

# Kimble County Chamber of Commerce

# Newsletter

**Tuesday, November 13, 2007**

MANY PEOPLE BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE ANGELS THAT LIVE AMONG US EVERYDAY. I HAVE NO PROOF OF THAT...BUT I DO HAVE PROOF THAT WE HAVE HEROES LIVING AMONG US! We have many local heroes – our fire fighters, our law enforcement, our teachers, our city management team, the parents of our children and grandchildren, our medical personnel; I could go on and on. But at this particular time of year, we focus on our Veterans and those actively serving in our Armed Forces. The daughter of a veteran myself, I am very proud of my main man, who's a Vietnam Veteran. And, at this very moment, I have three nephews on active duty in the Army stationed all around the world. And I am not the exception. All through this wonderful community are veterans and families of veterans, each one proud of their family member and the honor they bring to our nation. On Monday, our school held a Veterans Day Celebration to honor our local veterans and remind our young people of the sacrifice these folks have made in service to our nation. Jim Portz, a veteran himself, reminded us “that it is the veteran who gives us the right to pray, to speak, and to vote.” They stand up and fight, each one, for our freedoms as individuals and as a nation. Principal Kelly Carrell is to be commended on this wonderful program for our community! Patriotism is also taught by our local heroes. Respect for Old Glory and respect for your fellow man. On Sunday, I had the pleasure of meeting our newest police officer, Kevin Harwi, and during our conversation of how much he's enjoying his new position here, he remarked that in a small town, everyone seems to be related! And that is true. We are related – if not by blood, by our love of our country, our patriotism, our faith, and our devotion to the betterment of our community! Not that's what I call a true “family”! Other local heroes are...

TED MORGAN, TEXAS CAMPUS COORDINATOR OF THE YEAR 2006-2007 – Officer Ted Morgan was selected to receive the Texas Campus Coordinator of the Year 2006-07 by the Officer of the Governor, Texas Crime Stoppers Advisory Council. Ted was chosen for this award for his work with the Kimble County Campus Crime Stoppers.

ADDIE WILSON AND THE STUDENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS, KIMBLE COUNTY CAMPUS CRIME STOPPERS – Addie Wilson received an award as Ambassador Alternate with the Campus Crime Stoppers, and the Student Board of Directors, on which Addie serves, were chosen for the Texas Best Website 2006-2007 [www.kimbletips.com](http://www.kimbletips.com).

All these awards were presented at the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Texas Campus Crime Stoppers Convention in Happy, Texas on November 6, 2007. Way to go, Crime Stoppers!!!!

CHAMBER CRUISE MEETING – Nick Bukis and Trips by Nick will be hosting a meeting for all the “Chamber Cruisers” on Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, at the Milky Way Drive In, 1619 Main, from 6 PM till 7:30 PM. He invites anyone to come by and visit with him about the Chamber Cruise. The Chamber Cruisers will fly from Austin, TX, on Sunday, February 3, 2008, to Fort Lauderdale, where we will sail to Colon, Panama, Limon Costa Rica, and Belize City, Belize, returning to Fort Lauderdale on Monday, February 11, 2008. Nick has approximately 19 cabins booked, but still has a couple to offer “late comers”. He hopes to wrap up the 2008 Chamber Cruise by Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. So, if you think you might be interested, head on down to the Milky Way Drive In this Wednesday evening and visit with Nick!

LONDON DANCE HALL- Johnny Dickenson and “Big Country” will be performing at London Dance Hall in London TX this Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup> 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)

HAROLD’S HUNTER’S DUMPSTERS PARTY – Hunters are invited to enjoy a free hot dog and soda party at 11 AM till 2 PM on Saturday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at Harold’s Food Mart, 2350 N. Main. There will be a bake sale and a dart throwing contest, complete with prizes! Also available will be a donation box for anyone wanting to contribute to Harold’s efforts to keep our county clean by furnishing Hunter’s Dumpsters on site.

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

BLOOD DRIVE FOR DELBERT KELLEY – SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>.

Delbert Kelley, husband of Pastor Glenna of First United Methodist Church here in Junction, has been ill for some time. His last procedure was successful and he is gaining strength by the day! However, friends and family have banded together and organized a Blood Drive for Delbert on Saturday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. They encourage everyone to come to the Gym of First United Methodist Church, 904 Main, beginning at 9 AM, and “roll up their sleeves for Delbert”. For more information, call Catherine Dolfuss at 325/446-2695.

KIMBLE COUNTY WILD GAME DINNER – We are at 11 days and counting until our Annual Kimble County Wild Game Dinner. Ticket sales are great and our hunters are spending those dollars to try and win a gun again this year! I am proud to report that the hikes in gas prices nation wide have done little to dampen the spirits of our Kimble County hunters! Saturday at the Second Annual Christmas Bazaar and the Hill Country Sporting Goods Hunter’s Lunch, I was met with \$10 eagerly offered to buy book after book of raffle tickets. How many guns will be raffled? What make and caliber? Are there any prizes for bow hunters? You name it, they asked it...all the while signing their names to those tickets! On Saturday alone, closing the day with tickets sales at local restaurants, a record \$1, 080 raffle tickets were sold!!! What can I say? Everyone involved with this year’s Wild Game Dinner is excited! We just know it’s gonna be great. Remember, meal tickets costing \$10 gain you entry into the event, dinner, and enter you in the Grand Prize drawing for a Whitetail Deer Hunt at Whitetail Junction Ranch! This 100% donation has a value of \$2,500 and entitles the winner to take a whitetail deer of up to 126 B & C Class, and includes accommodations and meals. Jim Schrieve and his folks at Whitetail Junction Ranch are true Kimble County Wild Game Dinner supporters! So, head on out to Junction Warehouse, Hill Country Sporting Goods, West Bear Creek General Store, Junction True Value, or Simon Bros. Mercantile and buy those tickets for the Kimble County Wild Game Dinner, beginning at 6:30 PM the Saturday after Thanksgiving at the Coke Stevenson Center on US Hwy 83 in Junction, Texas. We still need volunteers to help with this huge event for our community, so if you are interested in joining “our merry band”, please email the Chamber at [junctiontx@cebridge.net](mailto:junctiontx@cebridge.net) or Steve Brown at [deputybrown@cebridge.net](mailto:deputybrown@cebridge.net) and give us your contact information. We will sign you up!!! You can also leave me a message at the Chamber Office 325/446-3190. All the proceeds from this event benefit your Kimble County Chamber of Commerce and the Junction Volunteer Fire Department. Local organizations volunteering to help us, like Leti or the Business & Professional Women’s Club, for example, will receive a donation to their organization as a thank you for their support. This is truly a community event, important to our Junction and Kimble County in many ways. It encourages tourism, brings participants to town to increase tax dollars, increases retail spending, and it’s open to one and all to help work or just come to and enjoy! Now that’s a real “win-win” situation! See you there!

“PROCRAFTINATORS” CLUB GATHERING – Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, the “Procraftinators” will be meeting at Noon at Dena Lackey’s Bunkhouse. Those who attend will be completing a glass brick decoration. New projects will be “A Kitchen Angel” and “Guest Soap Gift”. For directions and more information, please call Dena at 325/446-2272.

**CHAMBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINEES SOLICITED – Members of the Kimble County Chamber of Commerce should have received a letter asking for names for prospective Directors through the mail. Deadline for submission of names is 11/28/07. If you did not receive this letter, please contact the Chamber so that we can get one to you. Ballots will be mailed out December 3<sup>rd</sup> and must be returned by December 27<sup>th</sup>. They 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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