

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

December 2009

Sat., Dec. 5th **1pm**

She Writes, She Sings
Jamie Wilson • The Trishas
 Charla Corn
 Courtney Patton
 Shelley King Band
 Stephanie Urbina Jones

Sat., Dec. 12th

The Band of
 Heathens
8pm ★
 Walt Wilkins
 & The Mystiqueros

December 31st, 9pm

New Year's Eve

**MIKE
 BLAKELY
 & THE
 WHISKEY
 TRADERS**



Saturday, December 19th

**Luckenbach
 Christmas Ball**

**Billy Joe
 Shaver**

9pm

opening

Tom Gillam



Sat., Dec. 26th

Monte Montgomery



Seth James

9pm

**Friday Nite
 Dances • 8pm**

Dec. 4th - Almost Patsy
 Cline Band

Dec. 11th - Josh Grider

Dec. 18th - Rodney Hayden

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Happy Holidays

from Luckenbach Texas
 Closed - Friday, December 25th



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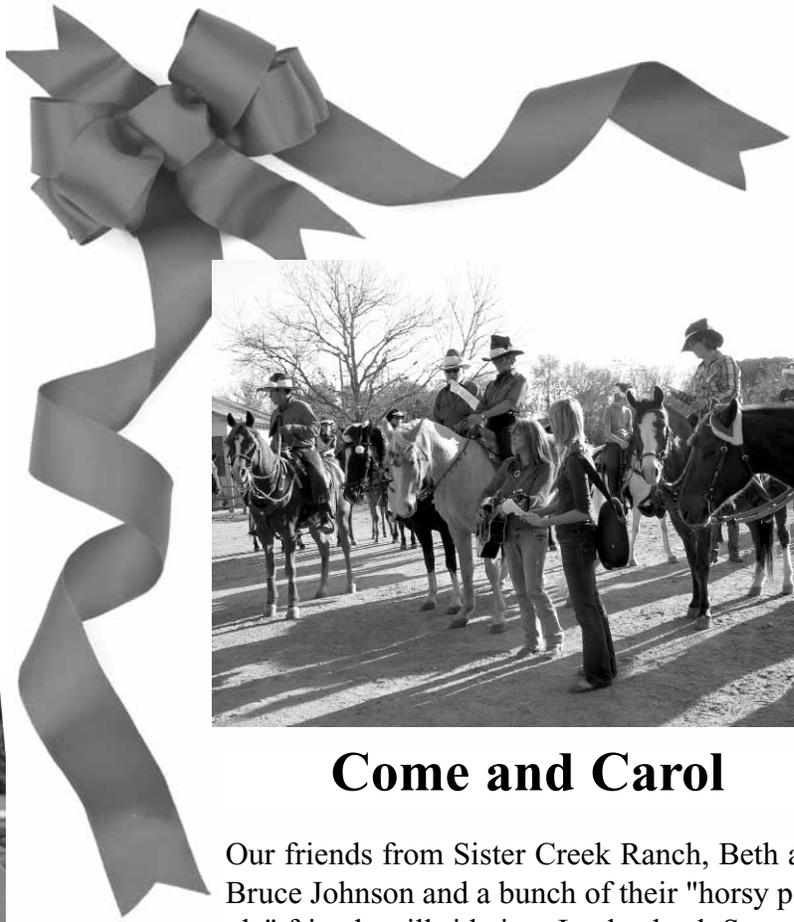
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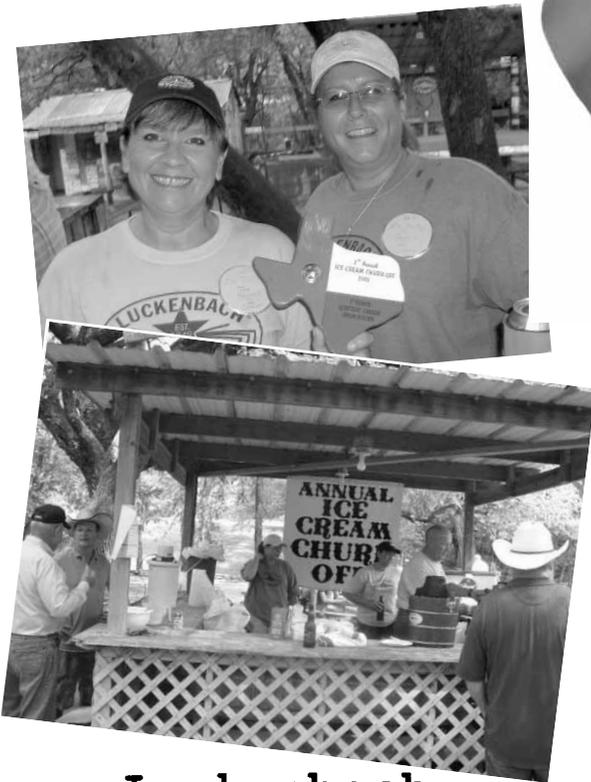
Mike Blakely's Fandango in September was great despite the weather and I want to say "Thanks to Mike and the staff at Luckenbach." Now the news, winners of the 2nd Annual Ice Cream Churn-off were Bob Steinle from Rio Medina, Carmen Ward and Ginger Schultz of Luckenbach, Greg Walden of Castroville and Jim and Franci Plunkett of Medina Lake. We really had a great time and the ice cream went fast. Thanks again to Mike for letting me put this on!

Leonard Moore



Come and Carol

Our friends from Sister Creek Ranch, Beth and Bruce Johnson and a bunch of their "horsy people" friends will ride into Luckenbach Saturday afternoon to help with our Christmas carols. Hayden Whittington and Ed Bowen will host the afternoon pickers circle. Luckenbach's Christmas Ball that evening will feature Billy Joe Shaver with Tom Gillam opening. Everyone is invited to come out and join us.



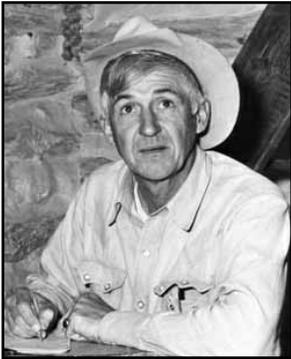
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Note: From 1961-1973, Hondo (nom de plume, or alias, or AKA Peter Cedarstacker) wrote a social satire column for the *Comfort News*. The fictional town of Cedar Creek and all of its characters eventually became the real town of Luckenbach and all of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

Mr. Spite flew to Detroit Monday to talk to the president of General Motors.

Mrs. Wurstbottom is getting out her last year's catalogued Christmas presents because it's nearly here. See, she catalogues 'em sos she won't give someone his own last year's present back. Last year she got some lulus. One was a bronze nude that shimmys on the hour and is the container for a do-it yourself tattoo outfit.

Me and Mama (that's my wife on my mother-in-law's side and she always is) dug deeper in our Christmas ornaments this year because we have a tree. This is the first time Santa is really honest-to-goodness comin' to our house. We still have the little girl we adopted because Jesus (Hey-soos) McNeil didn't want her, and this is her first Christmas. We're all excited about Santa comin' and we're gonna even get the glass ornaments out the cotton, the ones Oma Schoeffferkoeter brought from Bavaria. We've never broken a one. We've never used a one. We hope our little girl is as excited as we are. - I saw Santa at the beer joint and shook his hand. Oh, I'm happy over him.

The party's gonna be at our house this year and Mr. Smith is gonna loan us a television antennae so we'll look like the Joneses. Lenny Birmingham Jones is comin' to sing Christmas carols like "Noel," he said. Everyone in Cedar Creek is invited.

Mama's fussin' 'round and cleanin' up stuff and puttin' it in my closet. She wants people to think our house looks all the time neat. Bet I'll never find my sox again.

Well, here goes -- "Merry Christmas!" (ain't that keen?) I'd also like to say - and it may sound stupid, light hearted and a little frivolous and seem like no

thought was put into it, even childish and I'm sure un-American but I want to wish you a prosperous New Year and may you make more money than you spend.

Peter Cedarstacker
Writer

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EVERYBODY'S SOMEBODY

by
Becky Crouch
Barrales

Geronimo, Chiracahua Apache 1829 - 1907

Last month in my article on Dr. Herff I ended it with a sad image of Geronimo held captive in a cage at Ft. Sam Houston in the 1870s. Geronimo had a lot more dignity before that scene. He was never a chief, but a medicine man, a seer, and a spiritual and intellectual leader in and out of battle. Apache chiefs depended on his wisdom.

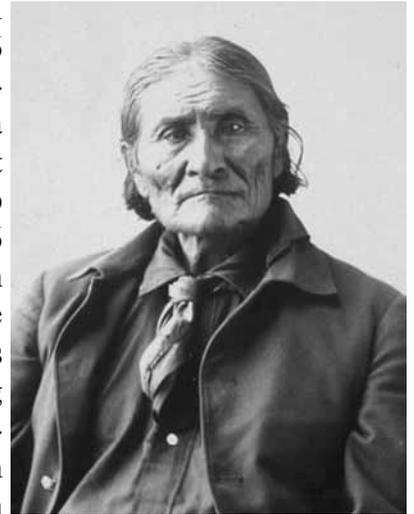
While on a trading mission in Mexico with family, Geronimo's mother, wife, and three children were massacred by Mexican soldiers. Geronimo



returned numb with grief. He burned his dwelling and the toys of his children. This act caused him to have such hatred for whites he vowed to kill as many as possible. From that day on he took every opportunity to terrorize every Mexican settlement. Soon after this incident he received his power. A voice called out "Goyahkla" – his Apache name – "no gun can ever kill you". Armed with this belief he vented his rage in bloody raids against Mexicans, once repeatedly attacking soldiers with his knife despite a hail of bullets. The soldiers cried out "Geronimo", perhaps a plea to St. Jerome. The name stuck.

In 1861, he took to the warpath after many years of keeping peace with American soldiers and Anglo-Americans. The U.S. Army had seized Cochise, an Apache chief and dear friend of Geronimo. The army also had members of Geronimo's family. He determined not to be friendly with whites any more.

Geronimo's final surrender in 1886 was the last significant Indian guerilla action in the U.S. At the end, the group consisted of only 16 warriors, 12 women and 6 children. The old warrior spent his last days signing autographs and gardening at Ft. Sill, in prison. One prison



visitor saw a different Geronimo when he took off his shirt to reveal 50 scars. He put a pebble in one of the bullet wounds and made the noise of a gun. Then he took the pebble out and threw it on the ground. "Bullets cannot kill me!" shouted Geronimo.

Other quotes from Geronimo:

I was born on the prairie, where the wind blew free and there was nothing to break the light of the sun. I was born where there were no enclosures.

I was warmed by the sun, rocked by the wind, and sheltered by the trees as the other Indian babies.

I was living peacefully when people began to speak bad of me.

The soldiers never explained to the government when an Indian was wronged, but reported the misdeeds of the Indians.

There is one God looking down on us all. We are all the children of one God. The sun, the wind, the darkness, all are listening to what we have to say.

Time has changed history but we still have a lot in common with people of the past. Here are some of my favorite quotes:

Sister Mary Corita said, "To understand is to stand under and look up."

My mother, Shatzie Crouch, always says, "We are like we are for a reason." Let this season find you with understanding of other people different from you. May we find the real meaning in kindness and forgiveness.



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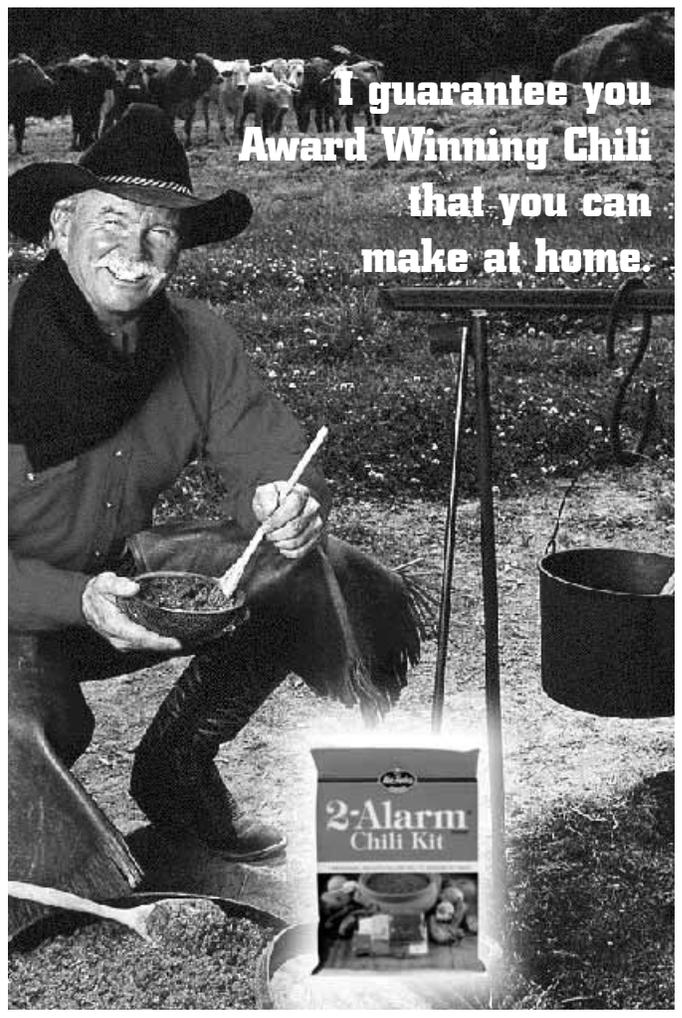
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Here we are smack in the middle of the holiday season. We are finishing off the last of the turkey sandwiches and looking forward to visions of sugar plums dancing in our heads.

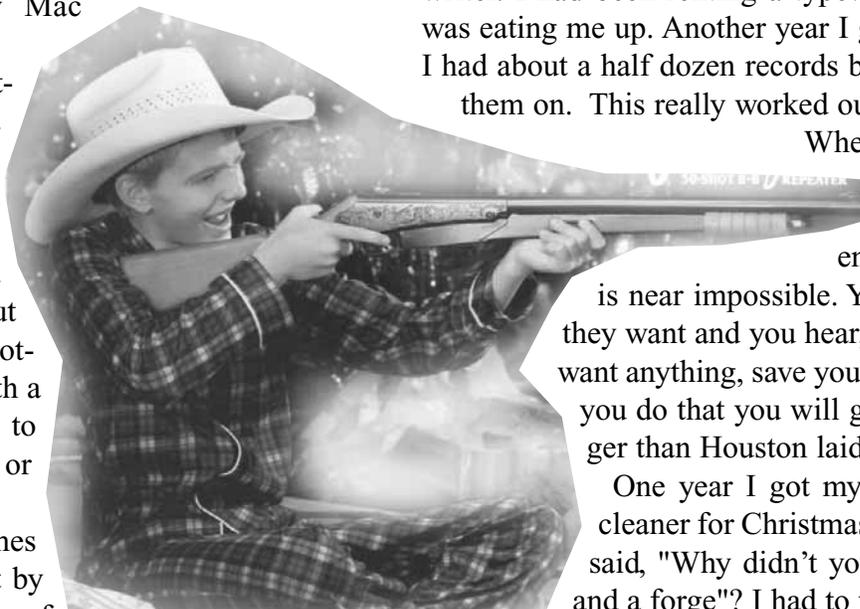
I don't remember my first Christmas. I was about five or six before a memory of Christmas stuck.

About two weeks before Christmas I would start searching the house for hidden presents. I would usually find at least one. I was not allowed to do more than shake it and speculate on its contents.

For a lot of years cap guns were on my Christmas wish list. This was a time before television and our graphic entertainment was the "Cowboy picture shows" on Saturday night at the Rita Theater in Taylor, Texas. The cowboy picture shows are now known as "B Westerns". There were some real heroes then. Gene Autry and Roy Rogers were making the big bucks and about a film a week. Lesser players were guys like Tim Holt, Lash LaRue, "Wild Bill" Elliot, Johnny Mac Brown and others.

Each of the western heroes had a "sidekick". The sidekick was the comic relief for the film. You couldn't have a film full of nothing but fist fighting and shooting fourteen times with a six-shooter. You had to have someone to say or do something funny.

Smiley Burnett comes to mind. Smiley went by the screen name of "Froggy" Millhouse. He had a deep voice. Froggy had a white horse with a black ring painted around one eye. Yep, the horse was called "Ring Eye".



Sidekicks and their means of transportation evolved until Roy Rogers and Dale Evans had Pat Buttram for a sidekick and he had a Jeep called "Nelly Bell".

Boy, did I get side tracked from Christmas. Sorry about that chief.

When I got to be about eight or nine on the top of my Christmas want list was a BB gun. I started with the Daisy cheap model lever action BB gun. I think that set my parents back about \$3.95. From the cheap model I graduated to the "Red Ryder" to the "Daisy pump" which had a slide like a pump shotgun to "cock" the weapon. I missed the pellet gun stage as I graduated directly to a .22 rifle. I have run a ton of ammunition through that .22 rifle. It still sits in my closet as we speak.

Parent's idea of a Christmas present is something the kid(s) "need". No kid or grown up for that matter wants something he or she "needs" for Christmas. I never once asked Santa for socks, underwear, shirts, pants or a suit. I never asked for a bicycle either but I got one so I would not wear out so many shoes walking to school and back in three feet of snow, up hill all the way.

When you get grewed up it is really difficult to get something you want for Christmas. To get something good you have to make threats. Two presents I got after I was full grown I loved more than any of the BB guns or cap pistols. One year I got a typewriter. I had been renting a typewriter and the rent was eating me up. Another year I got a small stereo. I had about a half dozen records but nothing to play them on. This really worked out.

When you are grown up, getting a Christmas present for your parents is near impossible. You ask them what they want and you hear, "Nothing, I don't want anything, save your money". Well, if you do that you will get a guilt trip bigger than Houston laid on you.

One year I got my mama a vacuum cleaner for Christmas. A friend of mine said, "Why didn't you get her an anvil and a forge"? I had to tell him, "I'm saving that for her birthday".

Happy Holidays and I hope you don't get a thing you need for a Christmas present.

DECEMBER CALENDAR

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

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| Tue | 1st | Levi Darr-Pickers Circle | 5pm |
| Wed | 2nd | Scooter Pearce-Pickers Circle | 5pm |
| Thu | 3rd | ShAnnie-Pickers Circle | 5pm |
| Fri | 4th | Dale Mayfield-Pickers Circle Almost Patsy Cline Band - Dance | 4pm 8pm |
| Sat | 5th | She Writes, She Sings Jamie Wilson • Trishas • Charla Corn Courtney Patton • Shelley King Band Stephanie Urbina Jones Hayden Whittington-Pickers Circle | 1pm 7pm |
| Sun | 6th | Walt Wilkins | 1pm |
| Mon | 7th | Closing @ 5pm | |
| Tue | 8th | Levi Darr-Pickers Circle | 5pm |
| Wed | 9th | Ben Beckendorf-Pickers Circle | 5pm |
| Thu | 10th | Sol Patch-Pickers Circle | 5pm |
| Fri | 11th | T & C Miller-Pickers Circle Josh Grider - Dance | 4pm 8pm |
| Sat | 12th | Matt Powell & Friends Dale Mayfield-Pickers Circle Band of Heathens Walt Wilkins & The Mystiqueros | 1pm 5pm 8pm |
| Sun | 13th | T & C Miller | 1pm |
| Mon | 14th | T & C Miller-Pickers Circle | 5pm |
| Tue | 15th | Levi Darr-Pickers Circle | 5pm |
| Wed | 16th | Bill Lewis-Pickers Circle | 5pm |
| Thu | 17th | Kent Finlay-Pickers Circle | 5pm |
| Fri | 18th | Dale Mayfield-Pickers Circle Rodney Hayden - Dance | 4pm 8pm |
| Sat | 19th | Hayden Whittington • Ed Bowen Dale Mayfield-Pickers Circle Luckenbach Christmas Ball Billy Joe Shaver • Tom Gillam | 1pm 5pm 9pm |
| Sun | 20th | Thomas Michael Riley & Mike Blakely | 1pm |
| Mon | 21st | Hayden Whittington Walt Perryman-Pickers Circle | 5pm |
| Tue | 22nd | Levi Darr-Pickers Circle | 5pm |
| Wed | 23rd | Dale Mayfield-Pickers Circle | 5pm |
| Thur | 24th | Closing @ 5pm | |
| Fri | 25th | Closed | |
| Sat | 26th | George Devore Dale Mayfield-Pickers Circle Monte Montgomery • Seth James | 1pm 5pm 9pm |
| Sun | 27th | The Dust Devils | 1pm |
| Mon | 28th | T & C Miller-Pickers Circle | 5pm |
| Tue | 29th | Levi Darr-Pickers Circle | 5pm |
| Wed | 30th | ShAnnie-Pickers Circle | 5pm |
| Thur | 31st | New Year's Eve Dance Mike Blakely & The Whiskey Traders | 9pm |

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Most Sundays - Cowboy Doug Davis-Pickers Circle 5pm



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