enrollment and a tuition statement must be submitted in order to receive the scholarship. The scholarship awards are based on financial need, community involvement, academic achievement, work/club experience and essay writing skills.

Application forms are available on-line at www.ctmc.org. The form is posted under 'About Us.' Interested students must send or deliver their completed forms to the CTMC PR & Marketing Department, located at 1301 Wonder World Drive in San Marcos, by March 31, 2009. Applications must be delivered or **postmarked on or before Tuesday, March 31, 2009.**

CTMC has a long history of supporting its community. In 1990, CTMC awarded the first high school scholarship of \$250 to a single recipient. Today, the scholarship amount has been increased and three students are selected to meet the needs of rising tuition costs and to further invest in the youth of the community. If you or a student you know is interested in applying, please visit the website or contact Tabitha Walsh at 512.753.3676.

People, Planning and Preparing for the Future: Your 25 Year Transportation Plan

By 2035 the population of the Williamson, Travis, and Hays, as well as the Bastrop and Caldwell county region, is estimated to more than double to over 3.25 million people. The Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) is developing a mobility plan for 2035. Give your feedback at any of the public workshops below and help positively impact Central Texas for decades to come!

Following a short presentation and Q&A, you are invited to participate in an optional hands-on transportation mapping activity. Please join us!

DATE & TIME	CITY	LOCATION
Thursday, February 19, 6:30pm to 8:45pm	Austin	Joe C. Thompson Conference Center Rm. 2.102 SW Corner of Dean Keeton & Red River, adjacent to LBJ Library
Monday, February 23, 6:30pm to 8:45pm	Austin	Education Service Center Region XIII 5701 Springdale Road
Saturday, February 28, 9:30am to 11:45am	Round Rock	Round Rock Library, Room C 216 East Main Avenue
Monday, March 2, 6:30pm to 8:45pm	Bastrop	Bastrop High School Cafeteria 1614 Chambers Street
Thursday, March 5, 6:30pm to 8:45pm	San Marcos	San Marcos High School Cafeteria 2601 E. McCarty Lane

For more information about the project, or to provide feedback by completing the survey, please visit www.CAMPOTexas.org

~STEEPLECHASE PARK & CREEK CLEAN-UP~ 9:00am March 7, 2009

[Steeplechase Park](#), located between Lehman Rd and Goforth Rd, has nearly half a mile of Plum Creek running through it.

Each rain storm creates a large amount of trash and driftwood in and around the creek.

Once a year the City of Kyle' Parks and Recreation Department organizes a "Steeplechase Park & Creek Clean-Up Day". This event includes projects such as picking trash out of the creek, removing dead trees, painting, planting 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 9:00am, Saturday, March 7, 2009.
All major equipment and materials will be provided. All we need is you.

Contact Parks Department at: (512) 262-3939 or email at parks@cityofkyle.com