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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

October 2006



OCTOBER FIESTA 7th & 8th

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8pm - Kevin Deal Band

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Viva Terlingua Nuevo!

WELCOME
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4. Tommy Alverson: "Backsliders Wine" w/Chris Schlotzhauer on Steel
5. Walt Wilkins: "Little Bird" 6. Ed Burleson: "Get it Out!" w/Tommy Alverson on Acoustic Guitar
7. John Arthur Martinez: "Viva! Luckenbach!" featuring Lloyd Maines on Pedal Steel Guitar
8. Kent Finlay: "Luckenbach Daylight" by Hondo Crouch
9. Jimmy LaFave: "I'll be here in the Mornin" (for Townes)
- Special Guest Radaslav Lorkavic (from Croatia, Texas) on accordion
10. Brian Burns: "Desperados (Waitin for a Train)" w/Gary Grammer on Mouth Harp
11. McKay Brothers: "Wheel" w/Ray Austin on Steel
12. Two Tons of Steel: "Sangria Wine" 13. Derailers w/GPN: "London Homesick Blues"
14. Cory Morrow: "Redneck Mother" w/The Redneck Mothers International Boys Choir
15. Gonzos de Casa: "Gonzo Compadres Reprise"

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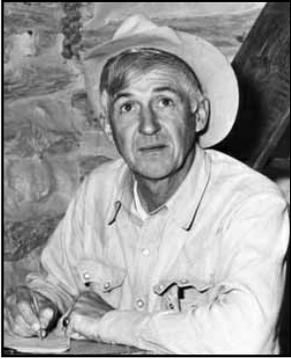
We would like to acknowledge and thank the following "Somebodies" who made this month's MOON possible: Peter Cedarstacker aka Hondo Crouch, Becky Crouch Barrales, John Raven, Neal Brown and C. P. Vaughn.

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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

CEEDAR CREEK CLIPPINGS

The C.C. Columbus Day fest was a huge success. Everyone there was present except Senator Garble and he came as soon as he heard about it on Wed. of this week.

To keep from hurting anyone's feelin's, the fest was held at the Park Side Road instead of Abe Gutowsky's (New York Ind.) or Miguel Schultzes (Real Indian).

The décor was Indian Halloween and we saved the decors for the Halloween feast later this month. Mama, not knowin' we were to save the decors, took a pumpkin home and made some pies. Mrs. Wurstbottom told her she has to bring the pies back to the Halloween thing.

Miguel Schultz (Indian) made a speech written for him by Jesus (pronounced Hey-soos) McNeil about Queen Willermeaner and her love affair with old Cris before he left home to discover us.

He also told of what White Man has done to us. I think he meant "for us." He told of many things White Man has loused up for his folks and it would have been embarrasin' but nobody there felt white.

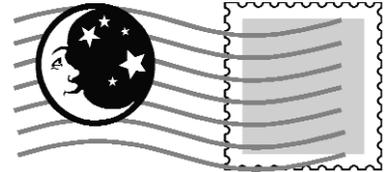
"The Indians used to study the stars but now, since the White Man has started pokin' 'round in space, they move, even without drinkin'," he said. "Don't touch space, by Gemini," he blasted.

"Everything White Man touches he louses up. He gave us crowded bathrooms."

Sen. Garble made a speech.

Peter Cedarstacker
Writer

Remember: Fight Phlegm



PEOPLE SEND LETTERS TO THE MOON

Subject: RE: Ken and Kathy Morgan

Thanks so much for the update on Ken & Kathy. So sorry to hear about Kathy. I'll never forget the pleasurable months I flew with Capt. Morgan; he was a great Captain to fly with. Very professional and easy going. One of the great regrets I have is not taking him up on his invitation to visit Luckenbach.

We did however, (I believe it was 1979), through one hell of a bash for his retirement at the Palomino Club in L.A. Most of the pilots and flight attendants attended as well as his buddies from Luckenbach. It must have been one hoot of an evening because I woke up the next morning with my date in the Rose Bowl parking lot!!!!

I still have a copy of the Moon, dated April 1978. Do you need it for your archives?

Thanks again, Bob Babos



From One of Our Visitors

Dear Becky,

It was a pleasure visiting with you recently (we're the couple from Maine you invited to join you at the Ray Wylie Hubbard concert). I wanted to thank you and your family for keeping Luckenbach going, especially that wonderful dance hall. During our week in Texas, we visited dance halls in Gruene, Albert, Cherry Springs, Kandalia, San Marcos, and Twin Sisters, and except for Gruene the only other one with live music was you. In fact, the night we met you we'd planned to go to a dance in Twin Sisters, but when we got to the hall, we found out they'd hired a DJ, so we drove to Luckenbach.

I also wanted to tell you I checked out the Mac Namara Foundation and I may well apply for a fellowship at some point.

Please come and see us if you're ever back in Maine!

Leslie Anderson

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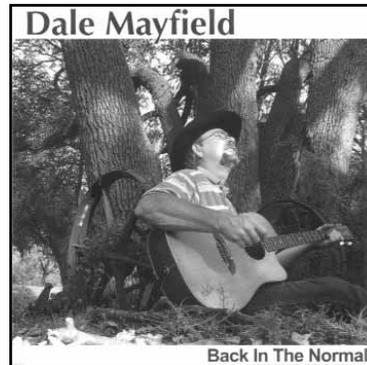
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EVERYBODY'S SOMEBODY

by
**Becky Crouch
Barrales**

Remembering our School

By Becky Crouch Barrales
(Reprint from September 1999 Moon)

September brings memories of school starting again. As a shy country girl I remember being scared to death riding the big yellow Fredericksburg school bus for the first time, embarrassed by my big carpenter's lunch box that carried a real stuffed crab shell instead of a normal peanut butter or Kock Kase sandwich. When the bell rang, even though all the kids ran to their rooms, I just stood there not knowing where to go.

Our Luckenbach School is one of 10 remaining country schools out of the 12 in Gillespie County that is still used by an active community club for domino and pinochle parties, reunions and social gatherings. The Engle family, who still live in the Luckenbach Community today, were charter developers and students. Mrs. Daniel Engel (Verna Mae) has only lived in Luckenbach for 30 years but she has written the school's history. Her husband

Daniel's grandfather, William and all his siblings attended the school-including his sister Wilhemina (who later married Albert Luckenbach). Hondo, remember, bought the store area from William's son Benno.

Verna Mae writes: The earliest record of Luckenbach School is July 22, 1855, when the school trustees, Jacob Luckenbach, Peter Burg, and Christian Ruebsahm purchased two acres of land

along Grape Creek from Peter Pehl for \$4.00. After that no record remains until 1899, when Charles Priess, as secretary-treasurer recorded \$176.76 paid to C.D. Bredt as teacher. Other expenses for the school for the year were \$18.60. Many families, who paid \$1.00 a year for their children to attend school in Luckenbach, are still represented in the community today, a hundred years later. These families are Behrends, Petsch, Jenschke, Engel, Luckenbach, Pahl, Krieger, Weber, Klein, Barsh, Hopf, Metzger, Meier, Ruebsahm, Pehl, Burg, and Frantzen.

Luckenbach School District #IV was one of five schools created in Gillespie County after Governor E.M. Pease set aside two million dollars for a permanent school fund. It is believed that District #IV received \$23.55 at that time.

After the land was acquired, the men in the community got together to build a log school house, a cabin 16 feet long and 15 feet wide. Settlers in the community at that time were: Jacob Luckenbach, Erasmus Frantzen, Casper Hopf, L.F. Topperwein, Friedrich Scharnhorst, J.M. Hunter, John Blank, G.J. Weber, Ferdinand Gellerman,

Jesais Pehl, William Feller, Peter Pehl, Peter Petsch, Christian Ruebsahm, and Albert Molzberger.

In his first log school house, Mr. Herman Topperwein, the first teacher, held classes for a group of pupils among whom were: Gertrude Pehl, Amalia

Luckenbach, Henry Frantzen, Andreas Frantzen, Emma Frantzen, Barbara Klein, Louis Krieger, Henry Meier, Louis Hopf and Aug. Braeutigam.

By 1881 the school house had become too small to accommodate all the children due to increase in the scholastic population. A ten foot addition of native limestone was built on to the log school house.



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In 1905 it was decided to build a new school house. A building 25 feet by 34 feet of native limestone was erected. Stones in this building, some of them measuring 22 inches by 54 inches, came from the Pehl property. Mrs. Stella Elmendorf Tyler was the first teacher to teach in the new school. In 1907, after the new school had been built, the logs of the original school house were removed and replaced by stones to form another room for the teacherage. Today the teacherage consists of four rooms and a bath.

In 1910, Grape Hill School, on what is now Ranch Road 1888 (Blanco Road), became part of the Luckenbach School District, adding other families such as: Molzberger, Kleck, Brehmer, Wunderlick, Doell, Alberthal, Franz, Dechert, Pahl, and Schupp.

In 1949, due to the passage of the Gilmer-Aiken Law the school became a two teacher school. During that year another room 18 feet by 24 feet, of hollow tile, was added to the school building.

In 1952 rest rooms and drinking fountains were installed in the school building. The old outdoor rest rooms still remain.

In 1964 the Luckenbach School District was consolidated with the Fredericksburg Independent School District and at that time became the property of the Fredericksburg Independent School District. At that time the Luckenbach Community Club was formed and has had the use and upkeep of the grounds and buildings. The buildings are used by the community for family reunions, and Young Farmers and other groups and by the County for voting.

It is interesting to note that the World Globe on display here was bought in 1906 for the sum of

\$5.75. Also, a number of the students who lived several miles or more from the school rode horses or donkeys to school. School buses were unheard of in these rural communities. Students had to either ride or walk to and from school. Many impromptu races and other, often mischievous tricks were a part of getting to and from school via four-legged transportation.

Our famous Sheriff Marge (whose grandmother was also an Engel) remembers school at Luckenbach. Marge (nee Brehmer) was a tomboy who wore only overalls. "There wasn't a boy she couldn't wrestle to the ground or out run," remembers Daniel Engel. There were only 11 grades, Marge said, and she walked 3 miles home every afternoon. She always gave the opening or closing speeches at the school closings at the Luckenbach Dance Hall. "It was hard. None of the kids could speak English," Marge said. "Since it was during World War II they were forbidden to speak German. Punishment was to write 200 times, 'I will not speak German in school.' We went behind the cow sheds to speak it though." She claims that was the only mischief going on out behind the Barns!

Pinochle is played at the Luckenbach School every 1st Friday and 4th Sunday. New friends of the Gillespie County Country Schools are welcome. (Visit the website of The Friends of Gillespie County Country Schools-www.historicschools.org for info.) These old grounds are maintained by the Community Clubs only by fundraisers and rentals. The other active country schools are Albert, Cave Creek, Cherry Springs, Crabapple, Lower South Grape Creek, Rheingold and Willow City.



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You can't forget Memories

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Guich Koock is at it again. In case you have been away and don't recognize the name, Guich was one of the original three owners of Luckenbach, Texas way back when everything started. Along with Hondo Crouch and Kathy Morgan, Guich was the "Young 'Un" of the three. Guich was instrumental in getting Luckenbach started on its way to becoming the most famous little town in the world. Guich's first Great Luckenbach World Fair drew so many people it was scary. Cars were parked on both sides of the Ranch Roads for miles in every direction.

Guich left the Luckenbach ownership roster to strike out for Hollywood and the silver screen and the new fangled television. Along the way he found time to produce several more Great Luckenbach World Fairs in the area.

Now Guich has teamed up with Tioga, Texas to put on a 99th birthday party for Gene Autry, one of America's most beloved singing cowboys. During the 40's and 50's, Gene Autry was America's most famous "Star". Gene has since passed on to that big corral in the sky but his memory lives on in his home town of Tioga. (Tioga is just north of Dallas in the Denison area).

Tioga is a little town, probably just a tad bigger than Luckenbach so such a big birthday party would crowd things like the town's one stop light and the one public restroom. So---the party has been moved to the South Fork ranch at Plano. South Fork was made famous by the TV series "Dallas". Since J.R. got shot things have been quiet at the ranch but all that will change in October. The 6th, 7th and 8th are the days of the Gene Autry party.

You may have on your resume a couple of county fairs and a goat roping but until you have been to one of Guich's shindigs you have not been to much of anything.

There will be more things to watch and look at

than you can shake a stick at. (Texas explanation, when you "watch" something it means some one is doing something interesting. When you "Look at" it means there is something interesting there that ain't doing anything like maybe a stagecoach).

There will be Indians with their camp set up and they will sing and dance a bit to celebrate the occasion. There will be all sorts of people riding horses



and showing off. They will all be dressed period correct. You will find demonstrations of sheep dog talent, there will be some "Horse whispering". There will be a feller there with a big sack of rattle snakes.

The Fort Hood Horse Calvary will be there all looking like they just came out of a John Ford western. These guys alone are worth the trip and price of admission.

There will be cowboy chuck wagons set up and cooking. Sunday morning there will even be a Cowboy Church service.

Of course you can't have a real Texas celebration without music. Headliners will be some of the Texas legends of country music including: Ray Price, our own Gary P. Nunn, Ray Wylie Hubbard, Hank Thompson, Darrel McCall and Don Edwards. While these old timers rest, there will be enough new talent on hand to keep your foot tapping all day.

Mark your calendar now for the 6th, 7th and 8th of October. The weather should be cool and comfortable by then.

For more details check with the Tioga Museum and Heritage Association 940-437-1110
Or with Guich Koock, guichtex@yahoo.com

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2006 Luckenbach Schedule



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Sunday Hill Country Musician Jam • 1pm • FREE	Oct. 1st - George Ensle; Oct. 15th - Ben Beckendorf; Oct. 22nd - Freddie Steady Krc; October 29th - Special Surprized Guest
Lone Star Pickers • Tuesdays 7pm • FREE	Host - Dale Mayfield
Wacky Waylon Wednesdays 7pm • FREE	October 4th - Ben Beckendorf; Oct. 11th - Jay Sims; Oct. 18th - Ron Knuth; Oct. 25th Cowboy Doug Davis
Loco Locals Thursdays 7pm • FREE	Oct. 12th - Candace Kunz & T-Roy Miller; Oct. 19th - Thomas Michael Riley; Oct. 26th Mike Blakely
Thursday, October 5th 7pm • FREE	Cultural Exchange with Cheatham Street Warehouse Kent Finlay & Special Guest
October 7th & October 8th • FREE	October Fiesta Saturday - 2pm - Steve Tenpenny Band; 8pm - Kevin Deal Band Sunday - 1pm - Flounders Without Eyes
October 20th & 21st Friday & Saturday	Harvest Classic European & Vintage Motorcycle Rally www.harvestclassic.org
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