

Kimble County Chamber of Commerce

Newsletter

Tuesday, May 1, 2007

DO YOU REALIZE THAT HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION IS IN JUST TWENTY-FOUR DAYS???? That seems impossible...but it isn't! And along with graduation comes the presentation of the Miss Kimble County Scholarship. Our 2006 Miss Kimble County Jillian Haschke, Miss Kimble County First Alternate Chelsi Morgan, and Miss Congeniality Shawna Henderson have all done an awesome job representing Junction and Kimble County! They have cheerfully participated in parades and ribbon cuttings, helped to put up and take down our U.S. Flags on Main Street, helped sell and draw raffle tickets at our Wild Game Dinner, and basically pitched in whenever asked! Jillian Haschke said during her interview last year on the courthouse steps that one of her goals, if selected, was to be a role model for young girls. She really "put her money where her mouth was" this past summer, helping out with the Summer Reading Program at the Kimble County Library. Chelsi Morgan held one of the starring roles in the Backstreet Players production of "Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs" a couple of months ago, and was just darling. Anyone who's ever been involved with community theatre realizes the commitment and hard work it takes! And Shawna Henderson is, basically, everywhere, cheering us all on and making us laugh! Enthusiasm absolutely gushes out of every one of her pores! We at the Chamber want to thank these girls, their parents and grandparents, for their time, energy, and dedication to helping us promote Junction and Kimble County, "Miss Kimble-style"! We know only good things are in store for these three young ladies!

CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE AND REBUILDING TOGETHER, JUNCTION GARAGE SALE AND BAR-B-QUE LUNCH – Saturday, May 5th is the date and 8 AM is the time to be at the Chamber of Commerce, 402 Main, to get your free map to all the garage sales all over Junction! Along with Rebuilding Together, Junction, the Chamber of Commerce holds this garage sale each year the first Saturday in May. To have your address placed on the City-Wide Garage Sale Map, bring in \$10, give us your address, and you will be ON THE MAP!!!! Shop the garage sales and then swing by the Rebuilding Together, Junction building (old Christmas in April building) down by the South Llano Bridge and Cowboy Cottage, to get a great Bar-B-Que plate of chicken or brisket, just to name a little of their menu! Sign up by 5 PM Friday, May 4th.

CINCO DE MAYO GOLF TOURNAMENT – May 5th & 6th are the dates for the 2 Man Select Shot (pre-flighted) golf tournament \$150 per team/Mulligans included both days. Free Saturday night supper for contestants and \$5 for others. All this happens at the Junction Golf Course, located off Loop 481 on FM 2169 West. Tee times are 8:30 AM & 1:30 PM Saturday & Sunday (flight determines tee time on Sunday) There will be a Hole-In-One Contest both Saturday and Sunday at no extra cost. Call 325/446-2968 for information. FORE!!!

TEXAS PECOS TRAIL REGION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, NETWORKING LUNCHEON, AND EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE – Friday, May 4th is the deadline to make your reservations to attend this fun and informative meeting. The cost for the luncheon is a donation and featured speakers include Frederica Wyatt, Dr. Grant Hall, and Lynn Foreman. Come on out to Texas Tech at Junction and learn about our area! For reservations, call Ms Keith Godwin 325/387-2927 or go to texaspecostrail@hotmail.com.

RELAY FOR LIFE – May 19th is the date for Relay for Life and many volunteers are busy collecting donations and making plans for this great event. The Chamber will be selling "Restaurant Safari" tickets again this year for \$1 ea./6 for \$5 to win a \$20 gift certificate for

every restaurant in Junction. The drawing will be held at the event on May 19th. You don't need to be present to win. Watch for ticket sales to begin soon!

LONDON DANCE HALL – Southern Image will be performing at the London Dance Hall in London Texas this Saturday, May 5th. Saloon opens Friday at 5 PM till 12 AM and Saturday from 5PM till 1 AM. For info call Billie at 325/475-2921 or 2296 or www.londondancehall.com.

TWIST-OFF RODEO- Come to the rodeo, Friday and Saturday, May 11th & 12th! Pre-show is at 7 PM both nights and is the 2007 Miss Kimble County Pageant. Performances begin at 7:30 PM both nights. Save \$2 by buying tickets in advance! Adults \$8 advance/\$10 gate, Children (12 & under) \$4 advance/\$6 gate. Kids under kindergarten get in free! Dance tickets cost \$8 advance/\$10 gate, and Johnny Dickinson is playing both nights! Tickets available at Chamber!

MISS KIMBLE COUNTY PAGEANT –The Miss Kimble County Pageant 2007 girls will be introduced during the Pre-show at the Rodeo at 7 PM on Friday night. Saturday morning at 10 AM, there will be their PARADE down Main Street, beginning at the Chamber Office. After the parade, the contestants will go to the Courthouse steps for their interview questions. This year, our 2007 MISS KIMBLE COUNTY PAGEANT WILL BE BROADCAST LIVE OVER KMBL, RIGHT HERE IN JUNCTION!! THIS BROADCAST IS SPONSORED BY NELSON MOTORS!!!! TIM BATES AND NELSON MOTORS graciously agreed to sponsor this so that folks at home wouldn't feel left out! Tim and the folks at Nelson Motors are providing the "break truck" to end the Miss Kimble portion and begin the Ugly Pickup Contest portion of the parade. His Patriotic truck will be announcing their "A Million Thanks" Campaign, sponsored by Buick, Pontiac, and GMC. In honor of May being "Military Appreciation Month", this campaign was organized to write millions of thank-you letters to our folks serving in the armed forces! Look for the "Uncle Sam" hats located around town and donate your spare dollars. These donations will be given to the VFW National Home for Children. Buick, Pontiac, GMC, Veteran Tim Bates, and Nelson Motors want us all to remember what Memorial Day is truly all about! Thanks Tim for your service to our country and your contribution to the Chamber and our community's effort to thank our folks in uniform!

UGLY PICKUP CONTEST – There will be a return performance of the Ugly Pickup Contest on Saturday May 12th, bringing up the rear of the Miss Kimble County Pageant Parade. Bring your entry (your ugly truck), which must be self propelled, to the Chamber Office that morning at 9 AM, and a story about your entry. There will be cash prizes and a good time had by all... I promise!

FEATURED BUSINESS – KIMBLE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – Your Chamber has nine Board of Directors, elected by our membership, for a three year staggered term. These Directors are your friends, your neighbors, and even your family. They are President Laura Wilson, Bookkeeper-Kerr County Federal Credit Union, Vice President Angie Wilson, Cashier-Junction National Bank, Director Aaron Bierschwale-Bierschwale Appraisals and Bierschwale Land Company, Lisa Heap, owner-Generations III, Natalie Kothmann, owner-Concho's & Crosses and Let 'Er Buck Coffeehouse, Nick Bukis, owner-Trips by Nick, Dave Lawrence, co-owner-Sunshine Café & Bakery, Kathleen Portz, Manager-Buster's Laundry, and Tom Johnston, owner-West Bear Creek General Store. These respected citizens of Kimble County oversee the actions of the Executive Director, me, Connie Booth, whom they have hired to operate the Chamber. Teresa Leach ably lends support as part time help. I report directly to the Board and consult them daily, either in person, by phone, or e-mail, concerning the daily operations, triumphs, and challenges that face your Chamber. Town folk see me all over town at all hours of the day. But let me assure you that my Board is very well aware of my daily "doings". They understand it takes a lot of time and energy, face to face, to promote commerce and tourism in Junction and Kimble County to the degree we have risen. These board members firmly support the actions of the Chamber, our endeavors tried in an effort to expand our horizons, if you will, to new areas of marketing. That is what your Chamber does...it "markets" Junction and Kimble County to help increase commerce, bring travelers to our area, and sometimes, hopefully, instill a little more pride in each citizen just because they are a part of this wonderful community. They are truly a "hands on" board, actively participating in all events in our community. This Board also is responsible for having meetings, posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, and strictly oversees the financial report received monthly and forwarded on to the City Council. The Chamber is funded through tourism monies received from the City Council through contract, dues for membership, and the ever increasing fund-

raising efforts undertaken, seemily almost daily! Yes, we do ask our community individuals and businesses for donations, quite often, in fact. But we offer in return, participation in creating an image of our community that is optimistic, forward thinking, enthusiastic, and welcoming. Meeting someone from a place like that...wouldn't you want to come and see for yourself what it was like? And they are coming...hunters, quilters, naturalists, birders, fishermen, Wild Turkey Federation Members, RV'ers, kayakers, bicyclers, motorcyclists, and everyone in between. That is what your Chamber is doing for you! Please, if you see one of these Directors, say thanks, offer a suggestion, or feel free to discuss a problem. They are there for you, Junction!

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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