

Kimble County Chamber of Commerce

Newsletter

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This is the very first issue of your Chamber's weekly "Newsletter". We are so excited to begin this new project! Patrick Overton said, "When you come to the edge of all the light you have, and are about to step off into the darkness of the unknown, faith is knowing one of two things will happen: There will be something solid to stand on, or you will be taught how to fly." Your Chamber is ready to fly! This is due to you, Junction and Kimble County, and the wonderful reception that we have received from you when we have tried new ideas!

Last year we tried approaching our "Chamber Banquet" in a less formal, more family-oriented way, in an effort to attract new members from Generation X, the generation that wear jeans to work and want to bring their kids with them to functions, instead of leaving them at home. The response was wonderful! Not only did we attract young people, but our older citizens turned out in force to enjoy a dinner outside, under the branches of the beautiful trees on our Courthouse lawn! Your Chamber wanted to invite its members and the entire town to enjoy the beauty of our hometown, while honoring our annual award recipients, in true Chamber tradition. We ended the evening, dancing in the streets, celebrating Junction!

You also supported our move of the 2006 Miss Kimble County Pageant to coincide with our May rodeo! We added a parade in honor of our contestants, and held the interview process on the Courthouse steps. Everyone could come and feel a part of this fun event! Who can ever forget Roy Silva's ugly pickup?! Your Chamber took a chance on having this parade. Would the contestants turn tail and run at the requirement of a "parade float"? Would town turn out to see our parade? Would folks really want to join in the fun and laugh at ourselves with "ugly pickups"? You bet you did!!!

So, here we are, once again...trying something new! We have decided the time has come to produce our own weekly newsletter. Our goal is to keep you informed on what's happening in and around Junction and Kimble County, with your Chamber and other organizations and events, as well.

This newsletter will be available, for free, late Tuesday afternoons, at local businesses around Junction. It will also be e-mailed to our distribution list here at the Chamber. We will send out our first copy by e-mail today. If you did not receive your copy, please e-mail the Chamber at junctiontx@cebridge.net to be added. Should you receive an e-mail, and not want to receive them in the future, send us that information as well, and you will be removed.

The Chamber is accepting entries into a "Name the Newsletter" Contest. Please submit your suggestions by e-mail or send it to the Chamber of Commerce, 402 Main, Junction, Tx 76849, by 5:00 PM on Friday, March 23rd.

Entries will be reviewed by the Board of Directors, on Monday, March 26th, and the winner will be announced in the March 27th issue. The winner will receive a \$25 gift certificate to the restaurant of their choice in Junction and Kimble County. Good luck and be creative!

Tonight, the St. Jude's Basketball Tournament will conclude its benefit tournament and cake auction. The tournament begins at 5:30 PM at the new gym, and cakes will be auctioned, proceeds benefiting the St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Also tonight, the Women in the Outdoors will be meeting at the Chamber Office at 6:30 PM. This group of ladies is making plans for the 2nd Annual Women in the Outdoors Event, to be held on April 14, 2007, at the South Llano State Park. Women will enjoy classes in skeet-shooting, fly-fishing, kayaking, gourd bird house making, team wagon driving, basic horseback riding skills, just to name a few. Classes to be offered will be finalized tonight, and begin watching local businesses and our website www.junctiontexas.net for the registration form and deadlines! Classes will be assigned on a first come, first served basis, so be sure to get your registration completed and submitted quickly! This is a fun event, ladies only, to experience new things. Classes are suggested and selected by your fellow gal pals, so it's sure to be a hit again this year! For more information, call Connie at the Chamber 325/446-3190 or Jan King at home 325/446-3538. Come join us at the meeting if you want to help as well as attend!

There is a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Open House at Kimble County Title Company, Friday, March 9th at 4:30 PM. They are moving into their new offices at 1802 Main Street, Suite C, and will join Trey Sullivan Real Estate and Jan Gambrell, CPA, already at that location.

This Saturday, volunteers will be meeting at the Chamber Office at 9:00 AM to put our U.S. Flags up on Main Street. Anyone who wants to help will be welcomed with open arms!!

The First Baptist Church has a bus going to the Point Theater in Ingram, TX, on March 10th to see a live production of "Smoke on the Mountain". The cost is \$10 and includes your ticket to the play and the bus trip to and from Ingram. The group will eat dinner together, so bring some spending money to cover your meal. If you have ever been to the Point, you know the quality of their performances! Don't miss out! Call Sylvia Lawler at the Church, 325/446-2125, for reservations.

This coming Monday, March 12th, at approximately 5:00 PM, Junction will be honored to once again host the riders in the Texas Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway Motorcycle Run. This run starts at the point U.S. Hwy 83 enters Texas, up in the Panhandle and continues through Texas, ending in Brownsville. Everyone is invited to participate in the ride, veteran or not, with the only requirement "respect for our country and those who have served it". Bring your lawn chairs and join us to welcome the riders on the courthouse lawn Monday afternoon.

Just as it is one of our goals is to keep you informed of happenings and events in Junction and Kimble County, we also want to acquaint you with different businesses in our area. Sometimes this is a new venture, and sometimes, like this week, it is getting re-acquainted with an established business. In 1998, Molly McMillan purchased Junction's Home Center, and named it "Cowboy Cottage". This family business, operated by Molly and her daughter and son-in-law, Marcy and Luke Levien, is perfectly described by their slogan, "A little western and a little romance". They have beautiful furniture from Ashley and Cochrane, including some outdoor furniture for springtime. Molly and her crew can offer suggestions, custom order, and install almost any floor covering of your choice, be it Shaw Carpet or beautiful tiles, wood, laminates, granite, or marble. They also install custom window coverings, too. Like Marcy said, "We can fix up your home from top to bottom." That also includes beautiful artwork by A.J. Cox and Roger Iker, just to name two. The "little bit Western" is reflected in the many framed prints that are offered on the walls of Cowboy Cottage, and the "little bit romance" is reflected in the beautiful candles, bed coverings, dishes, and thought provoking plaques displayed in their store. They also offer a bridal registry and Willow Tree Angels for the collectors. Molly and Marcy invite everyone to come and browse through Cowboy Cottage, Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM till 5:00 PM. Beginning the first Saturday in April, they are also open from 10:00 AM till 2:00 PM on Saturdays. Remember, if they don't have it or can't install it, they can order it or arrange for it to be installed. Just ask 'em, and you'll see! The Chamber thanks Molly and her crew at Cowboy Cottage for her continued support!

So, how did we do? Do you know what's going on? Did you learn a little more about an event or more about a business that you were aware of before? We hope so! We are eager for your feedback, so remember to email us at junctiontx@cebridge.net, and let us know if you have something to be included next week, if you want give us suggestions for improvement, or even if you just want to say, "Hi"! We are your Chamber of Commerce! We are working to promote commerce and tourism in Junction and Kimble County!

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