

Kimble County Chamber of Commerce

Newsletter

Tuesday, November 6, 2007

BREAK OUT THE CAMO...GO BUY THE BEER...OH BOY, OH BOY, OH BOY...HUNTING SEASON IS HERE!!! At long last, hunting season has finally begun! West Bear Creek kicked off the season with their Annual Hunter's Thank You Party this past Friday evening, and it was tons of fun! Saturday morning, hunters were treated to a great breakfast at the London Community Center, and then at lunch, Simon Bros. Mercantile filled hunter's tummies with some delicious chili! The turnout at these traditional parties grows each and every year, and are just one example of how Junction and Kimble County "roll out the red carpet" in welcome of our hunters! The Outdoor Wire released a report of 09/28/07, stating, "A news report released by the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation demonstrates that by any measure, America's 34 million hunters and anglers are among the most prominent and influential of all demographic groups. Spending more than \$76 billion a year on hunting and fishing, America's hunters and anglers would rank in the top 20 list on the Fortune 500. In fact, their spending is greater than the revenues of high-tech giants Microsoft, Google, e-bay, and Yahoo – combined. Broken down to a daily spending figure, the economic stimulus of hunting and fishing comes out to an astounding \$208 million a day. This spending keeps people working: not just in typical hunting and fishing jobs, but also in gas stations, retail, restaurants, and hotels throughout every state and congressional district of the USA. ...government coffers also benefit – spending by sportsmen generates \$25 billion in federal, state, and local taxes." So, it's no wonder we want to show these guys and gals we welcome them, is it?! The word "hunt" is defined "to kill or catch (game) for food or sport", and yes, it truly is a sport, complete with a code of ethics. In researching hunting, I came across this piece, author unknown. It's entitled "A Hunter's Rule" and says, "A True Hunter Will: Promote fair chase and ethical hunting standards, and abide by the rules of fair chase. Communicate and teach other hunters. Search for an arrow hit or bullet hit animal that is wounded for as long as possible. Not take a chance at shooting an animal that is out of range or take a shot that is bad or unmanageable. Follow and obey the laws of both local and state governments determined by the Department of Natural Resources. Always assist a fellow hunter who needs help tracking a hit or wounded animal. Promote hunting to younger hunters and take youngsters hunting whenever permitted. Portray good hunting ethics. Display and give respect to any animal taken. Transport deer correctly and display taken game respectfully to non hunters." I, for one, think that Junction and Kimble County get more than our fair share of "True Hunters" each season. So, if you are a Hunter or Angler and are reading this Newsletter...Welcome to Junction; We appreciate you being part of our community...if only a few months of the year!

FIRST STATE BANK CELEBRATING 60 YEARS – Everyone is invited to join First State Bank on Thursday, November 8th at their Open House in celebration of 60 years of service to our community! The radio remote will begin at 10 AM, with a Mexican food lunch being served at Noon, with cake for dessert. Come and join First State Bank, eat a bit, and say thanks for a job well done! Congratulations First State Bank!

LONDON DANCE HALL- "Barbwire" will be performing at London Dance Hall in London TX this Saturday, November 10th 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

2nd ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR – This Saturday, November 10th from 9 AM till 4 PM at the Kimble County Citizens Senior Center, 404 College, is the 2nd Annual Christmas Bazaar. There will be loads of vendors selling jewelry, artwork, baked goods, knick-knacks, quilts, candles, make-up, what-nots, and Christmas decorations. This is a fun event, and the Bazaar truly has something for everyone! Don't miss it!

HILL COUNTRY SPORTING GOODS HUNTER'S LUNCH – This Saturday, November 10th, Dennis and Rick invite everyone to "come on down" for lunch! Fajitas will be sizzling on the grill, and there will be loads of great food and fellowship to enjoy! This annual event has become a great tradition in Junction, and locals and travelers look forward to it each and every year! So, get that morning hunt out of the way (or morning shopping session, if that's more to your pleasure) and head on down to Hill Country Sporting Goods, 409 Main, from 11 AM till 2 PM for some great food! See you there!

HUNTERS DUMPGROUND – HAROLD’S FOOD MART, 2350 N. MAIN – Some have called Shelly Rivas, Manager at Harold’s Food Mart, a “heroine” and that is not too far from the absolute truth!!! Having been organizer, coordinator, and trash picker-upper for the Hunter’s Dumpsters project for the last couple of years...my hat’s off to anyone tackling that job! This year, Shelly Rivas volunteered to be the “go to gal” for Hunter’s Dumpsters. At the helm of Harold’s, they are housing 10 dumpsters specifically for the use of the hunters and their garbage needs. The Chamber handed over the reigns to this project and a check for \$1,375.67, the remainder of funds we had raised, to Shelly on September 24, 2007. We applaud Shelly and all the folks at Harold’s for their courage in taking on a much needed, yet almost thankless job!

Donations are being accepted to help fund this project. Mail donations to: Hunter’s Dumpsters, P.O. Box 614, Junction, TX 76849

HAROLD’S HUNTER’S DUMPSTERS PARTY – All hunters are invited to a free hot dog and soda party at 11 AM till 2 PM on Saturday, November 24th at Harold’s Food Mart, 2350 N. Main. There will be contests and a bake sale, and a donation box for anyone wanting to contribute to their efforts in keeping our county clean by furnishing Hunter’s Dumpsters at their place of business. So, hunters, grab yourselves a “dog and a soft drink” at Harold’s!

KIMBLE COUNTY WILD GAME DINNER MEETING THURSDAYS AT THE

CHAMBER OFFICE – We are right on schedule for our Kimble County Wild Game Dinner that is fast approaching, the Saturday after Thanksgiving! Volunteers and Board of Directors Members meet every Thursday evening at 6 PM at the Chamber Office at 402 Main to “cuss and discuss” plans for the event! Most of our volunteer crew is returning this year, even with the farewell of the Kimble County Senior Citizens Center’s participation. But, if you usually help and have not yet been contacted, quick...call the Chamber and give us your information – what you usually do and who all helps you do it! Game donations are coming in at Junction Deer Processing, briskets have been ordered and new cooks volunteered, raffle tickets are on sale at local businesses, caps are being seen on heads around town, hunters are opening their wallets, and we are “on the road again”...just like Willie! We will be raffling off over 30 guns again this year along with other prizes, each with a value of at least \$100! Raffle tickets are \$1 each. Local businesses have once again stepped up to the plate to help with donations and the City Council granted us advertising funds again! Way to go, Junction! This is the major fundraising event for your Kimble County Chamber of Commerce and the Junction Fire Department, so make your plans now to attend! Why, we have even added frog legs to the menu this year, “hopping” to continue the exciting variety of game offered to our event diners! 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. Everyone is welcome to come out and work or just come out and play! The Chamber of Commerce, Junction Volunteer Fire Department, and all their volunteers are working together to make this year’s WGD great! If you are interested in joining “our merry band”, please email the Chamber at junctiontx@cebridge.net or Steve Brown at 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.

"Relay for Life 2008 Organizational Meeting"

The next Relay meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 28th.

The meeting will start at 5:15 pm at the Methodist Church. We are still needing volunteers.

Thanks.

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Send us your feedback at 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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