

# Kimble County Chamber of Commerce

# Newsletter

**Tuesday, DECEMBER 4, 2007**

THIS YEAR'S KIMBLE COUNTY WILD GAME DINNER WAS A HUGE SUCCESS – As with any large event, final numbers are not yet available, but everyone can rest assured that the 2007 WGD was wonderful!!! Our weather wasn't very cooperative...it was rainy and cold, threatening to turn icy, so some folks who usually attend chose to stay at home by the fire instead. And some of our hunters walked to their deer blinds for an afternoon hunt, rather than take a "road trip" into town taking a chance on not being able to get back home that evening. And after all, the WGD folks would certainly rather everyone be safe, than take an unnecessary risk to be at our dinner, even though we certainly missed some of our old familiar faces in the crowd. I talked with our "fun table" and they had decided to try out their new deer lease in Childress, TX, that weekend, and had hoped to drive over late Saturday to the WGD. Well, the weather prevented that, and Robert Robinson, ring leader of the Fun Table, said they were all pretty "down in the mouth" on that Saturday evening when they would usually have been partying at our Wild Game Dinner. He said they wouldn't repeat that mistake next year! Even though their plans to attend fell through, the Fun Table was proud to sponsor a gun donation once again this year! I must say, their rowdiness was truly missed. And, my "huckleberry" Dean Hurta, and his sister Sara, from Richmond, TX, couldn't get to town either! They even emailed me at the Chamber to say how sorry they were to miss this favorite event! Our advance ticket sales were really great this year, however, as folks recognized the threat of bad weather and came into town early to be sure to get those raffle tickets! This was the first year for some of our volunteers and so we all had to be patient with one another as we "learned together" what our assigned jobs truly entailed. I must say that Chamber Director Dave Lawrence of Sunshine Café and his crew did a terrific job on the food and serving thereof! Kyle Konz, head of the Bar-B-Quers, kept his head about him when our meat didn't thaw as rapidly as planned, so our attendees were still treated to great bar-b-qued aoudad and wild hog!! Because of the 50/50 split this year between the Volunteer Fire Department and Chamber of Commerce (instead of a 33.3% split between three groups), these two entities each assumed additional responsibilities. I am so proud that my Chamber Directors and the Volunteer Firemen (and women) truly rose to the occasion! Everyone pitched in where needed to help the whole event come together with a helpful and positive atmosphere. Yes, in the words of Rick Clark of Hill Country Sporting Goods, "there were a couple of hiccups", but those passed with "a spoonful of sugar" to calm the nerves. Rick and his team from Hill Country Sporting Goods not only provided the WGD with wonderful guns, but showed up to help put them up for display, register them at the event, and even met with lucky raffle winners on Sunday morning to run the correct forms to assist folks not having their CHL receive their gun. Now that's service! And guess what? This year, our money room became "computerized"! There were money counting machines and spread sheets...the whole nine yards! Kudos to Laura Wilson and crew! Once again, Mystle Haas won the coveted "diamond" tiara for selling the most raffle tickets - \$4,113!!! So, as you can tell from just these few details, the 2007 Wild Game Dinner was just grand! I want to personally thank each and every one who helped plan, volunteer, reassure, and coordinate this event for their help! Remember, everyone contributes to the success of something like this in individual and sometimes different ways. But – WE NEED EACH OF YOU TO PULL IT OFF AND MAKE IT SUCCESSFUL! IT'S BECAUSE OF YOU WE CAN ALL TAKE PRIDE IN THIS GREAT BIG JUNCTION-SIZED "ATTA-BOY, JUNCTION"!

LONDON DANCE HALL- "Barbwire" will be performing at London Dance Hall in London TX this Saturday, December 8th from 9 PM till 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](http://www.londondancehall.com)

HUNTERS DUMPGROUND – HAROLD'S FOOD MART, 2350 N. MAIN –Multiple dumpsters are being provided specifically for our local hunters. They are located on the south side of the parking lot at Harold's Food Mart. Donations are being accepted to help fund the Hunter's Dumpsters project. Mail donations to: Hunter's Dumpsters, P.O. Box 614, Junction, TX 76849

SHOP JUNCTION & WIN CASH FROM FIRST STATE BANK – Everyone is encouraged to do their Christmas shopping in Kimble County. Then, write your name, address & phone number on those register receipts and drop them in the Gift Box in the lobby at First State Bank, 2002 Main Street. On Friday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> they will hold a drawing for Cash Prizes to be awarded to ten (10)

Winners!!! Come on Junction make money while you spend it!! Remember, SHOP JUNCTION WITH FIRST STATE BANK!

JUNCTION HOUSING AUTHORITY OPEN HOUSE – Clara Kemp, Becky Chenault, and Ed Raney invite all of Junction to join them for an Open House at the Community Room at 920 Oak, on Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> from 1PM till 3 PM. Please stop by and enjoy a bit of "Christmas Cheer" with the staff of the Junction Housing Authority. They also remind the residents that their Christmas Party will be Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> from 2PM till 4 PM, also in the Community Room.

SAFE KIDS USA – Catie Wiedenhofer, Safe Kids San Angelo Coordinator, and faithful Kimble County Health Fair Participant reminds everyone that the holidays are a time of excitement for kids and we need to take extra precautions to insure their safety. Please choose toys appropriate for your child's development and follow age recommendations when selecting toys for other children. Remember that the gift is not complete unless the required/desired protective gear is included, like bike helmets and knee & elbow pads. Parents are encouraged to check [www.recalls.gov](http://www.recalls.gov) for recent toy recalls. Remember to practice safety when it comes to your Christmas Trees by selecting fresh trees, keeping the stand filled with water, using sturdy tree stands, checking electric lights for good wiring, not overloading electrical outlets, and keeping your tree away from the fireplace or heating vents. If using an artificial tree, be sure it is flame-retardant. For more info, go to [www.usa.safekids.org](http://www.usa.safekids.org).

J.I.S.D. HOLIDAY SCHEDULE – Students dismissed for Christmas holidays on Friday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> at lunchtime. Return to class on the morning of Wednesday, Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

CHAMBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINEES SOLICITED – Members of the Kimble County Chamber of Commerce should begin receiving their ballots through the mail to vote for four new directors. Deadline for submission of ballots is 12/27/07. If you did not receive a ballot, please contact the Chamber so that we can get one to you. Remember, do not circle more than four (4) names on your ballot or it disqualifies the entire ballot. Ballots will be opened and counted on December 28<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM at City Hall by a City employee and a Chamber Director. Ballots will be kept on file at the Chamber for the period of one year.

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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