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**2010 Chamber Community
Awards Banquet**

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Giddings: "A Perfect 10"
Ten Reasons We Love Giddings
Tuesday, August 17, 2010
Landmark Square Event Center
Social Hour 5:30PM
Meal 6:30PM Catered by "It's All Good"
Program 7:30PM

Congratulations to our award recipients! Please join us in
celebrating their accomplishments!

Ernie Voight – Citizen of the Year Award

Andy Smith – Lifetime Achievement Award

Computer Network Technologies – Business of the Year Award

Giddings Study Club - Civic Organization of the Year Award

Lee County 4-H – Youth Organization of the Year Award

CHAMBER MEMBERS ONLY-

WE HAVE A NEW MEMBER BENEFIT AVAILABLE – We are now able to accept membership investments as a monthly ACH. We now accept credit card payments for chamber membership investment, sponsorships, tickets, luncheons, and advertising. We want to help make your life easier by providing you with great service.

Check out our website at www.GiddingsTx.com to get up to the minute information and details about upcoming events and activities happening in Giddings and Lee County. We are your information resource. Email: giddingscofc@verizon.net Office Phone: 979-542-3455 or Fax: 979-542-7060. www.GiddingsTx.com.

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August 2010 Events

The Texas Word Wrangler Festival Committee will meet every Monday in August in preparation for the festival on September 10th.

- Aug. 5 – 5 Year Anniversary and Open House at Lopez Auto Clinic. Hamburgers and refreshments will be served. Come by for a free under hood inspection between 10AM and 2PM.
- Aug. 13 – Bus Tour from Houston with 15 – 18 people coming to visit the Library, Lee County Courthouse, Lee County Heritage Center, Giddings Downtown Restaurant and the Depot Complex.
- Aug. 13-14 – Giddings Food Pantry at 8AM at 600 Sunrise Avenue
- Aug. 17 – Chamber Banquet at Landmark Event Center at 5:30PM
- Aug. 20 – Lee County Co-Op Banquet
- Aug. 28 – Lee County Youth Soccer Association Ribbon Cutting and Opening Ceremonies

September 2010 Events

- Sept. 6 – Country Music Monday/Lone Star Opry
- Sept. 10 – Texas Word Wrangler Festival at Giddings Public Library from 9AM to 5PM
- Sept. 16 - LiveAir Networks High Tech Happy Hour in Winchester, Texas
- Sept. 25 – Denim & Diamonds Gala Event hosted by the New Horizons Lions Club at 6PM at the Sons of Hermann Hall

August 11th - America Speaking Out

Lee County Seniors in Action will host a forum with Congressman Michael McCaul at 3:30PM at the Lee County Senior Citizen Center. The public is invited. Refreshments will be served.

Our Mission

The mission of the Giddings Area Chamber of Commerce is to create a progressive business environment, take a leadership role in the community, be an information resource for members and increase growth of tourism.

Welcome New Members

The Grapevine - Michelle Newman, owner

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Real Estate Center Online News**August 3, 2010**

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TEXAS ONE, RECESSION ZERO

TEXAS ([The Atlantic](#)) – Even in the middle of the Great Recession, Texas is faring well compared with the rest of the nation, racking up an ever-growing list of accomplishments.

In addition to ranking fourth in the country with the least amount of state debt, Texas has four cities in the Milken Institute's Top Five Best Performing Cities Index, four among *Forbes'* list of top ten "Cities Where the Recession is Easing," and four in last year's Top Ten in Homebuilding.

Texas is home to three of the top five most resilient major metro areas for employment, with McAllen first, Austin third, San Antonio fifth and El Paso and Houston not far behind in the top 15.

The Lone Star State also claims 64 Fortune 500 companies — more than any other state — in addition to being dubbed Top State for Business for the second time in three years by CNBC.

The Atlantic says these accomplishments are because Texas' major cities have chosen comparatively stable industries — Houston is the nation's energy hub, Austin leads in education and technology, and San Antonio dominates the health care and education sector in addition to military spending.

"Our research shows that the more tax incentives and less regulation you have, and the less likely businesses are to get sued, the more likely it is they'll want to come and prosper in your state," said Brooke Rollins, president of the Texas Public Policy Foundation. These factors support Texas' position as a global economic leader, having the 15th largest economy in the world.

Lopez

Auto Clinic

"When Your Car is Sick"



Invites the Public to Our
5th Anniversary & Open House
Thursday, August 5, 2010

Come by and visit with our technicians and receive a

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UNDERHOOD INSPECTION

From 10:00 AM TO 2:00 PM

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