

# Kimble County Chamber of Commerce

## **Newsletter**

**Tuesday, August 21, 2007**

**HILLARY CLINTON SAID, "IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO RAISE A CHILD"**

**AND SHE WAS RIGHT – We always interpret her statement literally, meaning the actual raising of a human child from early years to maturity. But, let's think for a moment about "an idea" being "a child". Doesn't it take "a village" of cooperation to bring an idea to fruition? You bet it does! There is a perfect example of what cooperation can achieve happening right under our noses in Junction, Texas. As reported on the Junction Eagle's front page, John Crowley, Head of Production, Texas Film Commission, Office of the Governor Rick Perry, came to Junction "to see what he could see". Alderman Hoyt Moss, who has personal experience in the film industry, initiated the idea of approaching Mr. Crowley's office to invite him to our area in an effort to show him our potential for the film makers of today. JTEDC Executive Director Patricia Whitty arranged the visit and we were off and running! I, as Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce, had the pleasure of accompanying Hoyt and John all morning and into the late afternoon when we were joined by Debbie Cooper-Kistler of the Junction Eagle for the last portion of the visit. What an interesting morning and afternoon that was! Between the stories of how he became interested in working in the film industry, what it was like to be on the set of "Hidalgo" and how the star of "Hidalgo" Viggo Mortensen was reported to have actually ridden the star horse i.e. very expensive to the rescue of an actor whose own horse had run away with him, causing the producers apoplexy as they looked on to certain disaster, how they had to rebuild the sand dunes at a production studio in California due to Omar Sharif taking ill in Morocco and just how much sand that involved, and on and on and on. Anyone who knows me knows that I love movies and anything about them. I was in Heaven! Well, anyway, John was welcomed into all the businesses in downtown Junction, even including the machinery in the back of Junction Warehouse where they grind the feed and into the bowels of Cedar Fiber. He was absolutely taken with Junction, our beauty and natural charm. He took his photos back to Austin and posted them on a website that film production folks consult when they are searching for locations. Like for instance, if I were making a movie to take place in a small town barber shop, I could look on John's website and would find photos of Wagner Stylists Barber Shop in downtown Junction! He said then they usually call the Chamber of Commerce to set up a visit and find out about local motel capacities, restaurants, etc. Well, that is precisely what happened! Based on John's recommendation to, "Get out to Junction and check it out" April Melody Sanchez of Kismet Media from Austin Texas came to Junction the past two Sundays to find a location for a short film she and her crew are making! April and her photographer, Kenny Gall, were shown several locations, historical points of interest, and just our community and countryside in general all day on Sunday one week ago by Hoyt Moss, Bryan Booth, and me. They found two potential locations for the outside filming and one potential for the inside scenes. The Chamber fed us all lunch and they were enchanted with Jennifer and Benny at Isaack's Restaurant. Well, I am pleased to report, after a return visit this past Sunday, and a meeting with Tom Sullivan and Trey Sullivan, owners of the selected location, Hoyt Moss and I are thrilled to tell everyone in Junction that movie cameras will truly be rolling the third week of September in Junction, Texas! April and Kenny brought their set designer, Jennifer Singletary with them this past Sunday, and she, too, fell in love with Junction. After poking all over the selected location, the Chamber again treated them to a lunch at Isaack's (April's request) and then we were graciously allowed to enter the Meals on Wheels Thrift Shoppe and Second Chance Resale Shop to look for props for their set! They are also going to use a house belonging to Mary Murr for some inside scenes. The Chamber and I, personally, want to thank Preston Wright, Mary Murr, Lynn Lemke, Alice Schmidt, Cody Plumley, Tom Sullivan, Trey Sullivan, Bob and Lynn Forman, Vickie Ramirez, Junction True Value, Isaack's Restaurant, La Familia, Debbie Kistler, and Patricia Whitty, all of whom played a part in accomplishing this task. A special thanks goes out to Junction National Bank for the use, once again, of their vehicle to show these folks around, and to my main man, Bryan, for his support and charming "tour guide" routine. And a big thanks to Hoyt Moss for having faith in the Chamber to play an**

essential role in this project, even trusting me to escort the film folks around alone this past Sunday afternoon! It's all very exciting and will surely lead to another avenue of revenue for Junction and Kimble County. Heads in beds? Filmmakers qualify in my book! And...you, too, might get to participate. We may put out a call to the community for props (another word for all the junk we have in our garages and barns) on loan for the film for a few days. That would be fun, wouldn't it? Oh, and guess what? They plan to premier the film right here in Junction!

**SCHOOL STARTS MONDAY 08/27/07 – FOOTBALL SCRIMMAGE THIS THURSDAY 5 PM EAGLE STADIUM – EAGLE BOOSTER BURGERS, TOO!**

**LONDON DANCE HALL –“Blend” will at London Dance Hall , Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup> from**  
For info call Billie at 325/475-2921 or 2296. [www.londondancehall.com](http://www.londondancehall.com)

**OPEN HOUSE/RIBBON CUTTING– HILL COUNTRY CHIROPRACTIC/JCT-**  
Mark your calendars for Tues. Aug.28<sup>th</sup> from 10AM to 5 PM to welcome Dr. Ira Kirkpatrick and his wife, Reginna, to Junction. They are having a Grand Opening, complete with Ribbon Cutting and Blessing at their new office, 608 ½ Main and want to meet YOU! There will be door prizes and munchies, so please Junction, turn out and show them how glad we are they are here! Reginna also has Unforgettable Images at the same location, to transform those family photos into DVD's and more. Remember, it's TUESDAY AUGUST 28<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM till 5 PM! See you there!

**38<sup>th</sup> KIMBLE KOUNTY KOW KICK , MONDAY SEPTEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup> –** Plans are underway for the Kimble Kounty Kow Kick, a Labor Day tradition here in Junction. There will be loads of vendors for food, arts & crafts, artwork, jewelry, candles, rides to be ridden, and games to be played! Registration forms are available on-line at [www.junctiontexas.net](http://www.junctiontexas.net) and are also available at the Chamber. There will be music for everyone's enjoyment, too, with the return favorites – The Old Fiddlers and Twin Fiddles Contests. Chairs will be set up by the Gazebo for the viewing of the fiddle contests, and the other traditional contests, too. Those will include the Little Miss and Little Mr. Kimble Kounty for boys and girls four years old and the Kraziest Hat and Best Homemade Ice Cream! Winners of those two contests will take home \$25 for their efforts! Don't forget our traditional awards for Couples Married the Longest, The Oldest Person in Attendance, the Youngest Person in Attendance, the Folks Who Traveled the Farthest, and any others we might dream up to add this year! It's all in the name of fun, so you don't want to miss it! The fun begins in City Park at 10 AM on Monday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> – that's Labor Day – and there is no charge for admission. Bring those dollars to buy tickets for rides and munchies! Make plans to be there! A good time is guaranteed!

**JENNIFER RALEY MEMORIAL GOLF SCRAMBLE – Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup>**  
get those golf clubs dusted off and come join the fun! The Scramble starts at 1 PM at Junction Golf Course and is \$25 per person. Prizes to be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> places, for the Longest Drive and the Closest to the Pin The meal's included for players and available for guests for \$3. The person who shoots the “FIRST HOLE-IN-ONE” wins a new 2007 Chevy donated by our own Hill Country Chevy! That alone is inspiration to sign up, not to mention the wonderful cause this event benefits – the Scholarship Fund established in memory of Jennifer Raley. Come on, Junction let's play golf for a good cause...ya'ant to? Call 210/913-4664 for info.

**THERE WILL BE A WILD GAME DINNER ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING IN SEPTEMBER AND WE'RE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS –** Part of the charm of living in a small town is being in the know of what's going on...or at least being in the know on what the gossip says is going on. Anyway, last week I was stunned to be asked if we were going to have our Wild Game Dinner this year. “OF COURSE WE ARE!!!!” I replied. As all of Kimble County is aware, we have had some changes in committee chairmen in the Wild Game Dinner Association, as well as changes of Board Members themselves. BUT, just because the Chairperson you usually work with on a certain committee has chosen to not be involved in this event anymore DOES NOT MEAN YOU CANNOT CONTINUE TO SUPPORT AND VOLUNTEER FOR THE WILD GAME DINNER! We want everyone who historically helps cook, serve, sell tickets, set up, count money, whatever, to continue to do so, if you want to. We also want to invite new folks, those who haven't volunteered before or maybe haven't participated for a few years, to “come on down” and be a part of this worthwhile venture in Junction! It's hard work, but loads of fun and the money benefits our Chamber of Commerce and Volunteer Fire Department. Those are worthy causes, I think, don't you? Anyway, if you want to be a part of one of the most exciting evenings in Junction, please email the Chamber at [junctiontx@cebridge.net](mailto:junctiontx@cebridge.net) or Steve Brown at [deputybrown@hotmail.com](mailto:deputybrown@hotmail.com) and sign up! You can also leave me a message at the

Chamber Office 325/446-3190. When we select a date for our planning meeting, we'll let y'all know! Remember, WGD - SATURDAY AFTER THANKSGIVING, NOV. 24<sup>TH</sup>!

Send us your feedback at [junctiontx@cebridge.net](mailto:junctiontx@cebridge.net) to include something next week or just to say "Hi". Your Chamber is promoting commerce and tourism and keeping you informed of events and happenings of Junction and Kimble County!

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