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Hometown Heroes~

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Hometown Heroes are the ordinary people in our community that do extraordinary things to make our lives better. Our police officers, fire departments and EMS crews take care of the emergencies. There are many others that take on SUPER HUMAN traits as they go about their everyday jobs. This year our Chamber Banquet theme is "Hometown Heroes". Those are the folks that make living in Giddings so great. Hometown Heroes live, work, volunteer and shop locally, and set an example for all of us. What super hero represents your business? Who is your alter-ego? Spiderman? Ironman? The Hulk? Green Hornet? It will be interesting to see all the super heroes and hometown heroes we have represented at the 88th Annual Chamber Awards Banquet on August 29th at 6:00PM at the Landmark Event Center. Your business can reserve their super hero persona by calling the Chamber office at 979-542-3455. We are sending out invitations and sponsorship letters soon. Remember to submit your nomination forms for Citizen of the Year, Business of the Year, Lifetime Achievement Award, Civic Organization of the Year and Youth Organization of the Year. We will reveal the award winners on August 12th to allow time for all recipients to make arrangements to attend the banquet.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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."

Lee County Ice Vending, LLC-dba The Ice Box

J.D. Fain & Todd Butler, owners
233 S. Manse(billing address), 2390 E. Austin(physical address)
Giddings, Texas 78942, 979-716-9580. Self-Serve ice and water vending machine.

Area Wide Pro Plumbing, Josh Boriak, owner

P. O. Box 277, Giddings, Texas 78942, 979-542-2797. Full Service plumbing repair, remodel, commercial and residential.

Quality Printing & Graphics, Dale & Lisa Belmont, owners

1036 PR 3266, Giddings, Texas 78942, 979-325-9131. Printing and graphic design.

Native Son-Native Scenes

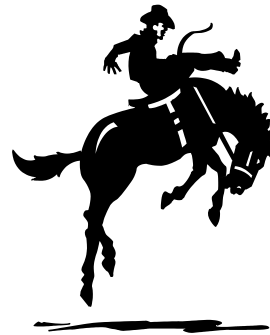
July 18 & 19, 2009

10:00am to 5:00pm each day

Sponsored by the Lee County Heritage Society
at the historic Schubert-Fletcher House,
on the Courthouse Square
183 East Hempstead
Giddings, Texas 78942



Giddings Native son, David Schulze, has been invited by the Lee County Heritage Society to show his paintings at the Schubert-Fletcher House. The exhibit titled "Native Son-Native Scenes" will feature his paintings of scenes inspired by Giddings, Lee County and other locations in rural Texas. A portion of all sales made during this show will benefit the Lee Co. Heritage Society. David will be giving painting demonstrations during the show on Saturday, July 18 and will be giving a gallery talk on Sunday, July 19 beginning at 2:00pm. www.davidschulzefineart.com



July Calendar of Events

Lee County Area Farmers Market – every Wednesday from 3-6PM and Saturday from 10AM to 1PM. Grand Opening-June 6th at 10AM.

July 4th- Fury on the 4th and GVFD Fireman's Park Celebration
Activities all day-Fireworks that night. Fun for the whole family!
<http://leecountyposse.ipower.com>

July 6th- Country Music Monday at Sons of Hermann Hall doors open at 5:30PM

July 9th- Community Blood Drive at Immanuel Lutheran Fellowship Hall from 9AM to 2PM

July 11th- Annual Giddings Breakfast Lions Club Charity Golf Tournament at Giddings Municipal Golf Course at 8AM.

July 25th- Winchester Area Volunteer Fire Dept. Fish Fry, Sat. July 25 at St. Michael's Park Pavilion, Winchester, Texas. Dine in or Take out Meal Served 5-7:30pm \$7.50 per plate Social starts at 3:30pm Live music from 3:30-6:30pm Silent Auction 4-6:15pm Live Auction 6:30pm

July 25-26th- Billetproof Car Show at the Lee County Fair Grounds
"World's Least Important Car Show" www.billetproof.net

August 1st- Lincoln Volunteer Fire Dept. Fried Chicken Dinner and Auction
Sat. Aug 1, Lincoln Community Hall, Music and Fun 3pm to 11pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands. One nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

What is identity theft?

Identity theft is one of the fastest growing crimes in the United States, costing victims over \$5 billion annually. Identity theft occurs when someone else uses your personally identifying credit cards, get wireless or phone products and services, obtain loans and mortgages, get a job, and commit other types of fraudulent or even criminal acts, **in your name**, leaving you responsible for the consequences.

The identity thief uses key pieces of your information such as Social Security and driver's license numbers to obtain credit, merchandise and services in your name. An estimated 9.9 million consumers were victims of identity theft in 2003, and unfortunately, that number is growing.

If your identity is stolen, you may spend months or even years clearing up the damage thieves have caused to your reputation and credit record. In the time it takes to resolve these issues, you may lose job opportunities and be refused loans for education, housing, or a car. Although you have not committed a crime, been late with a payment, or abused your credit, you are the one who would suffer severe financial consequences as a result of identity theft. As a student or recent graduate, being a victim of identity theft jeopardizes your financial future just as you are beginning to establish your credit record.

Identity theft is a federal crime. The Identity Theft and Assumption Deterrence Act of 1998 made it a federal crime when anyone "knowingly transfers or uses, without lawful authority, a means of identification of another person with the intent to commit, or to aid or abet, any unlawful activity that constitutes a violation of the Federal law, or that constitutes a felony under any applicable State or local law."

WRITING A BUSINESS PLAN

FREE SEMINAR

Tuesday, July 7

Noon - 2:00pm

(Feel free to bring your lunch)

***Brought to you by Giddings Economic Development in partnership
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To RSVP and verify location, call (979)542-2067
or email jmbise@giddings.net



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Chamber Member Address

***** Chamber Luncheon – July 17th**

We host a once monthly Chamber Luncheon for members. These luncheons are designed to be networking opportunities for members while creating and fostering the fellowship aspect of belonging to a membership organization. Your greatest asset in business is your relationship with your customers or potential customers you may encounter at Chamber luncheons, Ribbon Cuttings, Open Houses and After Hours Mixers. Call to reserve your seat. We will meet at Los Patrones Mexican Grill from 11:30 to 1:00pm.

THANK YOU TO OUR JUNE LUNCHEON SPONSORS-Capital One and Levelfield.

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Thank you to our Board of Directors! They work hard behind the scenes to help promote your business. Let them know what you like and where we can improve. We are all in this together! 😊

We are now able to accept credit card payments for chamber membership dues, sponsorships, tickets and advertising. We want to help make your life easier by providing you with great service. We will add this information to all billing that is generated from our office. We will also soon be able to automatic drafts for your convenience.

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: 979-542-706