



## ANTIQUE CAPITAL OF EAST TEXAS

# NEWSLETTER

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### PRESIDENT'S POST .....

This year is really flying by FAST! Plans are being made for Gusher Days events and seniors are looking forward to graduation. All sorts of activities will be happening in our hometown since the weather has improved and people are starting to travel again.

Have you noticed that the old Moore Furniture building and the old bus station by the rodeo grounds have both disappeared? April 9 is designated as the Spring Cleanup Day for Gladewater so volunteer to clean up your neighborhood or downtown. GEDCO and Chamber will provide lunch at the Ken Bennett Pavilion for volunteers at noon. Let's continue to work together in making Gladewater a great place to live, work, shop, and relax.

HAPPY EASTER TO YOUR FAMILY!

Lois Reed  
Chamber President

*"I'll be seeing YOU in all the old familiar places that this heart of mine embraces all day through."*

*Billie Holliday*

### UPCOMING EVENTS



City-wide Cleanup Day	8-12P.M.	April 9
Directors Meeting	NOON	April 11
Education Foundation Meeting	5P.M.	April 12
East Texas Gusher Days		April 15-16

HAPPY EASTER

Food Distribution at Rodeo Grounds	10-12P.M.	April 19
City Council	6P.M.	April 21
Earth Day		April 22
Bass Tournament at Lake Gladewater		April 23

## ANNIVERSARIES

JOHN PAUL TALLENT	47 YEARS
YESTERDAY'S TREASURES	25 YEARS
FARRELL ALEXANDER	15 YEARS
DARREN RICHARDSON	14 YEARS
LEON WATSON	13 YEARS
GLADEWATER FLOWER SHOP	12 YEARS
SONNY ANDERSON	9 YEARS
WORD'S BEST HUSHPUPPIES	5 YEARS
BYRD'S NEST MARKETPLACE	4 YEARS
ANTIQUÉ CAPITAL RV PARK	4 YEARS
TEMPEST GOLF CLUB	4 YEARS
UPSHUR RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE	4 YEARS
MARILYN JOHNSTON	3 YEARS
JENNIFER HAND JESTER	1 YEAR

LET'S SUPPORT ALL INDIVIDUAL AND BUSINESS MEMBERS!

**DID YOU KNOW?????**

There are 31,557,600 seconds in a year?

If you add up all the numbers from 1-100 consecutively it totals 5050?

Honey is the only food that does not spoil.

Each king in a deck of cards represent a great king from history.

SPADES – King David      CLUBS – Alexander the Great

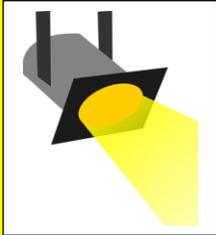
HEARTS – Charlemagne      DIAMONDS – Julius Caesar

If a statue of a person in the park on a horse has both front legs in the air, the person died in battle. If the horse has one front leg in the air, the person died as a result of wounds received in battle. If the horse has all four legs on the ground, the person died of natural causes.

Women invented bullet proof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers, and laser printers.

**NEW CHAMBER MEMBERS**

JACKSON'S THEATER 108 E. COMMERCE AVENUE  
 MICHELLE PALMER NEW GEDCO DIRECTOR  
 FUN & FINER THINGS 124 S. MAIN STREET



### FEATURED BUSINES.....

**SONIC DRIVE IN** is located at 1103 East Broadway in Gladewater and has been in business for over 30 years. It is owned by Larry Bewley and Ken McDaniel with Toni Minter as General Manager. You can email them at: [store2097@sonicpartnernet.com](mailto:store2097@sonicpartnernet.com). The store's motto is: "THIS IS HOW WE SONIC."

Everyone has a favorite item on the menu whether it is a hamburger, mozzarella sticks, Wacky Pack, cherry limeade, or breakfast burrito to name only a few. Did you know that you can order online for ½ price drinks & slushes any time??? Do you already have the bright red SONIC app on your phone??

'Thank you' **SONIC** for being a Chamber member for the past 45 years and for supporting local events and teams!

**"What we once enjoyed and deeply loved we can never lose, for all that we love deeply become part of us."  
Helen Keller**

### **WHY DO POLICE OFFICERS WEAR THEIR BADGE ON THEIR LEFT CHEST POCKET?**

The badge is to be worn over the heart for two main purposes: first to remind them of their pledge to protect and secondly because the left arm was the arm that often held the coat of arms shield of knights to protect the heart, leaving the dominant hand to fight with a weapon.

**"BE SILLY. BE HONEST. BE KIND."  
Ralph Waldo Emerson**



**VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH.....CHRIS JONES** did not start off with a volunteer mentality. "I didn't even know my way around a camera when I began taking pictures of the Bears. I simply knew once my daughter won the honor of donning the Bears suit on the sidelines as the JV mascot, I wanted pictures. It didn't take me long to realize that just taking Bear shots wouldn't be enough. I needed context. The mascot is a part of the cheer squad, so getting the cheerleaders seemed an obvious next step. Shortly thereafter my attention turned towards the game being played right in front of me. With an SD card full of images that may or may not have been worthy of the camera being used to get them, I began to wonder what I was going to do with pics of all these kids that didn't belong to me. Give them away is the conclusion I came to."

"Practice makes perfect or so the saying goes, and over time I got better at using the complicated picture box. Tips from Suzanne and Jim Bardwell as well as Jim Frake accelerated my learning curve. I was hooked! As the kids partook in one activity after another, I followed with my camera. Realizing not every parent could logistically fit on the sidelines, I made it my goal to attempt to get a cool shot of each kid as if they were my own."

"At this point, most people who know me, connect me with the camera and the images I put out into the World Wide Web. I do however also work a full-time job during the day. I volunteer for the Gladewater Band Boosters, having served as the President, Vice President, and peon alike. There is no lack for the need of volunteers in any community and Gladewater is no different. Whether it be a booster club, coaching a little league, or donating a Saturday morning to clean up a park, I highly recommend donating a little bit of time back into your community. It's good for your neighbors and in a quasi-selfish way, it's good for your own sense of humanity. At least as I have come to find, it is for me."

**THANKS CHRIS BEING SUCH A GREAT VOLUNTEER!!**

**"The holiest of holidays are those kept by ourselves in silence and apart:  
The secret anniversaries of the heart."  
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow**



**An American feminist, suffragist, suspected spy, prisoner of war, and surgeon, Dr. Mary Edwards Walker remains the only woman ever to receive the Medal of Honor, which she was awarded for her service during the Civil War. However, Walker's medal was rescinded in 1917 along with 910 others, two years before she died. Walker refused to return the medal, though, and continued to wear it until she died. Sixty years after that, in 1977, President Jimmy Carter restored the honor in her name, thanks to the efforts made by her family.**



FOOD DISTRIBUTION is third Tuesday each month. City Employee Luncheon was delicious and enjoyed by everyone. Lois attended NETTC in Bonham. The old Moore Furniture Building was demolished last week so we are looking forward to a new project. Jim Valentine has worked hard trying to get the trolley running before Gusher Days so keep your fingers crossed. Let's keep moving Gladewater forward together!!!



# Easter EGG HUNT

**FRIDAY, APRIL 15  
2P.M.  
BROADWAY PLAYGROUND  
519 E. BROADWAY  
GLADEWATER**

**CHILDREN AGES 1-10 WELCOME TO HUNT EGGS.**

**DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR BASKET!!!**

**SPONSORED BY:  
PACIFIC STREET TRADERS MALL  
CARING HEARTS OF GLADEWATER  
GLADEWATER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

# Gladewater Gusher Days

presents...

## *Cruisin' Downtown*

## *Car, Truck, and Motorcycle Show*

**Location: Downtown Gladewater**

**Date: Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Registration fee is \$20.00 CASH ONLY**

**Check-in 8-10 AM, Judging begins at 10**

*Activities and awards include:*

<i>People's Choice - Closes at Noon</i>	<i>Judge's Choice</i>
<i>Best Pickup/4X4</i>	<i>Best Rat Rod</i>
<i>Best Pre-1950</i>	<i>Best 1950-1979</i>
<i>Best 1980 up</i>	<i>Best of Show</i>
<i>Best of Show Motorcycle/Trike</i>	

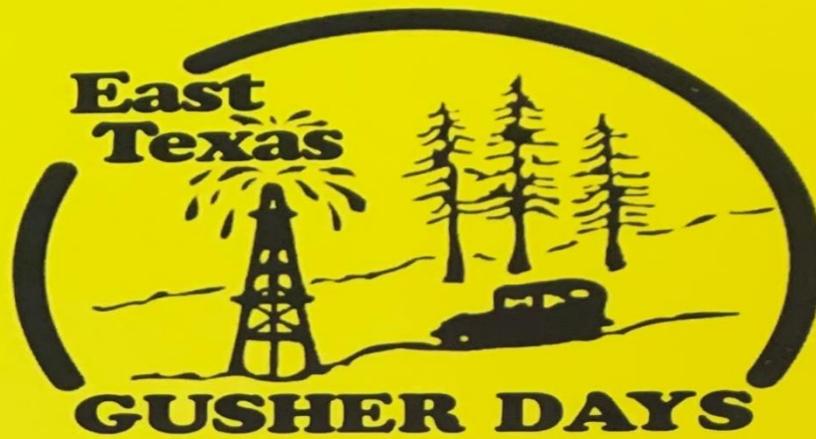
**THE FAMOUS *MR. C* WILL BE  
ROCKIN 'N ROLLIN FROM 10-NOON!**



**Great Family Fun!**

**FREE to public!**





**April 15 - 16**  
**Downtown Gladewater**

**Live Entertainment  
and Street Dance  
with the  
Darrin Morris Band  
and Noonday Band!**

**Helicopter Easter Egg Drop**

**Arts & Crafts  
Food Vendors  
Carnival Rides & Games  
CASI Chili Cook-Off  
Fishing Tournament  
Health Fair  
League of Lions Wrestling  
Classic Car Show and more!**

**[gusher-days.com](http://gusher-days.com)**  
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