

Kimble County Chamber of Commerce

NEWSLETTER

TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2007

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE "LADIES OF FIRST STATE BANK"!!!!!! They are the winners of our Name the Newsletter Contest! By unanimous vote, our Board of Directors chose the winning entry from over 98 entries! Their entry was as follows, "The ladies at First State Bank, Junction, Texas, request that the name for the Chamber Newsletter remain as it is now. We feel that the current heading looks very professional. Also, at a quick glance, a visitor to our area would know that it is information about Junction, and the surrounding area." Well, it looks like the Chamber Board agrees with you, girls! So, the Ladies of First State Bank win a \$25 gift certificate to a Junction restaurant of their choosing! The Chamber wants to thank each and every one of you who took time from your busy days to think of a possible name for your Newsletter!! We truly do appreciate the support and interest we are shown each and every day!

EASTER PAGEANT – Who ever guessed we'd be hunting Easter eggs in the snow?! Wasn't that something? I think Junction truly did express, not only in word but in deed, the true message of renewed hope at Easter. When we came down the hill into town, at about 6:30 PM, it was sleeting and snowing straight down! Having checked with Larry Trimble earlier in the morning, I already knew the Pageant was scheduled to go on "rain or shine", but sleet and snow?? You bet! Larry reported to me that when he walked up the hill after the sleet and snow had ended, he was fully prepared to put to a vote whether to proceed with the pageant or call it off for the first time in 57 years. In true Easter spirit, faces lit up as he approached and four of his actors asked all at once, "What time are we getting this all started?" He proudly reported to me today that they had over 60 cars and over 150 folks watching the pageant. Not bad for a snowy spring evening!! Larry also said they have already met and made plans for next year to improve their advertising to reach new areas. After all, like he said, "It's only 299 days till we begin practice!" Isn't it amazing what a positive attitude can accomplish?

WOMEN IN THE OUTDOORS – This Saturday, April 14th, over 35 ladies will gather at the South Llano State Park to enjoy food, fellowship, and try out kayaking, basic horsemanship skills, team wagon driving, water witching, and skeet shooting, just to name a few. We have ladies coming to this event from Llano, Rocksprings, Lampasas, Mertzon, Temple, San Antonio, San Angelo, Cedar Hill, Bovina, London, and Junction, Texas. The Women in the Outdoors is part of the National Wild Turkey Federation, and this is our second year to host this event, and it looks to be even larger than last year. So, ladies, if you haven't sent in your registration, you had better hurry. You can still download your registration form from www.junctiontexas.net and get it to the Chamber. Hurry!

GUN & KNIFE SHOW – This Saturday, April 14th, the Meals on Wheels is hosting their Kimble County Gun & Knife Show and Flea Market out at the Coke Stevenson Center. The doors open at 9AM on Saturday, and the show is both Saturday and Sunday. There will be over 80 tables of guns, knives, and goodies, and countless treasures at the flea market! Don't forget that all the proceeds go to benefit our local Meals on Wheels Program! For more information, call Patricia Chenault at 446-3621.

Generations III – Lisa, at Generations III, wants to remind everyone to come to their Jon Hart Trunk on Monday, April 16th, from 12 PM to 4 PM. There will be free monogramming with purchase. Come on out and check out the "Texas Mink" styles! They're darling!

LET'ER BUCK COFFEE HOUSE – Natalie and Kelly Kothmann want to invite everyone to come to their open house and ribbon cutting ceremony on Wednesday, April 18th at 2 PM. There will be samples of goodies for everyone to enjoy and you can see what a great renovation job they did on their building! Ladies, you can also sneak through a little door and check out the goodies at Conchos & Crosses next door! Don't you just love hidden little passageways?

MISS KIMBLE COUNTY PAGEANT – A sign up sheet is posted at the Counselor's Office at JISD for the 2007 Miss Kimble County Pageant, and girls classified sophomores or juniors are eligible to enter. This year, like last, we will hold our contest in conjunction with the Hill Country Fair Association May Rodeo, on May 11th and 12th. The theme for this year's Miss Kimble County Pageant Parade, to be held on Saturday morning, May 12th, is

"The Junction Girls...Who We Really Are!" Each contestant is required to create a float, size and décor of her choosing, and ride it in the Miss Kimble County Pageant Parade. The float scores are entered into the overall scoring for choosing a 2007 Miss Kimble County. This parade proved to be an entertaining and fun part of the contest, giving all of Junction a chance to see the contestants and what their imagination had produced. Again this year, there will also be an **UGLY PICKUP CONTEST** at the end of the Miss Kimble County Parade. No, the Miss Kimble candidates are not allowed to enter the ugly pickup contest! The Miss Kimble County contestants are also required to write a 200 word theme as part of their overall score. The subject for their themes this year is, "What it means to be "a Junction Girl". Chairman Angie Wilson, ably assisted by her Asst. Chairman Lisa Heap promise that this will be another fun and exciting pageant this year, so, girls, get your thinking caps on and come compete for the title of 2007 Miss Kimble County!

ANTI-RABIES CLINIC – Be sure to note your calendars to bring your animals to the Sam B. Coffey Animal Shelter on Saturday, April 21st from 9 AM till Noon for rabies shots. The city is offering a 50% discount on their registration fee to encourage participation, and there will be reduced prices for Rabies and Parvo/Distemper Shots, as well. For more info call the City Hall at 446-2622 or 446-9066.

TEXAS PECOS TRAILS MEETING – Junction is proud to host a Board of Directors Meeting, Networking Luncheon, and Educational Experience, on Thursday, May 10th from 9:30 AM till 1:30 PM, at the Texas Tech University Junction Campus. Featured speakers will include our own Frederica Wyatt, Dr. Grant Hall, and Lynn Foreman. Area residents, interested in learning all that Junction has to offer, are encouraged to register for this event. Deadline for reservations is May 4th. Call Keith Godwin, 325/387-2927 or email him at texaspecostrail@hotmail.com.

FEATURED BUSINESS – GENTRY-FIFE FUNERAL HOME, 1519 Main, Junction, Tx. Jeff Gentry bought Fife Funeral Home from Betty and Aubrey Fife in June of 2002. They had purchased the Hodges Funeral Home that had been operated by the Hodges family for over 50 years. When you combine the years of operation as Hodges Funeral Home and Fife Funeral Home, Jeff Gentry proudly boasts "A tradition of serving Kimble County for more than 100 years". Jeff became interested in the funeral home business while growing up in Mason. He sites a Mason mortician, Winfred Attwood, as his role model. Jeff observed Mr. Attwood's level of care and comfort given in a time of need to families of his community. He feels honored and takes pride in his funeral home and the level of satisfaction he offers the families that trust Gentry-Fife Funeral Home with their loved ones. He feels that during those difficult times, it is of the utmost importance to be considerate of the feelings of others and project professionalism. Jeff's family roots go way back in Kimble County, as the Gentry Family settled in Junction in the 1800's. Jeff married Barbi this past December and they have three children. Jeff is very involved and supportive of Junction and Kimble County through the Lions and Rotary Clubs, his Directorship at the Junction Housing Authority, and the overall support he lends to the Chamber of Commerce, the Wild Game Dinner, the Women in the Outdoors, Special Olympics, and the Kimble County Youth Show, just to name a few. Gentry-Fife Funeral Home will work with clients to provide Pre-Paid Funeral Plans, and gladly accept transfer of policies with regards to funerals, including accepting insurance policies. He takes time to seek out American Made products necessary to his trade. He proudly expanded his business to include Gentry Funeral Home in Mason in 2005. Jeff Gentry is proud to be a vital part of Junction and Kimble County, and is truly "carrying on the fine reputation that the Fifes held here in Junction for over 50 years".



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