

May 2022

WINDBUSTERS

Important Dates:

May 7– Beat the Street

May 18– Ride of Silence

May 20– Bike to Work Day

May 21- Work Day Odessa MTB

June 11– Rockstacker Race
(details to come)



President-Eric Burkhart

Vice President-Jason Haislip

Mountain Bike Director – Stephen Mitchell

Secretary – Cameron Hamer

Treasurer – Kye King

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Beat the Street is almost here!



May 7

Event by [Cornerstone Christian School](#), [Pevton's Bikes San Angelo](#) and [Beat the Street for Little Feet - Sweetwater](#)

www.raceentry.com/races/beat-the-street-for-little-feet/2022/register

It's our 10th annual Beat the Street for Little Feet benefiting Cornerstone Christian School! The event includes: a Half Marathon, 10K Run, 5K Run, 71-Mile Bike Race, 49-Mile Bike Race, and 33-Mile Bike Race. Come spend the morning with us and enjoy great exercise fun!

*Participants registering BEFORE 4/22/2022 will be guaranteed a shirt.

Cash prizes will be awarded!

Work Day May 21

Time: 10-2

Odessa MTB

This clean up day is in preparation for the Rockstacker Race coming up on June 11. Please plan to come help!

Women's Thursday Night Ride at Midland Trails Park

Hosted by Marissa Wright

Join us Thursday evening for the women's MTB group ride at the Midland MTB park! We had a great turnout and a lot of fun last week. Ride out at 6:15, we'll gauge the pace and distance as we go! This is a social ride open to all levels of ability, so please don't hesitate to come out. Cold drinks provided afterwards!





Wednesday May 18, 2022 (Third Wednesday)

Time: 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m

Start Location: Mid Cities Community Church

8700 Highway 191 (Be sure to note this start location is a change
from previous years)



Midland Trail Park Grand Opening by Steve Mitchell

Many of you attended the Grand Opening of the Midland Trail Park on Saturday, April 30th. We had over 350 attendees including about 40 disc golfers. The weather was great with comfortable cool temperatures in the morning and high temperatures reaching about 85 degrees near the end of the event. We were fortunate that the winds were mild out of the Northeast. With such a large attendance at the new park, we focused several of our volunteers on safety and parking. They were well prepared, placing safety signs on the highway and an abundance of orange cones to slow the traffic on CR 307. They all wore bright green or orange vests and had radios to coordinate. They performed a professional and impressive job.

The event started with coordinated group rides that were well attended. There were also a lot of individuals out exploring the trails on their own. It was quite a site to see as many as 100 riders or more out on the trails at one time. The trail system handled the high volume of riders quite well, in part because the trails are one-way and the timing of the group rides. The recently completed skills park also saw a lot of traffic. Additionally, a lot of attendees that were non-cyclists walked portions of the trail. Several families and individuals joined the club specifically to be able to access the park for hiking in the future. The Club received over 100 new memberships in April leading up to this event

We started serving lunch around 11:45. The Schlumberger cook team performed a seamless operation serving up hamburgers, hot dogs, and chips to the entire crowd. Everyone had plenty to eat and drink. Right after lunch, I first thanked our city officials that had the foresight and confidence to grant the lease to the PBBA. In attendance was Mayor Patrick Payton, and City Council Members Jack Ladd and Lori Blong who were all instrumental in getting the lease approved and assigned to the PBBA. Next, we thanked our donors and volunteers for their generous contributions.

Buffalo Burrs Custom Cycles and Peyton Bikes then gave away some great door prizes. Each shop gave away a brand-new bicycle. This was very generous. Please be sure to support your local bike shops.

Last of all, Stephanie Ledford conducted an enthusiastic and very educational Bike Maintenance Clinic that lasted about 30 – 40 minutes. It was well attended underneath the park pavilion with about 35 – 40 participants.

I received a lot of positive feedback about the park and the grand opening. An event like this works because our volunteers had initiative and were enthusiastic about helping. Please note below the PBBA volunteers that made this a fun and well attended event at the PBBA's new Mountain Bike Park.

PARKING and SAFETY CREW: *Jeff Ledford, Cameron Hamer, Landon Hamer, Stephen Hayes*

GROUP RIDES: Women's Ride - *Stephanie Ledford, Marissa Wright (sweep)*

Medium to Fast pace Ride - *Jason Haislip, Houston Gary (sweep)*

Family Ride - *Steve Mitchell, Justin Thompson (sweep), Kye King, Blake Morgan*

COOKING CREW: *Schlumberger – Roy Sellers, Justin Thompson, Oniel Wint, Liviu Husoschi*

GENERAL SET UP AND CLEAN UP: *Houston Gary, Dan Voecks, Rosa Mitchell, Kye King, Blake Morgan, Jeff and Stephanie Ledford, Justin Thompson*

PHOTOGRAPHY: *Kathy Hester*

SOUND: *Jason Haislip*

EVENT COORDINATOR: *Steve Mitchell*

This Event was organized by the WTTA and the food, seating and event insurance was funded by the West Texas Trail Alliance (45%), The PBBA (45%) and the Disc golf club (10%).

Final thoughts: We faced a self-imposed deadline to get this project as complete as possible prior to April 30th. I personally want to acknowledge Justin Thompson for his diligent effort to build and complete the skills park. I also want to acknowledge Jeff and Stephanie Ledford for assisting me with enhancing the park aesthetics and managing the finances.



The Midland Trail Park grand opening was an opportunity to thank all the corporations, business owners, individuals and public officials that supported the development of this project. Stephen Mitchell was presented with a sign from PBBA recognizing his efforts in leading this project from development to completion. The amount of time and effort Stephen poured into this project is an amazing testament to his dedication to Midland and the cycling community.



Pictured above: Jason Haislip, owner of Peyton's Bikes; Lori Blong and Jack Ladd, Midland City Council members; Steve Mitchell, project leader and Mayor Patrick Payton



The Midland Disc Golf community were responsible for a lot of the clean up efforts and tire removal in cleaning up the park.



Schlumberger fed the opening day crowd.



Buffalo Bur's Custom Cycles and Peyton's Bikes raffled new mountain bikes during the lunchtime festivities.





The skills area was popular during the event. Group rides for medium pace riders, women and families were provided to acquaint visitors with the trails.



Youngsters enjoyed the Grand Opening too!



ODESSA MOUNTAIN BIKE PARK

It was recently discussed and decided that the club would implement an adopt a trail pilot program to maintain the Odessa Mountain Bike Park Trail System. Jack Henry is leading the charge on this and has agreed to manage the program. He recently put mileage markers up on the trail that consist of highlighted cinder blocks with stenciled mile markers. Generally, a group, a business, or an individual with adopt a mile of trail, with the understanding that they are going to maintain the section of trail. Additionally, signs will be installed to identify the participants that adopted a specific trail section. Jack recently posted the "Adopt a Trail" program on Facebook and asked for volunteers but he has not received much feedback. The trails at the OMBP are in decent shape but they need "love". We need members that ride the Odessa Trail to step up and adopt a section of trail. Please contact the PBBA and get involved. Please contact Jack Henry at jackh1466@aol.com or send him a text at 432-557-9339 (please do not call).

ADDITIONAL WAYS TO HELP MAINTAIN OUR TRAIL PARKS

The PBBA now manages two mountain bike parks that combined include about 20 miles of trail. That is a lot of real estate to maintain. Our growth in membership provides the club with additional funds to hire landscaping companies to supplement maintenance but we still need to look for other ways to keep our trails and parks maintained. I recently wrote about Bryce Hebert whose eagle scout project was building benches at the Midland Trail Park. I've also had MTB racers contact me about getting points towards their race standings by performing trail work. Recently, Dan Voecks contacted me about having his daughter, Isabelle, work at the Midland Trail Park to accumulate volunteer hours for the National Honor Society. Dan and Isabelle cleaned up an old pile of trash that was dumped near the lake and did some general trail maintenance. If anyone in the club knows of groups or individuals needing to accumulate volunteer hours, please direct them to me.



Dan Voecks and his daughter volunteer time to beautify the Midland Trail Park.





Rattlesnake Gravel Grind will be 6/17-18 /22 . 32 Mile, 66 Mile, and 111 Mile that will begin and end at the Lake Sweetwater Municipal Campground It will benefit the Volunteer Fire Departments of Nolan County. The Jaycees that put on the Worlds Largest Rattlesnake Roundup, The Sweetwater Chamber of Commerce, and Coors are the three main sponsors of the event. We will have free beer, live music, and BBQ at the park after the event for all participants.





LBJ 100 2022 Returned After a Two-Year Hiatus

The LBJ 100 ride returned to Fredericksburg, Texas in April. The ride has been in existence for 15 years, raising money for the LBJ National Historical Park. One cool item that has benefitted from the ride is the preservation of President Lyndon B. Johnson's beloved Herefords. (Descendants of the original Herefords can be seen at the Show Barn at the LBJ Ranch.) Riders can choose from distances between 10 and 62 miles - all departing from the historic LBJ Ranch in Stonewall, Texas. There is so much history here that the bike ride is a ride and a history lesson combined. We arrived in Fredericksburg the night before the ride to begin our weekend. Of course that meant wine tasting at one of the lovely winery storefronts on Main Street. Post ride we continued our wine vacation (er bike ride weekend) with a visit to the Grape Creek winery and dinner at Stouts (Italian) - at the winery. We shopped some more and visited Heath Winery for a bubbly tasting. We also made time to eat at the amazing Vaudeville Restaurant. This is a MUST for any visit to Fredericksburg. We also discovered the World War II memorial and a gorgeous Japanese garden - a real hidden gem. Oh, and yes we fit in the aforementioned LBJ 100 bike ride too. We rode the 42 mile route. The weather this year was perfect. (In years past it has been blustery cold and unbearably hot - not at the same time...). The route was hilly but doable. The scenery was Hill Country perfect. One of the most memorable parts of the ride was pedaling up the biggest hill of the ride and seeing a Texas flag atop the hill. It made for a great photo opportunity (and a rest...). The LBJ ride has always had a great after party. This year did not disappoint. There was beer, BBQ and lots of happy riders socializing under the big tent. All said, it was great fun to have this organized ride back. Hopefully it is a sign of more normalcy to come.

Just a reminder: Rattlesnakes are out and about at both the Odessa Mountain Bike Park and Midland Trails Park so be aware.

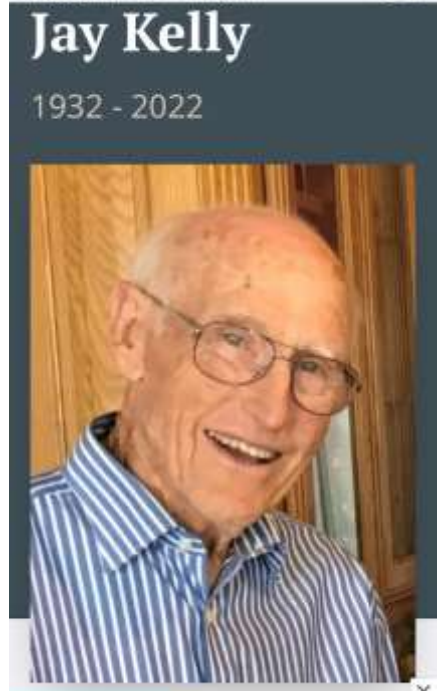
Thank you to Aaron Wiest for the pictures to remind us.



PBBA Grieves Loss of a Founding Member

It saddens me to share the news of the loss of Jay Kelly. For those of you who do not know Jay, he was one of the original founding members of the PBBA. I was fortunate to know Jay and start cycling with him on his weekly rides to Crane and back. Jay headed up and organized many of the club events and weekend trips. Jay was definitely known to be a prankster along with being incredibly caring and kind. I can't tell you enough about him to do justice. I know there are many others who could share so much more. Jay was such a wonderful man and he will be greatly missed. I ask that you would keep Georgia and their family in your prayers.

-Kye King



April 6

PEYTON'S
WEDNESDAY NIGHT PODIUM

- 1  ERIC BURKHART
- 2  FIDEL RUVALCABA
- 3  ZACK BELEW

April 13

PEYTON'S
WEDNESDAY NIGHT PODIUM

- 1  FIDEL RUVALCABA
- 2  JUSTIN WILLOUGHBY
- 3  ERIC BURKHART

April 20

PEYTON'S
WEDNESDAY NIGHT PODIUM

- 1  ERIC BURKHART
- 2  CLIF COLEMAN
- 3  FIDEL RUVALCABA

April 27

PEYTON'S
WEDNESDAY NIGHT PODIUM

- 1  ERIC BURKHART
- 2  ZACK BELEW
- 3  CLIF COLEMAN

2021 Peyton's Champion – Eric Burkhart

2022 Series Points:

Eric Burkhart – 41

Fidel Ruvalcaba – 25

Zack Belew – 20

Clif Coleman – 12

Kenneth Priebe – 5

Justin Willoughby – 5

Shawn Harris – 2

Zack Risher – 1

Jason Haislip – 1

Opportunity to Support Lions Club Members

Hello, let me introduce myself my name is Javier aka Javi, I'm an Endurance Athlete and a Lion. I have been a Lion since the late 90s. I am currently a member of the Odessa Downtown Lions Club in a town in far west Texas. I have also served as District Governor for District 2-T3. About a year ago I attempted and was successful in doing a double marathon, 52.7 miles running which was about a 12 hour event start to finish. With a group of my Lions and volunteer friends as support, we raised over \$10,000 for the Texas Lions Camp and of course finished that unique fundraiser. Next month I will be attempting and the plan is to not only finish the event but being successful again in a great fundraiser for our Texas Lions Camp. This event will consist of doing a 73 mile route on a bicycle to help start the Texas State Lions Convention in Abilene. This will happen on Thursday, May 26th. I have assembled a great cycling team: International Director Ernesto TJ Tijerina, Past International Director Gary Anderson, Past District Governor myself, Lion Allan Espina, Billy Foust, Juan Fernandez, Michael Blanchard, Roger Masters and Cochise Masters. If you love these unique and out of the box fundraising ideas and want to be part of it here is how you can help, first spread the word to all you know so they will know about these awesome or as some may call them crazy Lions as well as a great opportunity to talk about the Texas Lions Camp. Second, if you will be attending the state convention come either send us off as we leave Thursday morning sun up at the host hotel MCM Elegante Suites 4250 Ridgemont Dr or be a part of the welcoming crowd as we pull in to the hotel after our tough ride. And last monetary donations, I will not be handling the collection of the money but in this email you will find the contact info for Lion Diane Cherry Camp Director or Lion Sherry Club treasurer to send your money. So far, we have donations ranging from a \$1,000 donation from a club to one dollar per mile from a few members (which is \$73). You can donate cash, check or credit card. You also have the option of receiving a letter for your contribution to a non-profit if needed. My cycling team and I are very excited to bring awareness of our great Texas Treasure that we have in Kerrville which has served children with physical disabilities for now 73 Years. Yes, riding 73 miles for 73 years of service. This summer camp has always been free to the children and their parents because of generous donations from people like you.

Please don't hesitate to contact me for any suggestions, questions or well wishes to the cycling team. Yes, Camp Boss Stephen Mabry not only has given his blessing to this event, but he attended the double marathon and will be cheering us on with entire Executive Camp Board at this year's event.

Lions Diane Cherry email: dianecherry101@gmail.com

Lion Sherry Williamson email: treasurer@odessadtions.org

In Lionism I believe,

PDG Javi

Alan Primera wants to send a big thanks to the PBBA and special thanks to Roberta SoloRio representing PBBA who helped make Books for Bikes happen. I wanted to thank Jason at Peyton's bikes for donating the bike helmets for a Bikes for Books and the Toys for Tots events held in Pecos over the past holiday season.



OPEN HOUSE:
SAT. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Books For Bikes
&
Toys For Tots
SAT. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

The sign features a logo for 'Fire & EMS' in the top right corner. Small icons of a person on a bicycle and a toy box are placed around the text.

Ride of Silence Memorial

George Hoffman

Born September 5, 1949

Husband, Dad

Handball Player for whom the courts at the Odessa YMCA are named

Killed May 26, 1985 West bound 191 Service Road 1 ¼ miles west of 158

David Werner

Fourteen (14) year old Son and Brother

Family Friend of George Hoffman

Killed May 26, 1985 West bound 191 Service Road 1 ¼ miles west of 158

Yldefonso Gonzalez

Married for 19 years to Francis

Angelo 18; Adina Lea 15

Engineer with Exxon

Killed October 25, 1993 North East Loop 250 in Midland

R. Eugene Goudeau

Born September 16, 1952

Husband

Missionary

Killed September 14, 1995 191 Eastbound Service Road Approximately 2.6 miles east of 1788

Marlana Fowler

I CAME FORTH FROM GOD, AND RETURN UNTO HIM HOLDING FAST TO HIS NAME, THE MERCIFUL, THE COMPASSIONATE

Killed September 1997 Eastbound 191 Service Road approximately ½ mile west of 1788

Bobby Jack Baker

Born April 10, 1961

Veteran

Father, Uncle, Brother, Cousin

August 29, 2007 I-20, Midland, TX

Johnny Carlos Newton

Born August 26, 1954

Married to Judy 28 years

Father to Allison, Lori and Jeremy

FracTech Services West Texas Marketing and Sales Manager

Football player, gentle giant, kind, thoughtful, great mentor and friend, dog lover

Jose Baldera

Born January 1, 1944

Joe

Enjoyed visiting friends over coffee at McDonalds

Picked up aluminum cans

Journeyman Carpenter & Shade Tree Mechanic

Remembered for his friendly smile and wave

Killed December 19, 2008 on Highway 18 near Monahans

Truman Solomon

Born January 17, 1941

Retired from Texaco Oil and Gas in Odessa

Very active member of Northside Baptist Church

Volunteered with the MCH auxiliary

Married to Dolores; Two daughters Delaine and Wesley Rose

Widely regarded as a gentle man, a wonderful husband, father, grandad and friend

Killed June 11, 2010 on Loop 338

Rene Joseph Ulmschneider

Born April 29, 1952

Husband to Emily and Father to Kiri and Bryne

Geologist in Midland since 1978

He loved spending time swimming, hiking, camping, and traveling with his family.

Killed July 20, 2012 near Marathon, TX

Justin Colt Southerland

Born July 14, 1990

Outdoorsman who loved to snowboard, ski, and fish in Colorado

Pump Technician with Ledford Pump Service

A Man of God who was noted for his generosity and compassion

Killed August 20, 2015 Business 20 approximately 2 miles east of Midland

Camron Stotts

Born November 28, 1975

Noted for his enthusiasm and passion for serving others

A former VP of Operations in the oil and gas industry

Staunch advocate of the plant based Food is Medicine

Co-founded Restoration Farm with wife Jami

Father of four

Killed April 25, 2018 on 158 approximately 1 ½ miles north of 191

Mike Mestas

Born April 3, 1971

Married to Rooney for 20 years

Father of two daughters, Lola and Mary

Geosteering Specialist with Cimarex Energy Co

Music lover

Killed April 25, 2018 on 158 approximately 1 ½ miles north of 191

Brandey Ackerman

Born February 6, 1979

Wife to Chris

Mother of three: Peyton, Hudson, and Ellison

Superwoman, bundle of energy.

Instrumental in persuading McDonalds to offer milk as part of Happy Meal

Well-known as a Pediatrician who got up early, stayed late, made house calls, and was up all hours of the night working hard to be the best doctor to her patients and their families

Killed June 7, 2018 on westbound 191 Service Road

Near Misses

Carl Murdock

Jay Kelly

Scott Anderson

Fidel Rubalcada

Myranda Williams

Jason Haislip



Brandey Ackerman



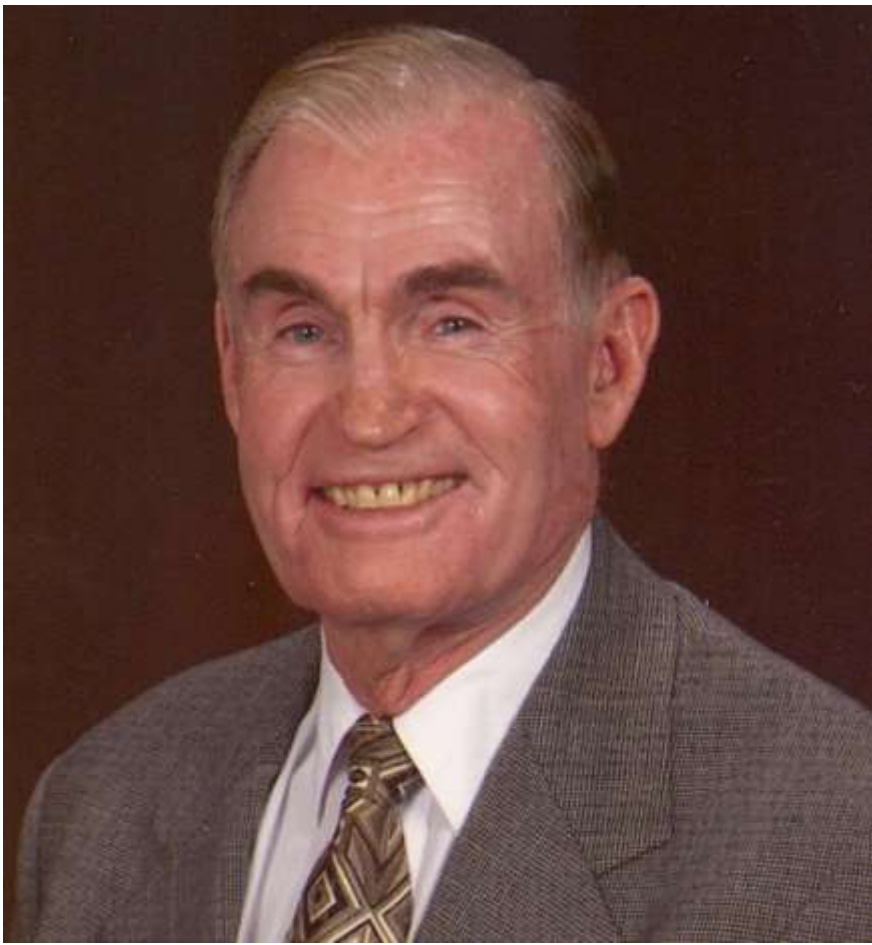
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