

ANTIQUE CAPITAL OF EAST TEXAS

NEWSLETTER

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HAPPY NEW YEAR! There is no doubt that everyone is excited about the possibilities and opportunities that 2021 holds. Let's not look back at 2020 and complain, but let's keep looking forward. The vaccine is 95% effective in preventing Coronavirus and people are receiving this vaccine in our area. We have learned to control our thoughts, reactions, and behaviors. We all know the precautions that we need to continue: wash your hands frequently/use hand sanitizer, wear your mask, and observe the 6-foot social distancing rule.

Simple acts of kindness can occur from the comfort of your home: (1) Call, video chat, or message neighbors, friends, and family members just to let them know that you are thinking of them, (2) Send a hand written note or cards, (3) Consider doing a grocery pickup for someone and leave the bags on their porch, (4) Purchase a gift card from one of our local Small Businesses so the owner will have cash now and you can shop later or use as a gift, and (5) Be kind to yourself and keep a positive attitude.

Lois Reed, Chamber President

"Think and act cheerfully, and YOU will feel cheerful". Dale Carnegie

UPCOMING EVENTS



Chamber Directors	January 11
Chamber Closed	January 18
Vidalia's Ribbon Cutting (10 am)	January 15
North East Texas Tourism Council	January 20
KMOO	January 20
City Council	January 21
Directors Meeting	February 8

ANNIVERSARIES

AEP SWEPCO	61 YEARS
GLADEWATER MIRROR	43 YEARS
J O WILLIAMS MOTORS	41 YEARS
KAREN JACKS & ASSOCIATES	33 YEARS
EDWARD JONES	27 YEARS
CROLEY FUNERAL HOME	26 YEARS
MAV TECH	26 YEARS
GRAF'S ANTIQUES	11 YEARS
GLADE INVESTMENTS	9 YEARS
TEXAS STENCIL	6 YEARS
CHRISTIAN ALLEN	6 YEARS
TEXAS REAL ESTATE EXECUTIVES	3 YEARS
OINKIN OASIS	2 YEARS
LEGEND OAKS	2 YEARS
WHITE OAK SMILES	2 YEARS
GRANNY B'S	1 YEAR
LIFE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY	1 YEAR
DOMINO'S PIZZA	1 YEAR
SUPREME WINDOWS TYLER	1 YEAR

**“Don't count the days, Make the days count.”
Muhammad Ali**

DID YOU KNOW?

Martin Luther King Day is a federal holiday and falls on the third Monday of January (around his birthday which is January 15). It promotes equal rights for all Americans, regardless of their background. On November 2, 1983, President Ronald Reagan signed a bill creating the holiday.



FEATURED BUSINESS....

Wayne and Judy Nelson, and Billy and Ralph Putnam joined together to form **Nelson-Putnam Propane Gas, Inc.** on October 4, 1982 in a farm shop in Emhouse, Texas. In March of 1986, Nelson-Putnam Propane expanded their business, opening another office in Ennis. In 2006, Wayne and Judy's grandson, Jeff had the opportunity to continue the family legacy in the business as the 4th generation. After nine years as Director of Operations for a marketing company in Minneapolis, MN, he stepped in as CEO of Nelson-Putnam Propane.

With Jeff Nelson at the helm, and his renewed dedication and desire for growth, the company expanded in 2008 in a larger arena to increase the growth potential of the brand. The growth seen has been tremendous with the following acquisitions being made: Poole Gas of Malakoff, Casey Propane of Fairfield, Gregg LP Gas of Palestine, Lyle Propane of Fairfield, Sandyland Propane of Grapeland, Strube Propane of Pittsburg, Gladewater, and Longview, and Gilbert Gas in Athens.

Nelson Propane has grown to 11 locations across Central and East Texas. According to Jeff Nelson, CEO, "Our dedication as a company and a leader in the propane gas industry has never seemed so clear! Regardless of economic condition, energy prices, or competition, the first 38 years of success for this company has been based on the belief 'the customer comes first'. The next 38 years and more will be no different." Stop by and visit with **HUGH BOWDEN** for all your propane needs! Their free 2021 calendar has lots of tips and recipes.

HEATING SEASON REMINDERS

1. Change the air filter in your furnace monthly.
2. Carbon Monoxide alarms should be installed outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home. Test monthly.
3. Never use portable heaters indoors unless designed and approved by manufacturer.
4. Inspect your chimney for any obstructions or debris and have removed to prevent carbon monoxide.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



KYLE MOORE

KYLE MOORE began working for the Gladewater Fire Department in August 1993 and served the people of Gladewater for 19 years before retiring in 2012 as a Captain. During his tenure with the GFD, Kyle earned numerous commendations and was recognized for several acts of heroism including single-handedly rescuing a man who had been severely injured in a tubing accident. This happened in 2008 at Lake Gladewater while Kyle was off duty. After retiring from the GFD, Kyle began working in the oilfield as a pumper. He is still in the oil and gas industry and is now a field supervisor.

Kyle continues to serve others by volunteering his time to the Gladewater Round-Up Rodeo where he has helped since 2010. His leadership and hard work earned him the coveted "Director of the Year" award and in 2020 he was elected President of the Gladewater Round-Up Rodeo Association,

He and his wife Marla have been married for 27 years and have two children – Marcus and Cody.

NEW MEMBERS

LET'S SUPPORT ALL INDIVIDUAL AND BUSINESS MEMBERS

VIDALIA'S DESIGNS, Jennifer and Daniel Santander, 1302 Broadway,
903-237-9500, vidaliasdesigns@yahoo.com, vidaliasdesigns.com.

"The time is always right to do what is right."

Martin Luther King



Thanks to the GFD for helping Darla's Angels distribute Christmas packages. We want to thank Phillip Phelps owner of Happy Cabbage for going to KMOO in December. A new Experimental Aviation Association has reorganized at the Gladewater Airport. Welcome Tim Bryan to Gladewater as the new City Judge. What a wonderful tribute after the memorial service for our retired fire chief.



GISD SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH

The Chamber of Commerce would like to thank the volunteers who serve to improve our schools: President Jon Keller, Vice President Rickie Blackmon, Secretary George Glenn, Garth Cockerell, David Floyd, Ross Morgan, and Jamie Robertson. Meetings are held at 6 PM on the third Monday of each month at 200 East Broadway. Gladewater. GO BEARS!

“YOU are not what YOU think YOU are; but what YOU think, YOU are.”
Norman Vincent Peale

Retired GFD Chief **Wayne “Snuffy” Smith** passed away on December 30. He served the citizens of Gladewater for almost 30 years at GFD and helped found the Fall Festival so that children could celebrate Halloween safely. Snuffy’s dedication to training firefighters is evident in surrounding communities. He served as President of the LION’s Club and was a friend to the Chamber of Commerce-always willing to help wherever he was needed. In 2012 Snuffy was honored as the Chamber’s “Man of the Year” and will be missed by all.

Congratulations to the **RED ROCK HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION** who received a second grant from the Union Pacific Foundation to erect an electronic messaging center in the Red Rock Community. It will allow community members and organizations to place messages announcing events. RRHA President **Darren Richardson and Bennie Moore** are dedicated to preserving the rich history of this area.

“We must find the time to stop and thank the people who make a difference in our lives.” John F. Wallace

SYMPTOM CHECKER

COVID-19, Flu & Cold

Symptom	COVID-19	Flu	Cold
Loss of Smell/Taste	Common	Rare	Rare
Fever or feeling Feverish/Chills	Common	Common*	Rare
Cough	Common usually dry	Common usually dry	Mild/Moderate
Shortness of Breath	Sometimes	No	No
Muscle Pain	Sometimes	Common	Common
Sore Throat	Sometimes	Sometimes	Common
Runny or Stuffy Nose	Rare	Sometimes	Common
Headaches	Sometimes	Common	Rare
Fatigue	Sometimes	Common	Sometimes
Sneezing	No	No	Common
Nausea/Vomiting	Sometimes	May occur in some, but is more common in children	No
Diarrhea	Sometimes		No

* Not everyone with the flu will have a fever

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MOTORCYCLE GRAND TOUR OF TEXAS

**Whatever bike you ride, Wherever you live
This Event is For You!**

**The Motorcycle Grand Tour of Texas is a self-guided ride to
Texas Landmarks and Interesting Destinations around the state.
You'll earn points and have a chance to get some great prizes.**

The Fun Starts March 15, 2021

Information and Registration on the Website:

www.MCGTTX.com

Registration for 2021 Opens January, 1st 2021

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- * Alamo BMW * Hill Country Motorheads Motorcycle Museum *
- * Frio Canyon Motorcycle Stop & Bent Rim Grill *
- * Classic Rock Coffee Co. & Kitchen * Gruene Harley-Davidson *
- * Javelina Harley-Davidson * Texas Sidecar Company *
- * Paris Visitor & Convention Council *
- * Paris Harley-Davidson * South Main Iron *
- * Antelope Creek Leather * Horny Toad Harley-Davidson *
- * Coleman County Chamber of Commerce *
- * Destination Coleman * Gladewater Mirror *
- * Y.O. Ranch Hotel & Conference Center *
- * Gladewater Chamber of Commerce * The Gladewater Museum *