

# Kimble County Chamber of Commerce

# Newsletter

Tuesday, May 22, 2007

**FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE, ONE PERSON REALLY CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE** – Many times we don't open our mouths on something because we feel that we are just one voice and don't really matter. But that is never the case! Often times when one person steps up and voices their opinion, either in favor or against something, someone else will chime in. They have just been waiting, afraid to be "standing out there all alone". In many, many instances in history, one person's voice truly did make a difference. Nowhere is that more evident than the true story of how the American Cancer Society Relay for Life "A Team Event to Fight Cancer" was born. In the mid-1980's, Dr. Gordy Klatt, a Tecoma surgeon, decided to champion his local American Cancer Society. An avid runner, he decided to raise money personally, by running marathons. So, in May 1985, he ran over 83 miles, even running throughout the night, around and around the track at Baker Stadium, University of Puget Sound. His friends paid \$25 to run or walk 30 minutes with him, and during that 24 hour period, he raised \$27,000 to help fight cancer! That tradition was carried on this past Saturday, when our own Relay for Life event raised over \$15,000! Lisa Sanders spearheaded this event, and even though attendance was down, due to ball games and other conflicts, those who turned out in support of the event lacked nothing in the enthusiasm department! I am proud to report that your Chamber of Commerce raised \$915 with their "Restaurant Safari" won by Rick Clark of Hill Country Sporting Goods! Many, many thanks to all the generous restaurants donating gift certificates and to all of you who bought our raffle tickets, **ONE MORE TIME!!!** Congratulations Junction's Relay for Life!!!

**BACKSTREET PLAYERS** – Nancy Jacoby will lend a hand, and a generous serving of talent, as she steps up to direct "Cabin Fever – A Texas Tragicomedy"! This play is just beginning production, so there is still time to call Nancy and volunteer to help! Join Backstreet Players and have fun, while becoming part of making memories for all of Junction and the surrounding areas in this wonderful community theatre group! Performance dates are tentatively set for July 19<sup>th</sup> through 22<sup>nd</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup> through 28<sup>th</sup>. Give Nancy a call at 446-2522!

**EMS WEEK** – May 20-26, 2007, is EMS Week. Kimble County EMS invites everyone to their Open House on Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> from 11 AM till 2 PM. Their business office is located at the end of Hospital Drive. It's the big house at the top of the hill past the ambulance bay. Even if you can't make it for the Open House, some time, when you have time, take time to say "Thanks". We tend to take for granted all of our wonderful community services; it's just human nature. But think for one minute how it would be if there was an accident in your family and no EMS to help...pretty scary, huh? Show these folks you appreciate all their hard work! Speak up and be heard for something positive, ok?

**A MILLION THANKS CAMPAIGN** – Tim Bates, owner of Nelson Motors, in conjunction with GMAC, Buick, and Pontiac, has brought the "A Million Thanks Campaign" to Junction. Look for the "Uncle Sam" hats at West Bear Creek General Store, First State Bank, Kimble County Library, Generations III, Isaack's Restaurant, and, of course, Nelson Motors, and drop in your donations for the VFW National Home for Children. In the words of this campaign, "This Memorial Day is all about the Kids". Please donate to this worthy cause, and don't forget to write those thanks you letters to our troops, thanking them for their service to their country, protecting our rights, freedoms and the American way of life. Drop box for the letters is in the lobby at Nelson Motors. Campaign ends on Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. Show your patriotism!

**SCHOOL LETS OUT FOR SUMMER THIS THURSDAY, MAY 24<sup>TH</sup>** – Get ready, Junction, because school is just about over! Kids are wired and teachers are pooped, but Junction has had another wonderful school year this year! Visiting around our campus, I am continually amazed at the variety our school district provides for our kids, with regards to teachers, subjects, extracurricular activities, and general day to day school life! There is positive energy, warmth, support, and a terrific atmosphere in which to learn, and that doesn't "just happen", it takes planning, funding, and dedication! JISD is just one more example of a source of pride for Junction and Kimble County! Way to go, JISD!!!! Don't miss **Graduation for the class of 2007, Friday evening, May 25<sup>th</sup>, at 8 PM at Eagle Stadium.**

**LONDON DANCE HALL** – Blend will be performing at the London Dance Hall in London Texas this Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup> from 9PM till 1 AM. 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](http://www.londondancehall.com).

**CHAMBER ANNUAL PICNIC – Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> is the date for our Annual Chamber Picnic this year.** Out under the trees on our Courthouse Lawn, all of Junction and Kimble County will gather to greet each other in friendship, enjoy a bite of supper, present awards for our outstanding citizens of the year, and "shake a leg" to the music of Grupo Suave at a street dance to follow. We will be serving hamburgers with all the trimmings, watermelon, cake for dessert and tickets cost \$6.50 each. With each ticket, you will receive a raffle ticket, to be placed in a drawing for a prize you choose, that suits your fancy. Last year we had jewelry, a bicycle, a pizza party, and a bunch more. This year is shaping up just as good, if not better! Come on, Junction let's show support for the Chamber and our community. Let's get together and celebrate all we have to be thankful for, and our own local heroes of the year! The food is guaranteed to be tasty, and who in Junction ever met a stranger??? Come out for a relaxed evening on Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 6:00 PM, Kimble County Courthouse Lawn. Tickets are on sale at the Chamber of Commerce.

**TOUR de FORTS** – Central Texas Hills and Rivers Region has organized the 1<sup>st</sup> Tour de Forts bicycle fun run for Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup> and Sunday June 10<sup>th</sup>. Bike riders register online [www.cthrr.org](http://www.cthrr.org) by June 1<sup>st</sup> for \$45. Cost increases to \$55 after June 1<sup>st</sup>. Riders will pick up their packets at the Kimble County Courthouse on Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM to 6 PM, and that is the starting point for the rides both Saturday and Sunday. For information, contact Lynn Foreman [cavuforeman@ctesc.net](mailto:cavuforeman@ctesc.net) or call 325/446-9133. This exciting event shows signs of being a huge success, loads of fun, and a wonderful tourism event for Junction and towns around us so don't miss out! Volunteers are still needed and welcomed!

**FEATURED BUSINESS – JUNCTION AUTOMOTIVE SUPPLY** – 815 Main, Junction, TX 76849 325/446-2501 Fax 325/446-3951 Clifton Moss wasn't born in Junction. He was born in San Antonio. But, he's like that old Texas saying, because "he got here as quick as he could"! Clifton was raised in Junction and attended Junction High School. While in school, primary school, that is, 4<sup>th</sup> grade to be specific, Clifton began to tinker with cars. During High School, he and a bunch of his buddies rented the old Sutton Building and had "Junction Automotive" where they worked on cars for fun, washing cars to pay their rent. A senior in 1963, Clifton stated in the yearbook his goal "to open a Junction Automotive in Junction, Tx." He will proudly tell you that he is the only one of his class to accomplish his stated goal. While going to college, and having use of their machine shop, Clifton built a 1957 Oldsmobile. After attending Texas Tech and fleeing Lubbock's dust storms for the beauty of his hometown hills, he opened the Junction Automotive Supply in November 1976. His store truly exemplifies the Napa motto of "We keep America running" and he invites you to come on in, look at the fully stocked shelves and wallboards, and "Get the Good Stuff". There is everything you need for keeping your cars and trucks in top working order, for both big jobs and small. He also has many items for use around the house, like sprinklers and yard tools. Then, when you throw in the pocket knives and ice chests, well, what more could you want from "a guy kinda place"! Clifton and his staff will graciously do their best to help their customers find what they need, even if you are like me, and don't have a clue when it comes to motor vehicles! He will proudly show you the photo of his 1965 GTO, which he rebuilt and still races today at Wall Dragway in

Wall, Tx. and Alamo Dragway in San Antonio, Tx. Clifton and Connie Moss have five daughters between them, and five grandchildren...all boys, except one! They work hard at making their business successful, enjoy dancing and kayaking, and are wonderful supporters of this community and this Chamber of Commerce. Junction is lucky to have a Napa Store of this caliber for our citizens and our ever increasing number of travelers to enjoy!

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