

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

July 2008

4TH OF JULY Weekend Celebration

FRIDAY JULY 4TH @ 11am

LIVE FREE & FLY

Hosts Walt & Tina Wilkins

with Special Guests

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SATURDAY JULY 5TH @ NOON

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The South Texas Destroyers

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Mike Blakely & The Whiskey Traders

SUNDAY JULY 6TH

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Jimmy Davis & Jed Zimmerman 6pm

SATURDAY, JULY 26th • 8pm



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SUNDAY

JULY 13th

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& THE MODERN DAY
TROUBADOURS

SATURDAY

JULY 19th

AUSTIN

HEMLOCK

THURSDAY, JULY 17TH-7PM

CULTURAL EXCHANGE with

Cheatham Street Warehouse

Kent & Halleyanna Finlay



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WEEKEND DANCES

July 11th - Amber Digby Band
 July 18th - The Drugstore Cowboys
 July 19th - John Christopher Way
 July 25th - Bo Porter & The Dixie Rockits

HOMETOWN WEDNESDAYS HOSTED BY BEN BECKENDORF & QUINCY HARPER

WITH SPECIAL GUESTS

July 2nd - JOHN ANDREW PARKS
 July 9th - JAKE MARTIN 
 July 16th - JOHN GREENBERG
 July 23rd - GRAHAM WARWICK
 July 30th - BILL LEWIS

Pickin' & Grillin' Mondays

 7pm
 7TH - JIMMY LEE JONES
 14TH - MARY CUTRUFELLO
 21ST - DANNY TERRY
 28TH - JERRY AUDLEY

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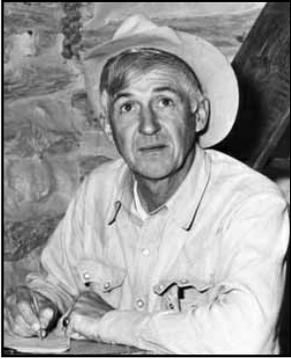


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Note: From 1961-1973, Hondo (nom de plume, or alias, or AKA Peter Cedarstacker) wrote a social satire column for the *Comfort News*. The fictional town of Cedar Creek and all of its characters eventually became the real town of Luckenbach and all of 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

CEDAR CREEK CLIPPINGS

THE GUTOWSKY REUNION

The band was all Gutowsky and played Porkchopsky's Chopstixsky Concerto in B Flatsky. There was a first base fiddle (two strings, one on the bow the other on the fiddle), seven guitars (one painted pink), six drums (with loose hydies), on fiddle and one push-fiddle (the kind that pinches your stomach skin when you squeeze it together). Some of the keys worked with safety pin springs and bubble gum pads.

There was gobs of food and everyone came to eat. And they did. There was 72 different kinds of potato salad—when they started. The six deer were actually inhaled.

The main topic of conversation wasn't when Joe stuck a cedar limb through his body while breakin' a wild horse, or when uncle Udo died in an ant nest. They talked 'bout more terrible things, like the time a Gutowsky nearly missed a meal!



CHRIS WALL

JUNE 22, 2008



Miss Kitty

It was a Saturday morning, well actually a Monday morning but that's another story. A mini van pulled up right in front of the store...right in front, and parked. That's the way some tourist park. Lookin' for the valet service I guess. Anyway that mini van had one of those long slanted windshields that seemed to reach to the ground. No sooner than the people had departed the spaceship our own Miss Kitty was at the front bumper lookin' up that long glass hillside. Now our cat, opp's, Miss Kitty, is normally pretty laid back. But without hesitation she leaped onto the slippery slope and without missing a step or her footing gracefully walked up onto the top of the van where there was a gray tarp roped down over something on the luggage rack. Slowly circling the bundle, stopping and smelling of it occasionally reaching out and touching it once. She stopped at the front where the inspection had started. After a few seconds eyeing up, she turned and again gracefully walked down the smooth surface without sliding an inch. Hopped to the ground, nodded at the Hondo statue and walked in the store.

Course I realized I'd just witnessed a Luckenbach cat scam.

Mac McIntyre



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In the last issue of the MOON Magnolia Thunder Blossom wrote an article about the late Ken Morgan, Captain of the Luckenbach Luftwaffe, the Secret Luckenbach Air Force. IN that same Issue John Raven wrote about our friend and favorite daughter of Luckenbach, Gael Montana, who is battling cancer. This issue I'm writing about Gael and John is writing about Ken. This proves Hondo's old sayin, "Birds of a feather hang around the same bush."

Ordinary people here in the Texas Hill Country are big on lofty titles. The following story is about when Gael Montana became Lotta Guisada, Queen of France.

Lotta Guisada, Queen of France By Magnolia Thunder Blossom Self Proclaimed Queen of Everything

Gael Montana's mama, Merlyn, at one time or another, ran every little roadside diner in the Texas Hill Country. One morning Jim Moore who is Gael's partner at Gael's Barber Shop in Comfort and I popped onto the little diner across the street from where Jim lives. The sign outside read: Breakfast Special – Carne Guisada.

Lo and behold and to our pleasant surprise there stood Merlyn, the self appointed Queen of Texas Roadside Diners, in her apron. As always when you would encounter Merlyn there would be hilarious laughter over one-liners about diners and food and other stuff.

Meanwhile over in the corner we spied a lone figure hiding behind a newspaper. You could see smoke from the figure's cigarette wafting up into the ceiling fan. With all the commotion going on the figure remained hidden behind the newspaper. Jim and I got curiouser and more curiouser thinking we recognized something familiar in the mysterious apparition that huddled in the corner.

Stealthily we tippy toed toward the little corner table intending to peek over the top of the newspaper and reveal the identity of this cool character who had not even acknowledged our grand entrance.

Slowly, very slowly, the newspaper eased down about 6 inches to reveal an obviously hung-over, bleary-eyed, bespecticled face belonging to Gael Montana, the self annointed Queen of France.

Jim and I jumped back and gasped at the sight of our dear friend in such a state. Gael fixed a frightening stare on Jim and me and without taking her pitiful eyes off of ours, directed this barely audible desperate plea toward her mom in the kitchen, "Mom, more guisada". And from the kitchen croons the lilting motherly voice of Merlyn, "Yes, my little dumplin', right away. You need a lot of guisada."ench ""

And so it was that Gael Montana gave birth to the title of the legendary colorful character affectionately known to the few lucky diners who were present that morning as Lotta Guisada, the Queen of France.

Upon request Magnolia Thunder Blossom can reveal the history behind many famous Gael Montana sayings that have become household words. Mz. Blossom can relate the stories behind legendary quotes by Gael such as: "My mom is down at the park selling alligators" and the ever popular, "Ole shxx needs a jump." Also available, the adventures of Mother Mary Magnolia and Sister Mary Bubba Ann as they travel to the Big Bend Country of Texas where they open a restaurant called Mamacita's Fajitas y Margaritas in Lajitas.



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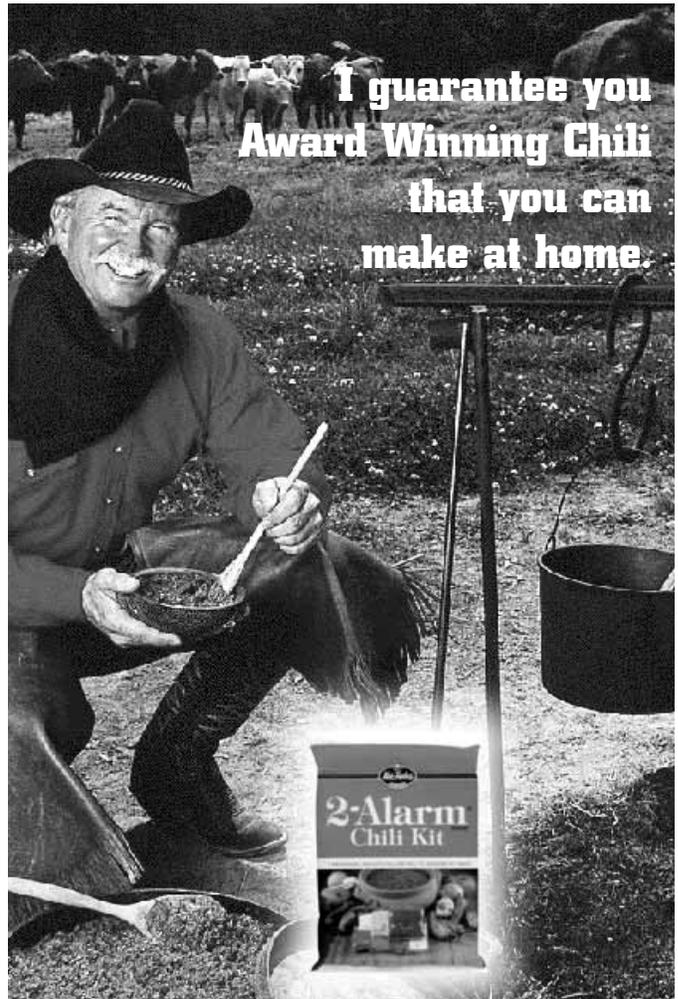


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You can't forget Memories

July 2008
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Good Bye Ken

Last month Luckenbach lost one of it's originals. "Captian" Ken Morgan passed away at age 88. Ken was husband of Cathy Morgan, one of the original "Big Three" of Luckenbach.

Ken did not participate in the business affairs of Luckenbach but he did enjoy the spectacle that was Luckenbach. Occasionally he would be drafted into being bartender for a short time while the regular bartender took care of some pressing business. Ken said it was too much trouble to try and count the money and make change so he just gave the beer away while he was on watch. Once or twice Ken may have been pressed into service "Hauling" something for the store. He was not real good at hauling so he didn't get pressed too often. Once I went with Ken on a hauling chore. We were instructed to help someone move household belongings to a new location. Ken and I got to move the swimming pool. We loaded the pool and associated gear on a trailer and hauled it to the new location. Ken had me unhook the trailer and then we went to Luckenbach and had a cooling beer or two. No one said anything about us unloading the pool once we got it moved.

Ken was a story teller. He had a story on about any subject that may have come up. I did some work for Ken on his ranch and we soon found that we could swap stories for thirty minutes and then we had to separate or nothing got done by either of us for the rest of the day.

Ken raised some cattle on his ranch. Several times I assisted with the fall "cattle drive". The drive consisted of putting two or three cows in the trailer and hauling them to the auction barn. I was raised among cattle on the dairy when I was young. I knew a few things about getting cattle to go where you wanted them to go. Ken's cows were exceptionally

easy to get in the trailer. I ask Ken why this was so. He said, "I just tell the cows I'm taking them to town to go shopping at Wal-Mart".. It worked every time.

Before all of us got so old, there were regular "Falling down" contest performed by the gang. Ken was a master at falling down. The contest consisted of a person pretending to trip or stumble over something and then fall down making as much noise and as a spectacular landing as was possible. After Ken had retired at age 65 he could still fall with the best of them. He frequently had a cigar in his mouth. He would fall flat of his face and when he turned over the cigar would be squashed flat but Ken's nose was uninjured. A friend of Ken's said he had seen perform that trick in some of the finest hotels in the world.

Ken will be missed. His unfailing wit and good humor brought many a smile. Saddest of all is all the pretty girls who will never hear Ken say, "You lil darlin you"...



KEN MORGAN



2008 Luckenbach Schedule



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

Sunday • 1pm • FREE	July 6th - Butch Morgan & the HIX; July 13th - Lucky Tubb & The Modern Day Troubadours; July 20th - Thomas Michael Riley; July 27th - Jimmy Lee Jones
Pickin' & Grillin' Mondays 7pm • FREE	July 7th - Jimmy Lee Jones; July 14th - Mary Cutrufello; July 21st - Danny Terry; July 28th - Jerry Audley
Lone Star Pickers • Tuesdays • 7pm • FREE	Host - Dale Mayfield
Hometown Wednesdays 7pm • FREE Hosts - Ben Beckendorf & Quincy Harper	Special Guests - July 2nd - John Andrew Parks; July 9th - Jake Martin ; July 16th - John Greenberg; July 23rd - Graham Warwick; July 30th - Bill Lewis
Thursdays 7pm • FREE	July 3rd - Hayden Whittington; July 10th - T&C Miller; July 17th - Cultural Exchange w/ Cheatham St. Warehouse; July 24th - Cowboy Doug Davis; July 31st - Jay Sims
Weekend Dances • 8pm • FREE	July 11th - Amber Digby Band; July 18th - The Drugstore Cowboys; July 19th - John Christopher Way; July 25th - Bo Porter & The Dixie Rockits
Friday, Saturday, Sunday July 4th - 6th	4th of July Weekend Celebration
Saturday, July 12th • 7pm	Susan Gibson CD Release Party
Saturday, July 19th • 1pm	Austin Homegrown
Saturday, July 26th • 8pm	Billy Joe Shaver - opening Ryan James

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This schedule may change...so,
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