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"Attitude reflects leadership." From Remember the Titans

Welcome New Board Members

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New Board Members volunteer to fill vacant positions -

Brian Fischer of Fischer-Langham Custom Homes and J.W. Breeden of LiveAir Networks have agreed to complete the unfinished three year terms held by Marcia Herndon and Buster Ramsey. We appreciate the hard work and dedication of our board members.

J.W. Breeden - LiveAir Networks: He is the CEO/President of LiveAir Networks, an award-winning data and technical services provider covering over 2,400 square miles in Lee, Fayette, and Bastrop Counties. LiveAir locally owns and operates their own network facilities and delivers effective, reliable, and high-performance Internet, data, and telephony solutions to homes and businesses of all sizes since 2004.

Brian Fischer - FISCHER-LANGHAM Custom Homes: Married to Tammy Dube. Son Jack Fischer and Riley Key, daughter Sidney Fischer. Started business with Tim Langham in 2004 building custom homes and light commercial buildings in Lee and surrounding counties. Worked with Newman and Keng Paving for 16 years locally. A&M 94'.



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Debbie Malinak spent a week at the TTIA Texas Travel & Tourism College. As a student of the inaugural class, Debbie learned the meat and bones of tourism with the best in the State. This is particularly important since the Chamber recently named Debbie, Tourism Director in charge of the Rural Texas Tourism Center. Debbie will begin the process of developing a volunteer base and schedule to have the Tourism Center open. The Tourism Center is looking for volunteers to help with tours on a regular basis.

#### CHAMBER MEMBERS ONLY-

WE HAVE A NEW MEMBER BENEFIT AVAILABLE - JOB POSTING IS NOW AVAILABLE IN YOUR MEMBERSHIP PROFILE AREA. CONTACT THE CHAMBER OFFICE FOR YOUR MEMBER PROFILE ID AND PASSWORD.

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](http://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](mailto:giddingscofc@verizon.net) Office Phone: 979-542-3455 or Fax: 979-542-7060. [www.GiddingsTx.com](http://www.GiddingsTx.com).

Chamber  
Board of Directors

Brian Boudreaux  
Carol Bennett  
J.W. Breeden  
Debbie Schkade  
Gene Parker  
Jim Bunch  
Tricia Kalmbach  
Joyce Bise  
Brian Fischer  
Kim Fritsche  
Lucy Liu  
Mark Johnson  
Maurice Pitts  
Nancy Gandy  
Paul Kipp  
Thelma Davis  
Vern Surman

### JULY 2010 Events

- July 3 - Lee County Fair and GVFD Parade at 10AM  
 July 4 - GVFD Firemen's Celebration at Firemen's Park. BBQ by the Pound at 8AM, Plates @ 10AM, arts & crafts, food, music, auction & hobby horses.  
 July 4 - Fury on the 4<sup>th</sup> PBR Bull Riding at Lee County Sheriff's Posse Arena 6PM  
 Advance tickets \$15, kids 7-14 for \$5, 6 & under Free. 4-Man Bull Poker.  
**GVFD FIREWORKS DISPLAY AT DARK**  
**Dance under the Pavilion at 8:30PM Kenny Orts & No Chance**  
 July 9-10 - Giddings Food Pantry registration at 8AM at 600 Sunrise Ave.  
 July 9 - Ribbon Cutting and Grand Re-Opening of **The Grapevine**. New owner Michelle Newman invites you to visit her store at 10AM. Refreshments will be served.  
 July 10 - Breakfast Lions Club Golf Tournament at Giddings Golf Course  
 July 31 - Giddings Buffalo Athletic Booster Golf Tournament at Giddings Municipal Golf Course. For info call Nancy Ewing at 979-542-7271 or Nicole McCoy at 979-542-7290.

### CHAMBER BANQUET INFO

The Chamber of Commerce Community Awards Banquet has a new format this year! The Board of Directors voted unanimously to change the day from a weekend night to a week night in hopes of reaching more Chamber members. Over the past several years members were not able to attend because of other commitments. The Board determined that a week night was more appropriate for business members.

### **2010 Chamber Community Awards Banquet**

**“Giddings... A Perfect 10”**  
***Ten Reasons to Visit Giddings, Texas***

**August 17, 2010**  
**Landmark Square Event Center**  
**Social Hour 5:30PM**  
**Meal 6:30PM**  
**Program 7:30PM**  
**Chamber Members Tickets \$25**  
**General Admission Tickets \$30**  
**Underwriting Sponsorships Available**

2010 Chamber Community Awards Banquet

Would you please consider nominating someone for a Community Award? The Chamber will present awards in the categories listed below at our upcoming Banquet, Tuesday, August 17, 2010. Nominations may be sent in to the Chamber. We are looking for individuals from the community that meets the following criteria. The selection committee made up of past award recipients will consider the following criteria when reviewing nominations.

Criteria for Youth Achievement Award

- 1. A youth organization that has gone above and beyond in the Giddings Community deserving recognition for their contributions of service, hard work and dedication to our community.

Criteria for Civic Organization of the Year

- 1. The organization is made up of volunteers that work for the benefit of the community.
- 2. The organization serves or protects a particular demographic group such as children, senior citizens, the disabled or the disadvantaged.
- 3. The work of the organization has had a positive impact on the community over the past year.

Criteria for Business of the Year

- 1. Make lasting contributions to the growth and well-being of the community.
- 2. Participate in the area-wide community.
- 3. Display evidence of the highest professional and business standards.

Criteria for Life-Time Achievement Award

- 1. Resident Senior Citizen for 10 years or more in the Giddings Community.
- 2. Make lasting contributions to the community over an extended period of time.
- 3. Exhibit the highest moral and ethical standard that causes one to be a role model who can be admired by all.

Criteria for Citizen of the Year

- 1. Exercise leadership by example and result.
- 2. Participate in the area-wide community, instead of just a single segment or project.
- 3. Display tireless dedication of one's time and treasure, not only to the community, but also to his family and the disadvantaged.
- 4. Exhibit the highest moral and ethical standard that causes one to be a role model who can be admired by all.
- 5. Display evidence of the highest professional and business standards.
- 6. Make lasting contributions to the growth and well-being of the community.

In order to have qualified nominations for this very important decision-making process, we call upon you to take this matter seriously and submit your nomination for an individual or organization that meets the above criteria. Please return this to the Chamber office before July 10th.

**Nominee For Citizen Of The Year, Business Of The Year, Non-Profit Organization, Life-Time Achievement Or Youth Achievement (please circle).**

\_\_\_\_\_

Submitted By: \_\_\_\_\_

Accomplishments: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



## Chamber Board of Directors Elections Information

**The Giddings Area Chamber of Commerce is seeking exciting and dynamic people with the desire to serve the community with enthusiasm! An election will be held to determine who will serve on the board.**

### **This is a volunteer position.**

It requires at least one hour per month at a board meeting.

The business of the Chamber is conducted at board meetings.

- All board members are expected to work on their choice of committees which averages about 4 to 5 hours per event. Length of term is three years.
- Attendance at Ribbon Cuttings, Grand Openings, Business After Hours and sponsoring new members is ideal.

Everyone is expected to pitch-in and do their part. This is a working board which sponsors and supports an event or activity almost every month of the year. These events and activities are planned for the benefit of the Chamber Member Businesses in our community.

The election will be held in July. We will announce new board members in August and present them at the Chamber Banquet on August 17th. Please return this to the Chamber office before July 10th.

The Giddings Area Chamber of Commerce is entering its 89th year as an organization whose sole purpose is to serve, promote and protect its member businesses. The election is made up of members that have agreed to run for a position on the board and who have agreed to serve this community for a minimum of three years. The membership shall consider experience, education, accomplishments and service to the community when electing a member to the board of directors of the Giddings Area Chamber of Commerce to ensure that the mission of the chamber is fulfilled. We hope you will nominate yourself or a business owner you feel will represent our community. Must be a member in good standing.

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### 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.

## TEXAS LEADING NATION IN ECONOMIC RECOVERY

COLLEGE STATION (Real Estate Center) – Texas is coming out of the Great Recession and leading the United States in the current U-shaped economic recovery, according to the Real Estate Center's latest monthly review of the Texas economy.

After 16 months of job losses, the state's annual employment growth rate turned positive in May 2010 and posted an annual employment growth rate of 0.2 percent for the period from May 2009 to May 2010. The nation's rate of job losses has decreased from 5 percent in August 2009 to 0.4 percent in May 2010.

The state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose from 7.5 percent in May 2009 to 8.3 percent in May 2010, while the U.S. rate rose from 9.4 percent to 9.7 percent during that period.

Five Texas industries — education and health services, mining and logging, other services, leisure and hospitality, professional and business services — and the government sector had more jobs in May 2010 than in May 2009. Six other industries had net job losses over the same period.

Thirteen Texas metro areas posted positive employment growth rates from May 2009 to May 2010, up from seven for the period from March 2009 to March 2010. College Station-Bryan ranked first in job creation followed by San Angelo, Waco, Killeen-Temple-Fort Hood and McAllen-Edinburg-Mission.

The state's actual unemployment rate in May 2010 was 8 percent. Amarillo had the lowest unemployment rate followed by Midland, Lubbock, College Station-Bryan and San Angelo.

## BEST CITIES FOR YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

AUSTIN ([Austin Business Journal](#)) – Texas cities were prominent in a new listing done by Forbes.com on the best cities for young professionals. Houston ranked first with Dallas ranking sixth and Austin not far behind, ranking tenth. The list was determined by factoring in unemployment rate, average wage, affordability and public company presence. Only cities with populations greater than one million were included.

## Real Estate Center Online News

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**Texas Monthly's** longstanding tradition of the twice-a-decade BBQ issue has led to arguments, road trips, debates, and all sorts of cacophony. Their food editors travel the state in search of new, obscure, and classic joints servin' g the holy trinity of brisket, ribs, and sausage. When all is said and done, they pick their favorite 50 spots, and explain why. In the past, such stalwarts as The Salt Lick have sometimes missed the cut. Texans take BBQ personally, and when Texas Monthly mentions, say, **Snow's BBQ** as the #1 spot in the state for 'cue, Snow's immediately gets hour-long lines (in Lexington, TX) and starts running out of food at 10am on a weekly basis. This fall, The Long Center's great outdoor terrace will host Texas Monthly's BBQ Festival, an event featuring at least 20 of the Top 50 BBQ spots from their Summer 2008 issue. Tickets are priced at an absurdly reasonable \$15, so we'd hazard a guess that drinks will cost extra and that there may be a limited number of samples per person. Details are a bit thin on the ground at present. That said, a partial list of

participants includes:

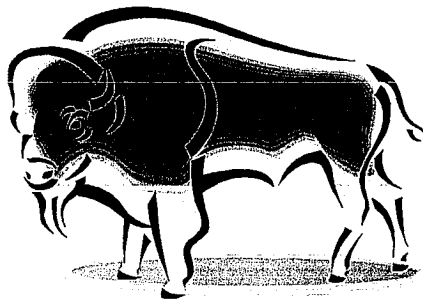
- Snow's BBQ (Lexington)
- Baby J's Bar-B-Que & Fish (Palestine)
- **City Meat Market (Giddings)**
  - Cooper's (Llano)
- Smitty's Market (Lockhart)
- **SORRY EVENT IS ALREADY SOLD OUT**

## TOP 35 MEMBER BUSINESSES SEARCHED ON THE CHAMBER WEBSITE IN JUNE

Thank you to our local entrepreneurs and business owners for the continued support of the Chamber!

|    |                                       |             |
|----|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| 1  | All Around the Block Quilt Shop       | Shop        |
| 2  | Ramada                                | Lodging     |
| 3  | Executive Inn                         | Lodging     |
| 4  | Economy Inn                           | Lodging     |
| 5  | Rainbow House Bed & Breakfast         | Lodging     |
| 6  | Mayer Realty                          | Real Estate |
| 7  | Ledbetter Bed & Breakfast             | Lodging     |
| 8  | City Meat Market                      | Restaurant  |
| 9  | D & A Testing, LLC                    | Service     |
| 10 | Westfall Real Estate                  | Real Estate |
| 11 | Lottsa Pizza                          | Restaurant  |
| 12 | Camp Tejas                            | Lodging     |
| 13 | Los Patrones Mexican Grill            | Restaurant  |
| 14 | It's All Good!                        | Restaurant  |
| 15 | Bobby Lehmann Trucking                | Service     |
| 16 | Reba's Village Deli                   | Restaurant  |
| 17 | Absolute Fitness                      | Service     |
| 18 | Dr. Laura Birnbaum                    | Service     |
| 19 | Orsag's, Inc.                         | Shop        |
| 20 | Giddings Downtown Restaurant          | Restaurant  |
| 21 | Fischer Langham Custom Builders, Inc. | Service     |
| 22 | New Beginnings Photography            | Service     |
| 23 | Ashley's Attic                        | Shop        |
| 24 | Botts Title Company                   | Shop        |
| 25 | Area Wide Pro Plumbing                | Service     |
| 26 | Mel's Diner                           | Restaurant  |
| 27 | Airgas Southwest Inc.                 | Service     |
| 28 | Circle W Restaurant                   | Restaurant  |
| 29 | Lost Pines Bar - B - Que              | Restaurant  |
| 30 | AJ's Custom Paint & Stripe            | Service     |
| 31 | Ameri Can PortaCan                    | Service     |
| 32 | Jalisco's                             | Restaurant  |
| 33 | McGowin Services                      | Service     |
| 34 | Blossom's & Bows                      | Shop        |
| 35 | The Bullpen Sports Bar & Grill        | Restaurant  |

**JOIN US FOR OUR 1st ANNUAL  
GIDDINGS BUFFALO  
ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB  
GOLF TOURNAMENT  
SATURDAY, JULY 31, 2010**



**GIDDINGS MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE**

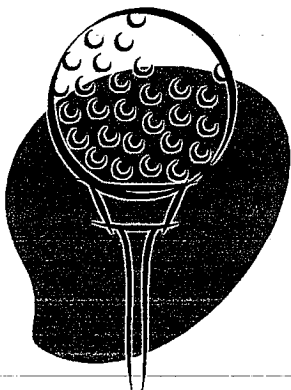
**TWO MAN SCRAMBLE**

**TWO FLIGHTS 8:00 AM & 1:00 PM**

**Prizes for 1st & 2nd place in each flight**

**In the Circle, Door Prizes**

**\* Athletes may participate but are not eligible to win prizes.**



**For more information please contact**

**Nancy Ewing (979) 542-7271 or**

**Nicole McCoy (979) 542-7290**

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# GIDDINGS BUFFALO ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB

FIRST ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT  
GIDDINGS MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE  
JULY 31, 2010

## TWO MAN SCRAMBLE

### PLAYER 1

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ AVG SCORE: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### PLAYER 2

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ AVG SCORE: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### REGISTRATION FEES

| ITEM                                     | AMOUNT         | QTY | TOTAL    |
|------------------------------------------|----------------|-----|----------|
| GOLF & LUNCH (DOES NOT INCLUDE CART)     | \$ 100.00/TEAM | 1   | \$100.00 |
| GOLF CART                                | \$ 25.00/CART  |     |          |
| MULLIGANS (MAX 4 PER TEAM)               | \$ 5.00 EACH   |     |          |
| MEALS (FOR NON PLAYERS)                  | \$ 5.00/PERSON |     |          |
| T-BOX SPONSOR (Sign at designated t-box) | \$100.00       |     |          |

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED (Make checks payable to GBBC)

TEE TIMES (CHECK ONE) 8:00AM \_\_\_\_\_ OR 1:00 PM \_\_\_\_\_

ENTRY DEADLINE: JULY 31, 2010 @ 12:00 NOON

REGISTRATION STARTS @ 7:00 AM

\*\*\*\*1ST & 2ND IN TWO FLIGHTS. IN THE CIRCLE. DOOR PRIZES\*\*\*\*

Return this form to :

Giddings Buffalo Athletic Booster Club  
P.O. Box 345  
Giddings, Texas 78942

or Call: Nancy Ewing (979) 542-7271 or  
Nicole McCoy (979) 542-7290

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SPECIAL THANKS TO THE GIDDINGS MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE AS WELL AS  
THE PEOPLE AND BUSINESSES WHO CONTRIBUTE IN ANY WAY TO HELPING  
OUR ATHLETES!!