

Luckenbach MOON



"People can't believe we have such a big moon for such a small town" —Hondo Crouch

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Dedicated to Peter Cedarstacker

April 2012

Saturday, April 7th 9pm



Billy Joe Shaver



blacktopGYPSY

1pm - blacktopGYPSY

April 13th - 15th



**Thomas
Michael
Riley's**

5th Annual Music Festival

FRIDAY Randy Brown & TMR
Hal Ketchum

7pm

SATURDAY The Tejas Brothers
Six Market Blvd.

1pm

The Wolf Sisters
Thomas Michael Riley
Deryl Dodd

SUNDAY Roger Creager
Thomas Michael Riley
& Guests @ 1pm

Saturday, April 21st 9pm

**Bruce Robison
+ Cameran Nelson**



LONE STAR MUSIC DAY
Stewart Mann &
Statesboro Revue/
Buggaboo @ 1pm



Saturday, April 28th 9pm



Asleep at the Wheel

+ Bri
Bagwell



**Sol Patch
@ 1pm**



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FRIDAYS **4pm**
CHRIS WALL



Mud Dauber Fest & Chili Cook-off



FRIDAY NITE DANCES



April 6th - Rosie Flores
April 20th - Jason Eady
April 27th - Bordertown
 Bootleggers



March 24, 2012

SUNDAYS **1pm**

April 1st - Ruben V
April 8th - She Writes, She Sings
 Brennen Lee • Shelley King
 Susan Gibson
April 22nd - John Evans
 Pheobe Hunt • Shae Stewart
April 29th - Walt Wilkins
 Jason Eady • Weldon Henson

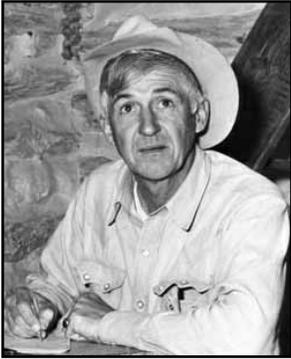


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 1st Annual Chili
 Cook-off
 Winners!**

**Luckenbach
 MOON**

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 Peter Cedarstacker aka Hondo Crouch, Becky Crouch Barrales, John Raven, C. P. Vaughn and Robbyn Dodd.

Help us keep Luckenbach legal, Please do not bring alcohol or take it off the grounds when you leave.



Note: From 1961-1973, Hondo (nom de plume, or alias, or AKA Peter Cedarstacker) wrote a social satire column for the *Comfort News*. The fictional town of Cedar Creek and all of its characters eventually became the real town of Luckenbach and all of its characters (and Luckenbach has some real characters!) The MOON reserves a special corner for Peter Cedarstacker, Writer, as a corner of wit and human insight for us today.

-Becky Crouch Barrales

CEDAR CREEK CLIPPINGS

Since the weather has kinda warmed off there seems to be a little more activity here in Cedar Creek, at the Park Side road and the beer place. Our social calendar is takin' shape and there oughta be several big news this spring.

Mama last week planted her geraniums but I'm afraid she put 'em a little too early out.

Mrs. Wurstbottom took her dog to the psychiatrist for a psychological psychoanalysis yesterday. We're all waitin' for the report. She'll probably give it the Bug Watchin' club "BUTS" whether we ask for it or not.

Senator Garble spent Sunday in C.C. on business, and said the "Great Society" program has finally gotten off the ground, but now our Mr. President can't catch it. It's taken off and squirted away from him, by Gemini," he blasted.

"It must be workin'" said Jesus (Hey-soos) McNeil, "I ordered a two-bit hamburger at the stand and they charged me fifty-five cents. When I complained the man said the gov't support price on the wheat made the buns go up and besides I don't have many customers.

The little old man that carried out groceries, when he felt like it, at the Post Office-Beer Joint died. Trapper Gutowsky asked the postmaster if he could take his place and he said it would be OK with him but he'd have to make arrangements with the undertaker.

Me and Mama went to the funeral and party afterwards and had a ball. Mrs. Wurstbottom, president, was there and said if anyone bought her a casket that expensive she'd die.

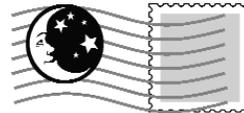
Senator Garble had a busy day in Wash. He said he didn't want to continue the sur tax but that it would "curb" inflation and balance the budget." "then we voted to increase the national debt and raise our salary," he giggled.

If Mama wouldn't be so patriotic, she woulda said, "Well, I'll be!"

I hardly heard what he said 'cause I was 'bout to ask him why they supported the growin' of tobacco at the cost of 'bout a billion and then spent \$600 or was it 6 billion to advertise the dangers of it.

Peter Cedarstacker
Writer

Remember: Fight for Lent



LETTERS TO THE
MOON

Hello Virgil,

First of all, I am hoping you remember us from our visit to you at the start of the year. We had such a wonderful time and thank you for making us feel so welcome. Please see enclosed a sticker for the wall of the bar to add to all the others. We really did enjoy ourselves, and who knows, we might even visit sometime soon.

Best Wishes,

Helen & Tony, South Wales UK

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EVERYBODY'S SOMEBODY

by
**Becky Crouch
Barrales**

Red Sun

PART II

(continued from March)

The peace pipe was passed around twice in silence between 20 Comanche chiefs and Meusebach and his entourage that March, 1847, at the tent village on the San Saba River north of Fredericksburg. Gifts had been presented to the Indians: wool saddle blankets, cloth, copper wire for bracelets, salt and corn. More gifts and money in the value of \$3,000 were promised later, if and when the treaty was signed.



Meusebach spoke his terms clearly after the pipe ceremony: that his people would be permitted to come and go, build communities, and not to disturb the surveys or colonists.

"You are to be treated with fairness, and welcome to our homes and towns. We do not look at you as inferior," Meusebach continued, "nor are we superior. We do not want to drive the Comanches from their land. We hope to live together as brothers even though we are different. Later, we will welcome your young to marry with our young."

The Indians were impressed by his humility, bravery, that he didn't wear a uniform, and by his white horse and red hair. They named him Sol Colorado (Red Sun) and Chief Burning Hair.

The Comanche chiefs said to give them two moons (months) to decide, but that they could not promise the cooperation of the Comanches further away. They would come to Fredericksburg in the Spring. Meusebach returned to Fredericksburg February 7th.

The Indians, still untrusting, remembered the killing of many of their chiefs when assembled at Council House in San Antonio in 1838. In 1840 Buffalo Hump sought revenge for the Council House fight by attacking Victoria, Texas with 600 warriors and destroying Linnville, looting \$300,000 worth of merchandise from the warehouse of the Irish pioneers Edward and John Linn. In the Spring of 1847, thousands of Indians started moving toward Fredericksburg.

The hills around Fredericksburg formed a semi-circle. Signal fires were started on the surrounding hills and if one was snuffed out it would be a signal for trouble. Mothers in their little log cabins calmed their frightened children by making up stories. "Those are Easter fires. The Easter rabbit is dying the eggs with wildflowers in large pots." Satisfied with this wild tale they could then sleep. On Easter Eve, Easter fires are still lit today on surrounding hills.



In Fredericksburg, the chiefs signed the treaty with their marks. Gifts were exchanged. The Indians brought 67 deer-skins, honey, and 56 bags of bear fat (a lot of bears back then). There was dancing and chanting, the Indians using big wooden cheese boxes as drums. Hermann Lehmann, a captured white man, came with his band (of Indians). A great gesture was made by the Lipan Apache Indians – to free stolen Comanche horses (marked with a slit ear). Forty were given to Fort Martin Scott in Fredericksburg. In general, no horses were stolen by Indians in Comal and Gillespie Counties again.



The treaty, signed May 9th, was the only known peace treaty with Native American Indians in US history never to be broken. The spirit still continues today. We and our children are brain-washed with the marketing of customs of Easter that have nothing to do with Jesus, but more pagan ones of rabbits carrying colored eggs laid by chickens. More like Santa, they are filled with quarters and candy. Let's remember the honesty and bravery of unprejudiced John Meusebach, and the peace that those Easter fires brought.



Mud Dauber Festival Chili Cook-off Saturday, March 24, 2012



Bean Winners



Chili Winners



Showmanship Winners



Old School Chili Winners

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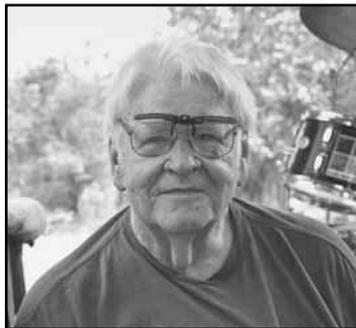


BBQ, Burgers & More
Thursday & Sunday: 11am-8pm
Friday & Saturday: 11am-10pm
or Sometimes Later...

You can't forget Memories

April 2012

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March 2, is Texas Independence Day. Luckenbach celebrates the day with a nice, free presentation.

The highlight of the day is the retirement of the Texas flag and a new flag is raised. The ceremony is presided over by the Former Texas Rangers organization. The organization is composed of former Texas Rangers (Not baseball) and their families.

It is a very solemn ceremony. The Rangers take the old flag down and convey it to the fire pit where it is burned. Then the new flag is taken to the flag pole and raised.



I am in awe of the respect the crowd shows for the ceremony. It is silence, hats off and no grab ass anywhere. Texas means a lot to a lot of people.

Texas has a long and storied history. The Spaniards first claimed Texas in the early 1500s. For three hundred years they tried to get rid of the Indians but never did.

The first European Settlers came into the Austin Colony along the Brazos River in 1824-1825. They were having problems with the Indians so Stephen F. Austin founded "ranging companies". (Back then "ranging" meant to move around to see where problems may lay). The guys who were ranging became known as rangers.

The Texas Rangers became the most famous law enforcement men in the World. For many years they were barely organized, they were volunteers who had no uniforms, they provided for themselves whatever gear they needed. They seldom if ever got paid.

The first of the storied Rangers came out of the Battle at Plum Creek, near Lockhart, where the Rangers and others ambushed a huge Comanche raiding party and sent them packing.

When Texas became a Republic in 1836, the Rangers were loosely organized. The first Ranger to get real individual recognition was John Coffee "Jack" Hays. Capt. Jack led the Rangers out of San Antonio. He was the man who figured how to defeat the Indians in open battle. Capt. Jack and his troops were the first to use repeating revolvers in battle. The mode of battle up until then was for the Rangers to find the Indians and then dismount and fight from a defensive position. Capt. Jack had his troops attack the Indians at first sight. The revolver gave each Ranger the firepower of five men. (First revolvers were five-shooters).

This tactic worked and continues to be the mode of operation to this day. The Rangers became known as the toughest guys anywhere. They never gave an order twice.

The Rangers got world wide recognition when they served as scouts for the American Army in the Mexican War. They did what the Army could not do. (for best information on Texas Rangers, get a copy of "Texas Rangers" by Walter Prescott Webb).

Back to Luckenbach 2012

The ceremony completed; the crowd orders another beer and a picker cranks up on the stage. When the picker gets tired, another takes his place.

In the evening there was a free dance sponsored by the Original Star of Texas Trail Ride. This is a bunch of cowboys and cowgirls who love horses, wagons, buggies and riding through the countryside. They start at Fredericksburg on Saturday and ride the back roads to Luckenbach. There were over a hundred of them. They arrive Luckenbach about four in the evening. They take care of their horses and mules and then clean up for the dance. Most of them smell pretty good by dance time.

The next day they ride to Stonewall and then continue the ride through Blanco, Fisher, Wimberley and end up at Camp Ben McCullough. They have a couple of "play days" when they rope cows and race wagons and other cowboy things. It is different and entertaining. There are some pretty dang nice folks on the ride. I have known some of them twenty years.

Everyone who has feelings for Texas and things Texas needs to show up at Luckenbach for the next Texas Independence Day celebration. First weekend in March nearest the 2nd.

Did I mention that my Great Grandpa, Herman Lee Raven, was a Ranger and rode with Jack Hays?



APRIL CALENDAR

This schedule may change... Call or check online for info on **TICKETED** events 888-311-8990

Sun	1st	Ruben V	1pm
Mon	2nd	Greg & Lisa-Picker Circle	5pm
Tue	3rd	Bill Lewis-Picker Circle	5pm
Wed	4th	Jeremy Steding-Picker Circle	5pm
Thu	5th	ShAnnie-Picker Circle	5pm
Fri	6th	Chris Wall Rosie Flores - Dance	4pm 8pm
Sat	7th	blacktopGYPSY Billy Joe Shaver • blacktopGYPSY	1pm 9pm <small>TICKET</small>
Sun	8th	She Writes, She Sings -Brennen Lee Shelley King • Susan Gibson	1pm
Mon	9th	Greg & Lisa-Picker Circle	5pm
Tue	10th	Bill Lewis-Picker Circle	5pm
Wed	11th	Jeremy Steding-Picker Circle	5pm
Thu	12th	ShAnnie-Picker Circle	5pm
Fri	13th	Chris Wall Thomas Michael Riley's Festival Tejas Brothers • Hal Ketchum • Randy Brown Kenny Grimes • Thomas Michael Riley	4pm 6pm <small>TICKET</small>
Sat	14th	Six Market Blvd. Larry Joe Taylor • Deryl Dodd • Roger Creager Thomas Michael Riley	1pm 6pm <small>TICKET</small>
Sun	15th	Thomas Michael Riley's Festival Finale	1pm
Mon	16th	Greg & Lisa-Picker Circle	5pm
Tue	17th	Bill Lewis-Picker Circle	5pm
Wed	18th	Jeremy Steding-Picker Circle	5pm
Thu	19th	ShAnnie-Picker Circle	5pm
Fri	20th	Chris Wall Jason Eady - Dance	4pm 8pm
Sat	21st	Lone Star Music Day Mark Stewart & Statesboro Revue • Buggaboo Bruce Robison + Cameran Nelson	1pm 9pm <small>TICKET</small>
Sun	22nd	John Evans • Phoebe Hunt • Shae Stewart	1pm
Mon	23rd	Greg & Lisa-Picker Circle	5pm
Tue	24th	Bill Lewis-Picker Circle	5pm
Wed	25th	Jeremy Steding-Picker Circle	5pm
Thu	26th	ShAnnie-Picker Circle	5pm
Fri	27th	Chris Wall Bordertown Bootleggers - Dance	4pm 8pm
Sat	28th	Sol Patch Asleep at the Wheel • Bri Bagwell	1pm 9pm <small>TICKET</small>
Sun	29th	Walt Wilkins • Jason Eady • Weldon Henson	1pm
Mon	30th	Greg & Lisa-Picker Circle	5pm
Monday-Friday - Jimmy Lee Jones-Picker Circle			1pm
Most Sundays - Cowboy Doug Davis-Picker Circle			5pm

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