

Kimble County Chamber of Commerce

Newsletter

Tuesday, July 17, 2007

"EARLY TO BED AND EARLY TO RISE, MAKES A MAN HEALTHY, WEALTHY, AND WISE." - At least that's what Ben Franklin thought. In fact, he believed so strongly in this proverb that he even proposed putting it on an American coin. His idea wasn't met with much enthusiasm, I must say. Anyway, I have earnestly been doing my part of the "early to bed and early to rise" scenario, but I must say that I'm still waiting for the "wealth and wise" to appear! In total absence this past week was the "healthy" situation, too! Suffering from a severe kidney infection and a case of shingles, I took to my bed last Monday afternoon, not to emerge until this Monday morning! Wow...what a week! Anyhow, I was too far under the weather to produce our Newsletter last week, and I really hated that! But, I hope y'all missed it, even just a little! And I am back at it, keeping you informed on what's happening in and around Junction and Kimble County once again!

JULY 3RD FREEDOM CELEBRATION/FIREWORKS - I know it's old news now, but we really owe a big thank you to Chief Raymond McDonald and Fire Marshall Cecil Conner for their attention to our safety on July 3rd and to Debbie Cooper-Kistler and the Junction Eagle for the great story explaining what took place. It was a hard decision for all concerned, but almost every single person, when told of the cancellation and why, said "You are doing the right thing." A dear friend and Chamber Member, Andy Phillips of Hill Country Integrity Homes in Kerrville, put it best when he told me, "You just had to make one of those adult decisions in life that we all try to avoid!" So true! Anyhow, a firm believer that all things happen for the best, we are fast at work making plans for our December 31st Fireworks Display and Celebration! What better way to ring in the New Year than with terrific fireworks! The Chamber is asking for ideas/input as to whether we should try and incorporate some food vendors or not. It will get dark early, but might be fun to have food vendors under the pavilion. What about music? Maybe, maybe not...send us your thoughts and/or suggestions so that we can make this New Year's Celebration something the whole community will enjoy!

CHAMBER CRUISE 2008 - Nick Bukis, of Trips by Nick, says he's still taking reservations for our Chamber Cruise in February 2008, but warns that time is getting short! We will be cruising to Panama, Costa Rica, and Belize. This 9-day cruise will depart from Fort Lauderdale, FL, on Carnival Cruise Lines. He has also arranged for a group air travel from San Antonio to Fort Lauderdale. Cruisers will need current U.S. Passports. There's still time!

LONDON DANCE HALL - "Kevin Fowler" will be performing at London Dance Hall in London TX this Friday, July 20th from 8PM till Midnight. Saturday, July 21st, come and enjoy "Johnny Dickenson & Big Country", from 9 PM to 1 AM. Saloon opens Friday at 5 PM to 12 AM and Saturday at 5PM to 1AM. For info call Billie at 325/475-2921 or 2296. www.londondancehall.com

BACKSTREET PLAYERS - "CABIN FEVER: A TEXAS TRAGICOMEDY" - opens this Thursday, July 19th at the Red Barn Theater. Under the direction of Nancy Jacoby, this performance is guaranteed to be one not to be missed! These folks, both actors and members of the crew, have worked and worked to bring this great play to Junction for all to enjoy! There will be only one "Dinner Theater" performance on Sunday, July 22nd, at 12:30 PM, with reserved seating, \$20 each. Other performances will be open seating and all cost \$12 each. Performances are July 19th, 20th, 21st, 26th, 27th, and 28th all at 7 PM. Tickets are now available at the Chamber. Hurry, they are going fast!

THANK YOU PEC – your Chamber wants to thank Doug Haynes and all his guys at PEC for their help in hanging our Backstreet Players banner across Main Street!

TEXAS WOMEN FLY FISHERS – Junction is eagerly awaiting the arrival of the Texas Women Fly Fishers this Friday evening! They “fly” into town on Friday evening, enjoy a mixer, and then plan to hit the river, poles in hand, early Saturday morning. This great group invites anyone who enjoys fly fishing, or thinks they might want to try it and see, to come out and join in the fun. Stop by the Best Western Dos Rios on Friday evening from 6 PM till 9 PM and get acquainted. The experienced and the not so experienced will all be welcomed with open arms! The Chamber and our membership are providing goodie bags for these travelers, to give them a small indication and a little information of what life is like in Junction, Texas. These fishermen...’em...fisherpersons (?) are travelers, not tourists. Do you know the difference? A tourist comes to a town to buy lunch and see a couple of popular sights. A traveler comes to a town to discover what makes it tick...what the locals do on Friday nights, where the best onion rings can be eaten; truly experience a glimpse of “what it would be like to live here”. We can hardly wait to show them! For more info, call Glenna Noret at 325/944-9103 or e-mail: michael.noret@suddenlink.net

KIMBLE COUNTY LIBRARY ALL “A BUZZ” – Patsy Hall, Library Director, is proudly announcing the selection of our library as the Texas Rural Library to be visited by the Federal Institute of Museum & Library Sciences, Washington, D.C. This institute is the primary source of federal support for our nation’s libraries and museums. On July 19th, Senior Program Officer Robin Cabot will tour our library. He will be accompanied by Deborah Littrell, Director of Library Development, Texas State Library & Archives Commission in Austin and John Pecaro, Big Country Library Systems Coordinator and Max Skinner, Technology Director of Big Country Library System, both of Abilene. What a great honor for Patsy and our library! AND...on Sunday, July 22nd at 2 PM, the library and the Friends of the Library will sponsor a book signing for Paul Ruffin. Ruffin has written many other books, whose reviews have appeared in the New York Time Book Review, saying “...his poignant stories linger in the memory like the scent of wood smoke—or gun smoke—on the skin.” His newest book, Segovia Chronicles, is a collection of stories about Segovia, and will be the subject of his remarks. Please come to the library and enjoy this great author and some fine refreshments.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, AUGUST 10TH & 11TH WILL HAVE COWBOYS, A PARADE, RODEOS, DANCES, AND CHANCES TO WIN A NEW GRILL – Everyone is busy preparing for the busy weekend in August. There will be the Ranch Rodeo on Friday and Saturday nights, dances each night with Jake Hooker performing, a parade on Saturday morning at 10 AM, followed by the Junction Exes Luncheon at Noon, and the Cowboy Show out at the Coke Stevenson Center. Our Hill Country Fair Association decided to try a “Ranch Rodeo” this year and everyone is excited! It sounds like loads of fun for all ages! And who doesn’t love Jake Hooker’s music! Come and dance under the stars, both nights following the rodeo performances. Then, Saturday morning, grab your lawn chair and make your way to Main Street for the Parade. It begins at 10 AM and entries are coming in daily! Following the Parade, head on out to the Coke Stevenson Center and look at Western Related Exhibits, such as jewelry, guns, knives, saddles, spurs, art, and more! This show, along with the beautiful barbeque grill being raffled that evening at the rodeo, will benefit the Kimble County Meals on Wheels. This wonderful program provides much needed hot meals, delivered to the homes of our elderly and disabled of Kimble County! They need your support! Raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5 and are available at the Senior Center, True Value, and other locations around town. SOOOOO, dust off those boots, and that checkbook, of course, and get ready to celebrate, Junction-Style, Friday and Saturday, August 10th & 11th! Entry forms for the parade, luncheon, and Cowboy Show are all available on the Chamber website www.junctiontexas.net . Rodeo & dance tickets will be on sale at the Chamber soon!

Send us your feedback at 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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