

The Comanche Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture annual awards banquet was held April 19, 2012.

Named as "Woman of the Year" was Missy Jones of Comanche. Missy is the daughter of William Cornelius Cox and Minnie Steward Cox of Comanche. She is a graduate of Comanche High School, class of 1947 and has spent most of her life working in this county and serving the people of this county. In 1994, Missy retired from Comanche National Bank, where she was an assistant cashier.

Missy has done volunteer work all over the county. Some things that come to mind is decorating for chamber banquets, coordinating quilt shows and quiltings for the Comanche Pow-Wow and performing in local history performances.

Probably the place where Missy shines the most is at the Comanche County Historical Museum where she comes each week, sometimes multiple times, to work on saving the history of the county as well as to narrate to the many guests who visit the museum. Missy is also in charge of setting up special museum tours, which she does very, very often. She also makes sure that she is on hand to help open the Museum, greet guests, and give them a grand tour, entertaining all the while with local color as well as telling the story behind the song she wrote for Gaston Boykin, called "Trail of Memories".

In case you have wondered where the Confederate flags come from that appear each year in every cemetery in the county, Missy Jones can tell you that the flags come from the Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp # 1904 and the Order of The Confederate Rose. These organizations assist with dedication of markers for Confederate veterans as well as the placing of the flags in both Eastland and Comanche counties. Missy is a member of the Order of Confederate Rose.

Missy is also a member of The Heritage Club of Comanche, a women's service club organized in 1952. During her 12 years of membership, she has served as recording secretary of the group and in finishing up a four year term as club president.

After 9-11, Missy, who is also a prolific writer, composed a poem titled "Santa's Run. Members of The Heritage Club of Comanche entered it in a poetry contest organized by The Texas Federation of Women's Clubs. It was

the state winner and advanced on to the national level for the General Federation of Women's Clubs where "Santa's Run" became the National Winner and was featured in publications for club women across the United States.

Missy also volunteers her time to elementary schools around the area. Having written "the Turkey's Thanksgiving", she provided props and performed her story to children in Comanche, Sidney and Eastland elementary schools.

Missy is also an active member of The Comanche County Genealogical Society. She assisted her sister, Geneva Cox Mercer in writing her cookbook of recipes and memories, titled "Recipes and Memories from the Heart". Of course, Missy, with the help of her brother and sisters, wrote their family book titled "Mama, tell us about the time..." It is a book to be treasured for it's historical content. And if that isn't enough, Missy Jones serves on the board of directors for Brandywine/Crucible, Inc. this a chronicle of the Cox family, Quakers, who lived along Brandywine Creek of southeastern Pennsylvania in Colonial times, and their emigration across the united States.



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Missy Jones, Woman Of The Year

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It was another successful Chamber Banquet in Comanche, Texas last week, and many very worthy people won this year's awards. All of those people and their awards can be found in this week's *Comanche Chief*.



Because Missy Jones is constantly helping us out here at Texans United and because she aids me tremendously in my search for cool Texans, I want to spend some extra time today telling you just all that Missy does for Comanche County.

Marvalene "Missy" Jones is the daughter of William Cornelius Cox and Minnie Steward Cox from Comanche County, Texas. She graduated from Comanche High School in 1949 and has spent most of her life working in this county and serving the people of the county. In 1994, Missy retired from the Comanche National Bank where she was an assistant cashier.

Missy has done volunteer work all over the community. Some that come to mind are decorating for chamber banquets, coordinating quilt shows and quiltings, and performing in local history performances. In fact, many of the performances I produced myself would have had much less of a WOW factor without Missy Jones.

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placing of the flags on the graves in both Comanche and Eastland counties. Missy Jones herself is a big part of this huge undertaking each year.



Missy is also a member of the Heritage Club of Comanche, a women's service club organized in 1952. She served for over 12 years as the recording secretary of the group and has now served for the past 4 years as club president.



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AND, on top of everything that I have written here, we would not have the two-volume set of Comanche County families without Missy Jones. It is true that I wrote the books; however, Missy stepped in and took over the miles and miles of communication, etc. that went into the books that I simply could not do. Those books exist as much because of her as they ever could because of me.

Although I could go on and on, I think I have given you at least a glimpse into the work done by one woman in this county. Missy, here at TexansUnited.com we say congratulations on a job well done and an award well deserved!

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About Fredda Jones

From the time I was just a child, I could lose myself on my grandparents' sprawling front porch, curled up in their porch swing. With the scent of roses in the air and the flutter of the flag in the breeze, I was protected, free to think little-girl thoughts and build little-girl castles in the air. Add a friend to the swing, and we could solve each and every one of our little-girl problems from that old swing. Today, I still find that there is nothing quite like a porch swing and a good friend for restoring order to an otherwise chaotic world. So grab a cup of coffee and come on over, join me in the swing, and let's talk it over.

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