

Kimble County Chamber of Commerce

NEWSLETTER

TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2007

Thank you, everyone, for your enthusiastic response to our first "Newsletter" last week! We received phone calls, emails, faxes, "'atta boys" in the grocery store and on the street, and we appreciate them – one and all! Sherry Hubbard, daughter of the late Helene Burk, e-mailed, "What a wonderful idea to post an email newsletter! Offers easy communication both ways. I know my mother would be thrilled to see this innovation for her beloved Chamber. Thanks for including us!" Daisy Villanueva Evans e-mailed, "I would like to be added to your newsletter e-mail list...this will help me keep up with what's going on in my home town that I miss so much!!" This is exactly the response that your Chamber wanted!! Those who have experienced Junction and Kimble County never let us down, whether they still are living here, have moved away, or haven't realized their dream to live here full time yet, they always claim Junction as their "heart's home". And...what's not to love? All you have to do is go to a Little Dribbler's game, watched by folks who grew up in Junction and are now there watching their grandchildren. Or you can go to the new Junction Rollerama, and watch little kids, teenagers, young adults, and some not so young adults, enjoying an evening out together, having some good old fashioned fun! Our own Junction Economic Development Corporation really worked with John and Nancy Robertson to make their dream of bringing a skating rink back to Junction come true! Thank you, John and Nancy and JEDC Board, for taking that all important "leap of faith"! On that same note, we are thinking of organizing a "ladies skate" for gals only. If you are interested in joining, please either call or e-mail the Chamber and we will put you on the list. It will take place either in the early morning hours or on an evening when the Rollerama is normally closed on a weekly or bi-weekly basis, depending on interest. More details to follow.

Monday evening found over 168 motorcycle riders in downtown Junction, Texas, as the Texas Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway Motorcycle Riders came to town. A crowd waited to welcome these veterans and then we all listened as Robert Young, Marine Vietnam Veteran, gave his inspirational and encouraging remarks. The local chapter of the Christian Motorcycle Association, along with the First United Methodist Women, treated the riders to a chicken fajita dinner that was yummy! I was proud to present each rider with a "Support Our Troops" bracelet compliments of my nephew, Capt. John Copeland, U.S. Army, Ft. Hood, Texas. I must thank my "flag committee" for helping place all the U.S. flags up and down Main Street, to welcome the riders. Many thanks to my main man, Bryan, whose help and support are vital to my existence! Also, I thank Nick Bukis, Andrew Helton, Rhandy Helton, Kaycie Sullivan, Joan Fling, Lynette Silva, Vanessa Silva, Judy Nickelson, Simon Nickelson, Mike Bland, Jerry Powers, and Wayne Coursey.

Frederica Wyatt, Curator of the Kimble County Historical Museum, has asked that we remind folks of the upcoming 700 Springs Ranch Tour, this Saturday, March 17, 2007. The tour gathers at the Courthouse, and leaves promptly at 10:00 AM, traveling caravan-style out to the ranch. Bring a sack lunch to enjoy on the banks of the headwaters of the beautiful South Llano River, and wear comfortable walking shoes. No admission is charged, however, Frederica says that "donations will be joyfully accepted". Don't miss this great tour, full of Frederica's inspiring presentation of the history of the 700 Springs, and the natural beauty of our Texas Hill Country.

Also on Saturday, March 17, 2007, is the 1st Annual "Dos Llanos Longbeards" National Wild Turkey Federation Hunting Heritage Banquet. Come out to the Backdoor Café at Simon Bros. Mercantile in Roosevelt, enjoy a meal, help preserve the hunting tradition and the conservation of the wild turkey, and maybe win a gun to boot! The doors open at 6:00 PM and tickets are

available at West Bear Creek, Junction True Value Hardware, and other locations in Junction. Call 325/446-2604 for more information.

Junction is also a community that celebrates endings and beginnings with equal enthusiasm, and sometimes it is done all at the same time! The Friends of the Library and Kimble County Library Board are hosting a reception to honor Jerrie Fairchild Rhamy and Elsie Murr for their years of service to the Library as they retire, and to introduce our community to the new Kimble County Librarian, Patsy Hall, on Sunday March 18, 2007. This event will be at the Presbyterian Church Hall from 1:00 to 3:00 PM, with a dessert table, coffee and punch. Come on out and say thanks for a job well done, and welcome for a new job begun.

Derrick Ard, Webmaster for the Chamber of Commerce, posts beautiful photos of wildlife, birds, and the beauty that surrounds Kimble County on the Chamber Website each week. We invite you to email your photos to me here at the Chamber, and we will place them on our home page, to give visitors to our website a small glimpse of what is in store for them when they come and visit our area. Please check out our website at www.junctiontexas.net, and send us a photo!

The Relay for Life, meet every Monday evening in March, from 6:00 to 7:00 PM at the First United Methodist Church. This year's event will be held on May 19, 2007, but lots of hard work happens before then. The Chamber will be raffling another "Restaurant Safari" again this year to help them raise money, so get your pocketbooks ready!

The proposed destination for the 2008 Chamber of Commerce Cruise, sponsored in conjunction with Nick Bukis and Trips by Nick, has been selected. Your Chamber meets tonight, March 13, 2007, and will decide if this is meets with their approval and support. Next week, I hope to announce the details of our 2nd Chamber Cruise!!! (You are gonna love it!!!)

The Easter Pageant is just around the corner, as you can tell from the huge banner hanging over Main Street. They aren't meeting this week due to Spring Break, but rehearsals begin again on Monday, March 19, 2007, at 6:30 PM, at the Easter Pageant Grounds. For more information, contact Bobby Chenault at 446-3975 or Larry Trimble 446-2564.

Kenny Rooke, owner/agent of Rooke's Texas Hills Insurance, was so enthusiastic and supportive of our "Newsletter" that he volunteered to be our second featured business! Kenny has been in the insurance business since 1985. He first represented Kimble County Farm Bureau and then entered into a partnership with Linda Lashley and Texas Hills Insurance in 1998. In 2003, Kenny "went solo" creating "Rooke's Texas Hills Insurance at 731 Main. Kenny and his staff, Stephanie Mudge, Robin Kothmann, and Michea Davis are truly financial professionals who offer high quality insurance and financial products and services to individuals and businesses. They have a "commitment and desire to establish trust and a long lasting relationship with our clients" and "take pride in knowing our clients return to us for advice". Kenny married a "Junction girl" Darla D'Spain, and they have two beautiful daughters. Kenny shows his love for his community through endless hours of community service through Christmas in April, Relay for Life, First Baptist Church, donations and sponsorships for Chamber of Commerce events, just to mention a few. That is...unless he's fishin'! And do not – under any circumstances – come between Kenny and fishin'!! Kenny and his crew truly work at being professional, yet fun-loving insurance agency. Remember them, riding on the back of his Rooke's Texas Hills Insurance white pickup truck, in the Rodeo Parade last August?? They were handing out his now famous bottles of water to the thirsty crowd, and having an absolute ball doing it! Kenny makes hard work seem fun, in his business life and in his personal life. He is a dedicated family man, and a true asset to Junction and the Kimble County Chamber of Commerce! Thank you Kenny for all your support!!

Don't forget to e-mail us or mail us your entry to the "Name the Newsletter" contest. The deadline is 5:00 PM, Friday, March 23, 2007

Send us your feedback at junctiontx@cebridge.net, and let us know if you have something to include next week, or just to say "Hi". We are your Chamber of Commerce, promoting commerce and tourism in Junction and Kimble County!

Kimble County Chamber of Commerce
402 Main, Junction, TX 76849
325/446-3190 e:mail junctiontx@cebridge.net www.junctiontexas.net