

Kimble County Chamber of Commerce

Newsletter

Tuesday, April 24, 2007

NEWCOMERS AND TRAVELERS TO JUNCTION AND KIMBLE COUNTY MARVEL AT THE PEACE AND QUIET EXPERIENCED HERE. It is something that those of us who have lived here for a while often forget to value. The peaceful, loving atmosphere that surrounds our community is so natural to our day to day lives, that we often take it for granted. Just one day in the hustle and bustle of a city, not to mention the traffic, reminds us once again of all that we have to be thankful for, living in this beautiful part of the world. Another place that was previously described as “peaceful” was the campus of Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, VA. That is...until April 16th, Something too horrible to be imagined took place that day, but, as in all things, something good can come from something bad. One good thing that can be taken away from that awful happening was one little life lesson told on national television. It was, knowledge that we gather in our childhood stays with us into our old age, waiting quietly in the recesses of our minds until it is needed! I am positive that when Virginia Tech senior Kevin Sterne was attending his weekly Boy Scout Meetings, he never imagined that what he was learning to earn badges and make his way upward through the program could one day save his life! But it did! Kevin learned First Aid while working in the Boy Scouts of America Program, where he eventually gained the rank of Eagle Scout. After being shot three times with one of the shots severing a femoral artery, Kevin survived by tying an electrical cord around his leg to stop the bleeding. He managed to take action to save his own life based on his Scouting knowledge, coupled with other qualities also taught in the Boy Scouts, such as self-reliance, initiative, courage, and resourcefulness. So, Junction, whenever you see the Boy Scouts of Junction Troop 420, or their Scout Master Larry Trimble, Asst. Scout Master Liz Chesshir, or the other adults involved with this troop, remember Kevin Sterne and the “life lessons” he learned in Scouting. That is what they are really teaching our youth...not just knots or how to start a fire. These Leaders are training our youth for tomorrow and all that their lives may hold. Our Scout Troop 420 is very involved in community events and is always eager to help out when asked. They often are called upon to perform a flag ceremony for our community, and are just one more example of the quality of life here in Junction. Yes, we don't have a Wal-Mart or a Mall, but boy oh boy, what we do have far outshines their neon lights!

U.S. FLAGS – We received a great compliment here at the Chamber for the U.S. Flags placed around the Kimble County Courthouse. Everyone seems to enjoy them and appreciate the patriotic flare that they lend to our community. However, from time to time the wind does “a number” on our flags, and the zip ties holding them loosen, causing the flag itself to touch the ground. That is a major No-No! So, please, Junction, help Bryan and I keep our flags looking tidy. We try to monitor them and straighten our flags often, but if we had all your eyes keeping a lookout, too, and your hands helping to straighten and re-tighten, it would sure be great! As you pass our Courthouse, if you see a flag “leaning towards the Jones's”, please stop for a minute and straighten her up. It will sure make our job a lot easier, more effective, and keep “Old Glory” from touching the ground. Many thanks!

BLUEBONNET CASA CRAWFISH BOIL – We still have tickets available for the yummy crawfish boil coming up this Saturday night. Nol and Cleve Deer's place is just beautiful, and you are guaranteed to have your fill of crawfish, good music, and good fellowship! Tickets are \$25 each, and proceeds benefit the abused and neglected children in our area. In case of rain, the “boil” will be held at the Junction National Bank Community Room. Come on out and “pass a good time” for Bluebonnet Casa!

CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE – Don't forget to gather all your trash and treasures together and have a garage sale on Saturday May 5th. That's the date for the City-Wide Garage Sale and the Rebuilding Together, Junction Garage Sale and Bar-B-Que Lunch. It only costs \$10 to be placed on the map for the City-Wide Garage Sale that will be handed out at the Chamber Office at 8:00 AM that Saturday. Folks come from far and near and are waiting at the Chamber Office when I get there that morning to hand out

our maps. This is a great way to clean up, clear out, and participate in your community, all at the same time! So, get me your name, address, and \$10 and you will be on the Garage Sale Trail for Junction, Texas!

MISS KIMBLE COUNTY PAGEANT – We are so thrilled to report that as of last Friday, we have nine girls signed up for the Miss Kimble County Pageant! The deadline to enter this contest is Tuesday, May 1st. The girls will be introduced at the Rodeo on Friday Night, May 11th. Saturday morning, May 12th, they will have their own parade down Main Street, showing off parade floats of their own creation. They will gather after the parade on the Courthouse steps, answer a question, and let the public and the judges see how well they handle themselves. Then, Saturday evening, the 2007 Miss Kimble County and her Court will be crowned. Don't miss this exciting and fun event! Any sophomore or junior girl in JISD is eligible to enter this contest and if chosen, will win a scholarship to the school of her choice upon her graduation. Encourage eligible girls to get involved and try out to be the new Miss Kimble County for 2007!

UGLY PICKUP CONTEST – We are going to have an Ugly Pickup Contest at the end of the Miss Kimble County Pageant Parade. After all, aren't the "beauties" usually followed by the "beasties"? Anyone interested can come and sign up for our Ugly Pickup Contest. Categories for the contest are Ranch/Work Vehicles, Hunting Vehicles, Customized/Novelty-Modified Vehicles, and Flatbed/Industrial Vehicles. There is no entry fee, but your entry will need a name and a brief story! Come on out and join the fun! There are prizes and a trophy to be won!

LONDON DANCE HALL – BLEND is playing at Billie Ivey's London Dance Hall on Saturday, April 28th. The Saloon hours are Friday 5 PM till Midnight and Saturday 5 PM till 1 AM. For more information, call 325/475-2921 or 2296 or go to www.londondancehall.com.

CROSS & SPURS MINISTRY – The Travelin' Cowboy Church, is holding a service at London Hall in London, TX, on Sunday, April 29th at 4 PM. They invite everyone to come out and "Worship our Lord the cowboy way! Humble – Honest – Sincere" For more information, call Ken at 325/423-0539 or London Hall at 325/475-2296.

TEXAS PECOS TRAIL MEETING – May 4th is the deadline to make reservations for the Board of Directors Meeting, Networking Luncheon, and Educational Experience for Texas Pecos Trails. This event, held on Thursday May 10th from 9:30 AM till 1:30 PM at Texas Tech Junction, will have interesting and informative speakers, and area residents are invited. Contact Keith Godwin 325/387-2927 or email texaspecostrail@hotmail.com.

FEATURED BUSINESS – JUNCTION/NORTH LLANO RIVER KOA – Dusty and BeBe Sullivan purchased the KOA here in Junction this past year. They chose this particular KOA, established over 20 years ago, because they wanted to come to an "area that will grow in a great direction, well guided, and get in before the "boom"! That is just what has happened to their KOA. Business is booming, thanks to the quiet, happy, clean and friendly atmosphere presented to their customers. Lucille Rhame, their Manager, spoke of their almost daily improvements made to attract first time and return customers. She says they are striving to be "big rig friendly". As you travel the highways of Texas and surrounding states, anyone can see the wisdom of their goal, as more and more Americans turn to RV'ing! The Chamber keeps a copy of "Trailer Life Directory" on hand just to assist these travelers in making reservations up and down our highways and by-ways. One of the first things Lucille did after Dusty and BeBe bought the Junction KOA was to come into the Chamber and get acquainted. She, Dusty, and BeBe all wanted to be involved in a community that "wanted them", and she said the outpouring of welcomes from Junction was just amazing. Their motto "Konnect in Junction" demonstrates their goal in being a gathering place for friends and family from all over the United States. They are proud of their camp grounds, host to over 64 RV and tenting sites. In the headquarters and store on site, you can stock up on groceries, small gift items and candles, Junction T-shirts, and a limited supply of RV necessities. Dusty, BeBe, and Lucille, along with their staff, invite you to stop by and see their improvements, experience their friendliness first hand, and see why it's no wonder that Junction/North Llano River KOA is truly the place to "Konnect in Junction"!

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