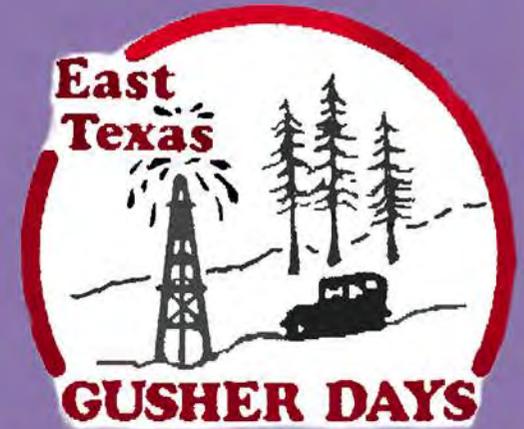


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All the fun begins this Friday, June 9 in downtown Gladewater and runs through Saturday, June 10.

Come check out Sunshine Midway's exciting rides and attractions Friday and Saturday, then cruise on over Saturday from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. and check out the awesome line-up of award winning classic cars, trucks and motorcycles. Entry for this year's 2021 Crusin' Downtown Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show is just \$15 (cash only) per vehicle. Awards will be handed out for: People's Choice, Best Upholstery, Best Rat Rod, Judge's Choice, Best Pain Job, Koolest Kustoms and Best of Show. There also will be a 50/50 Pot for all who wish to participate. For more information call the Chamber of Commerce at 903-845-5501. Entertainment will be provided by Dale Cummings "Mr. C" from 9:30 a.m. to 11L30 a.m.. Sign-up for the Car Show starts at 9 a.m..

And don't miss out on the dozens of arts and crafts vendors and tempt your taste buds at the dozens of food vendors lining the downtown red brick streets.

And if chili is your thing - and what Texan isn't a chili fan - come try your hand at cooking up a winning chili recipe in the CASA-sanctioned event on Saturday. Turn in will be at 1 p.m. and the entry fee is \$20. Sign up begins at 8 a.m. at the chili tent located at Center and Commerce street. Remember if you plan to compete - use meat chili grind and NO beans in the chili.

If you just cook beans, signup for the Jackpot Beans contest. Entry fee is \$5 with turn-in at noon. Trophies and prizes will be awarded for 1st Place Chili, 1st Place Bean, and Peoples' Choice Award. For more information call the Gladewater Chamber of Commerce at 903-845-5501 or Jim Bardwell at 903-235-8543 or jbardwell@ gladewatermirror.com. Entry forms and rules may be viewed and downloaded at www.gusher-days.com

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With the oil also came lawlessness and 'Lone Wolf'

From an interview of Captain M. T. "Lone Wolf" Gonzauillas,
in July of 1957 by Stacy Keach, Sr.

"... When you stop to think about it, at Gladewater had a population of 500 people, 500 people in 1930 and it went up to ah....oh it went up into the thousands and thousands and of course today it's a nice city. And Kilgore had a population of 590 and it now....and when they struck oil and ah....of course right over in a few days way it was up to a terrific population, the influx was hardly believable.

"They'd push you off the sidewalk, fist fights, people were having fights on the street and it's just like you see pictures or read books about, they'd fight and then they'd go out in the mud and fight there and everybody's standing there watching 'em and let 'em fight. And knife fights and every kind of thing, because they were rough necks and all kind of elements in the field. But there was lots of mud, typical boom town, wooden sidewalks and shacks towns. And lots of prostitutes, lots of gamblers, and the merchants werethere was some legitimate merchants, legitimate merchants there and there was lots that came in to try to clean up during the boom.

"Dan (McDuffy) was a fearless (Texas Ranger) officer and they (Gladewater) had a Chief of Policenow I ...I'm trusting strictly to memory, I don't know this fella's name, I remember the jailers name there, but I think his name was Dickerson, I don't know. And ah... the Chief of Police I believe at that time was Tinney, that's TINNEY, Tinney.....TINY, Tiny Hughes, HOUGHES, he was chief. He gets his name Tiny because he was so monstrous, he was a great big man. Now ah....he was Chief of Police and he hired a jailer, I think his name was Dickerson, we'll call him Dickerson. And ah....this fella here he was a local product from that area and not to bright, quite over bearing ah.....quite a fighter and a bully, but he was made the jailer

to supervise the handling of the prisoners in the jail at Gladewater. That's where Dan was, Dan McDuffy and Bill Dowell, they operated in that area. Now ah....they received good cooperation from the Chief of Police, but this Dickerson they never did receive much from him. He was quite a drinker, the jailer was, and he had a reputation about chasing the women awful bad. And it kind of be....it finally became quite noticeable that he would ah.....he couldn't keep his hands off of the women prisoners brought in there.



"Now.....now you understand prisoners brought into a jail ah....some of them are prostitutes, but they're not all prostitutes and some of them are pretty good women of certain standard, they may be drunk or something, but a good woman could be arrested being drunk too you know. But it's.... it's..... it is absolutely a kind of an unforgivable sin and it's very unethical for an officer to put his hands on a women, I mean to attempt to get out of line, to make a pass at or try to have an affair with a woman when she's in his custody. That is something that's just one of those things that we just don'tit's just not done. And this fella here, this night jailer, or this jailer rather, he becameapparently the fact that he was playing around with them andand two or three of them he allegedly monkeyed with.

"The Chief of Police found it out and he fired him, he fired him. And of course that made bad blood between the Chief of Police and this fella Dickerson, the jailer. And this fella Dickerson made a lot of talks that he's going to kill the Chief. And he....every once in awhile this ex-jailer he would get drunk and when he'd get drunk he'd go get his pistol or a rifle....or go get a pistol and he'd go up town and he'd be making some bad talks about the Chief, that he was going to kill him when he met him. Of course it always got down to the police station and finally the Chief he didn't ever bother him, I mean he didn't kill him or anything, but he just kept it in

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mind, he was a cool headed sort of fella.

"But anyway, he...the people always interceded, in other words ah... different men interceded and would take this fella home and put him to bed or talk him out of getting too rambunctious about it you know, they would just intercede and didn't want any trouble between him and the Chief of Police. There was always those fellas that was kind of Good Samaritans in town and so ah....that's what happened.

"And so this....this day that this thing happened, the death of Dan McDuffy, why ah.....a report came down to police station.....now I was in Kilgore with Bob Goss when it happened and Bill Dowell and Dan McDuffy was over there and they ah..... a report came into the police station that ah....that the ex-jailer was up town and he had a rifle, a lot of ammunition and he was.....he was telling everybody he'd come to town tohe was drunk and he'd come especially to kill the Chief of Police. And of course the word went down, people broke their neck to get the word to the police station and when the word got down there whyto the Chief what happened why he went out and got his shotgun and put it in the car and started to get in the car. When he did, about that time why ah....McDuffy and Dowell came up, the Rangers did and asked him "What's cooking, where are you going." And he told 'em what happened, and he says, "Well wait a minute, we'll go with you, something may happen, let's just don't....just don't be too hasty, maybe we can quiet him down".

"So the Chief got behind the wheel, as I say he was a big monstrous man, I believe they were in a Ford, an old Ford, and he got behind the wheel and he took up a lot behind the wheel. And Bill Dowell got in the back seat, now Bill Dowell had his ah....his rifle and ah.... with him and he took that off his horse and put it in the back seat and Dan McDuffy took his and put it in the car with him. Now Dan McDuffy took the seat to the right of the driver, on the front seat sitting next to the driver. And they went up town hunting this ex-jailer and while they were up there Dan turned to the Chief and he told him ... he said, "Listen Chief", he says, "There he is, there he comes down the street, do you see him?" He says, "Yes, here he comes down, he's got his rifle in his hand". He says, "Tell you what you do now," he says, "Let's stop, now he don't like you, but let's stop right here and let me get out and I'll go up and talk to him and get the damn gun off of him, try to get it off of him and take him home."

"And ah....he says, "All right". So just about that second they stopped the car and just as they stopped the car this jailer noticed 'emnoticed 'em. Well he ups with the rifle and he took a dead aim at the car, the car was headed right down the street not to far, maybe ah.... ah....maybe 50 yards I'd say,

I don't know, about 50 yards away from thisthe jailer from this car. Soand he's facing the car and he takes a dead aim at this car and he fires. And he's.... as I say he's drunk, but ah....and he's mean as hell, always been mean and so he fires and the bullet hits the windshield.

"Now it hits the windshield right in front of the Chief of Police, it comes through the windshield, this 30/30 rifle, it comes right through the windshield and hits the steering wheel, the front of the steering wheel which is closest to the windshield and chips a hole out of that and of course that inside of that there's a metal interior part, chips that rubber or what ever it is around there and instead of the bullet going straight on which would of killed them....or hit Tiny, the Chief of the Police, the man it probably was intended for, instead of that ... why ... when it hit that metal and that steering wheel it ricocheted to the right. It ricocheted right down and hit Dan McDuffy who was sitting next to the Chief, right smack in the belly. It hit him in the belly and cut his....he had a watchchain that hung across the front with a fob on it, it cut that right in half, hit Mc in the belly. Well Mc raised up as soon as he got hit in the belly, he raised up and reached and grabbed his rifle, then sunk down dead, just one gasp and he was dead.

"Well now Bill Dowell was in the back seat.....now Tiny couldn't get out of the damn car, as fat as he is, if he tried to, if he got shot at all day because he was a monstrous man. So Bill Dowell, who was on the rightin the right hand back seat, the right side of the back seat, he has his rifle handy, jerks his rifle up quick, he hangs out of the side of the car and takes an aim on this jailer who's up the street about 50 feet....or 50 yards or whatever it is, up the road a ways, has a dead aim on him and pumps him full of lead, I think he hit him five times before he could hit the ground and he kills him deader than hell. So that ended that deal immediately.

"Of course just like a cyclone, it happened and it was over. Immediately the boys....I was in charge of the boys and immediately I got word that Dan McDuffy had been killed, we didn't.....at Gladewater. So the first thing I done was jumped in my car and Bob....we were on the horses and we left our horses there and jumped in a car and as fast as we could make 15 miles over there, and it was dry at that time, as fast as we could make over to Gladewater 15 mile, we just hit on high and drove over there, rolled right in town thinking all the time we drove.

"Well now we didn't know who killed him, all we had, the report was he was killed. So ah....of course we had made up our mind on that trip over there that God help the man who killed the Ranger Dan McDuffy because we'd hunt him down for the rest of our lives. But....and we... all kind of things run through our mind and we had our mind made up and everything as we went along and well planned what we would do. And ah....we didn't have any of the particulars, all we knew that Dan McDuffy had been shot to death on the street. So when we got there ah....Dan was up at the combination undertaking establishment and hardware store, they had kind of a morgue behind the hardware store, he was up there and I went up right away and looked at him and then took charge of his effects, his pocket book, his commission and his guns and stuff and well immediately found out what happened. And we found out in a little while what happened and what happened which I just recorded to you, explained to you rather.

"So it was....there was no one to arrest, there was no one to hunt down and kill off, but ah....for killing the Ranger, that's what happened, that was the detail of the whole thing. There was ah....a little talk, conversation in about and around that the family, somebody in his family, had made a.....we allegedly heard that some of his kin folks or some of his family, the boys in the family spoke, they said that they ah....that their father was killed at so and so but that they were going to take care of it. But we sent word out that we were willing and ready for 'em, if they wanted anything be accommodated why that's what we were there for to accommodate 'em. And we never heard no more about it, the fact is everything hushed up and cleaned up. But that was the deal and ah....it happened as I say in the East Texas oil field.

Immediately there after of course we watched things pretty careful to see whether there was any reaction to the shooting and there was none and the grand jury of course met and exonerated Bill Dowell as justifiable homicide with defense of his fellow officer, and defense of his own life. And everything was cleared up in good shape legally and we took the body of Dan McDuffy to his home town, New Boston over towards Texarkana and at that place why we had his funeral. He was the whole Company turned out, B Company entirely, with the Captain, myself and the Sergeant, in those days we had a Captain, a Sergeant and the whole company and ah....we were pallbearer, I was one of the pallbearers and he was buried with a Texas flag over him and he was buried with the full honors of a Ranger with a Texas flag over his coffin. We buried him at the little cemetery at New Boston.

"There never was a better Ranger that ever carried gun, wore a badge, or wore a pair of boots, he was a good Ranger, he was fearless, (unintelligible)....to a degree of good judgment, he had good judgment and he was well liked and he was honest, courageous and we missed him very much. His family, he comes from a very fine family, Dan does, a little fella, not too big, well maybe my size, reddish face, but a little fire eater, I mean he was a typical Ranger and a good one.

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Downtown - Friday - July 9

- 10 am to 4 pm – Gladewater Museum open
- 1 pm to 11 pm - Arts & Crafts Vendors, East and West Pacific St
- 1 pm to 11 pm - Food Concessions, East and West Pacific St
- 1 pm to 11 pm - Commercial Concessions, W. Pacific St
- 1 pm - Midnight - Suntime Amusements (Midway), E. Pacific St.
- 4 pm to 11 pm - Dirty Neck Jessie's Beer & Wine Saloon, Gusher Park

Downtown - Saturday - July 10

- 7 am to 10:30 am – Lions Club Pancake Breakfast, E. Pacific St.
- 8 am to 10 am - Cooks Registration for Chili Cook-Off, E. Commerce/Center St.
- 9 am to 10 pm - Suntime Amusements (Midway), E. Pacific St
- 10 am to 4 pm – Gladewater Museum open
- 10 am to 1:30 pm - Antique & Classic Auto Show, Commerce St.
- 10 am to 6 pm - Food Concessions, East and West Pacific St
- 10 am to 6 pm - Commercial Concessions, W. Pacific St/Main St.
- 10 am to 6 pm - Health Fair, US 271
- 11 am to midnight - Dirty Neck Jessie's Beer & Wine Saloon, Gusher Park
- Noon to 4 pm - Wrestling Exhibition by League of Lions - Center Street
- Noon - Bean turn in time
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Gladewater Lions Club pancake breakfast set for Saturday, July 10



One of the most popular and tasty events of Gusher Days is the annual Gladewater Lions Club Pancake Breakfast held on Saturday morning, July 10.

Breakfast begins at 7 a.m. at the Oil Derrick Pavilion at East Commerce and US 271.

Cost is just \$5 per person and the menu includes all-you-can-eat pancakes and syrup, sausage, orange juice and coffee.

Serving ends at 10:30 a.m.

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Antique, classic and special interest cars from across East Texas will be on display Saturday, July 10, during Gusher Days for the 2021 Crusin' Downtown Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show. Entry to the car show is just \$15 (cash only) per vehicle. Awards will be handed out for: People's Choice, Best Upholstery, Best Rat Rod, Judge's Choice, Best Paint Job, Koolest Kustoms and Best of Show. There also will be a 50/50 Pot for all who wish to participate. For more information call the Chamber of Commerce at 845-5501. Entertainment will be provided by Dale Cummings "Mr. C" from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. . In 2019, 80 beautiful classic cars and trucks were on display in downtown Gladewater. Pictured left to right are the winners: Chris Partain "Rattiest Rat" - '48 Dodge Pickup, Chuck Roach "Best of Show" - '34 Ford with matching trailer, Neil McKinney "Best Upholstery" - '65 Mustang All original, Jim Valentine "Best Paint Job" - '71 Chevy Blue C10 , Tim Selman "Koolest Kustom" - 62 Ford Galaxy (it was Tim's first car show).

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October 23, 2021: EMERGENCY SERVICES FALLFEST – Bring the kids and enjoy free food, games, candy, cakewalk, and lots more. Fun for the whole family.

November 13, 2021: CHRISTMAS TYME IN “GUSHERVILLE” HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE - The Gladewater Antique District will begin the Celebration of Christmas with their Holiday Open House. Stores open late, Seasonal entertainment and Texas Style Hospitality and the lighting of the Christmas Tree.

November 27, 2021: SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY – SHOP LOCAL merchants following Black Friday. Specials available.

December 14, 2021: CHRISTMAS PARADE – In the air there's a feeling of CHRISTMAS as the Gladewater Chamber of Commerce hails the coming of Christmas and offers a warm winter welcome to all East Texas visitors with a gigantic Christmas Parade at 6 p.m.



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Gladewater's celebration gushes from oil-field history

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Mr. Moore moved with his wife and two grown sons, David and Clinton in 1908, to Gladewater, constructed a saw mill and began to harvest the timber. The mill was a success until 1913 when the mill exploded and one son, David, and two workers were killed.

Mr. Moore had already started the division of the property to each man involved. In 1912, Judge Snaveley had received 350 acres next to the Sabine River. In 1914, Mr. Moore had completed his survey of the property and divided it into nine parts "as fair as I can in regard to timberland and farming land. In fact I do not know which parts I would rather have and do not wish to make a bid for any special party" he wrote to Marshall, IL. with his instructions for the actual division. He had numbered each section and instructed the group to put nine numbers in a hat for each to draw the numbers they should have. Some had invested more and therefore drew out more numbers. This they did, returned the deeds to Mr. Moore and he recorded them in Gregg County. These men kept their property from 1914 to 1931, (excepting one) paid the taxes but received no income from the land until oil was discovered in 1931.

On Tuesday, April 7, 1931 at 2:30 in the afternoon, it was Gladewater's turn to find the black giant. Twenty-five days were required to get the five inch drill pipe to the Woodbine sand using two boilers and a wooden Jack Post rig.

The well was about a mile south of town in the Sabine River bottom, on land belonging to Judge H.R. Snaveley.

This was an area of small farms which would now be developed by small independent oil operators. These entrepreneurs emerged in a hurry. They were experienced and inexperienced; native born East Texas and immigrant; old-timers and boomers. These were times when a man had to be alert to get along. Businesses were failing all over the county in a downward



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spiral. Unemployment was a serious problem and there was no welfare to turn to. Many who were accustomed to being successful were getting restless. The more flexible of these, the enterprising who refused to be defeated, rushed to exploit this fabulous opportunity. East Texas was wide open, with a chance for anyone with hustle and a strong back or quick wit.

It was Eldorado...it was California...it was the Klondike...it was the opening of Oklahoma Territory...it was Spindletop - all in one! It was the greatest boom this country had ever seen. It was one gigantic unbelievable pool of oil.

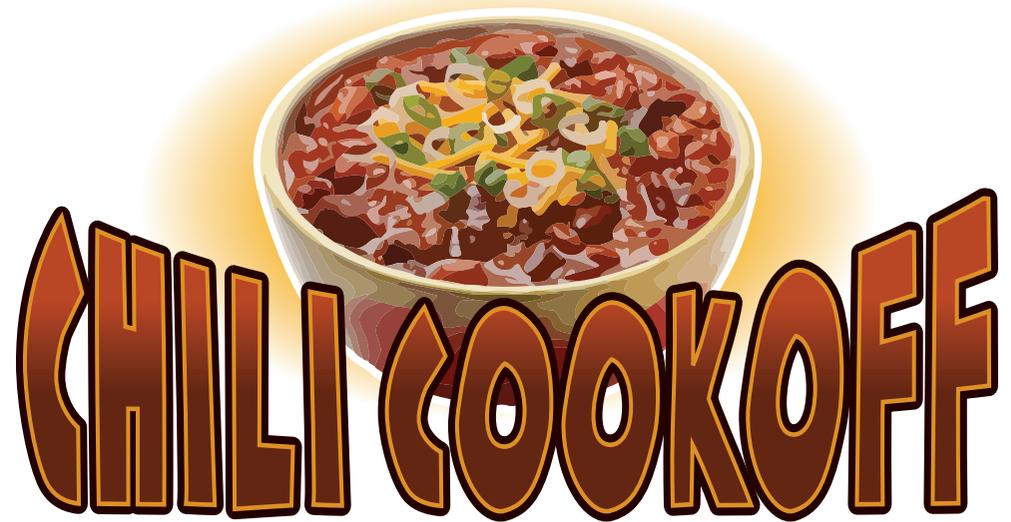
And they all came – oil men, merchants, lawyers, doctors, carpenters, lease-hounds, roustabouts, teamsters, roughnecks, clerks, teachers, stenographers, cooks, laborers, adventurers, gamblers, thieves, crooks, opportunists, prostitutes, swindlers, drifters – all needing and wanting to make a fortune or at least a living. Whatever they wanted, there was more opportunity here than they had left at home. Some were following trades and professions of their former lives; some were instant experts in new endeavors. There were some well educated, some illiterate. All were energetic.

One early news story wrote:

“There were literally hundreds of men flocking to the East Texas Oil Field looking for work. There were accommodations for only a small per cent of these men and they stayed in any kind of shelter they could find while seeking employment. Many of them slept in their automobiles. Men would come into our place of business (White’s Super Service corner of Main and Pacific) asking for help in locating relatives and friends and sometimes stay around for days without success.

We were able to rent a servant’s room with one bed back of the home of Mrs. W.W. Bradley. Two of us would sleep in that bed at night and the other two in the daytime.

There was no sewer system as such at the time and no extra water, so sanitary facilities were at a low ebb. Our service station had a water well and septic tank so it was a very popular place.



Calling all chili cooks - the annual CASI East Texas Gusher Days Chili Cook off is set for July 10 in downtown Gladewater, the “Antique Capital of East Texas.”

Entry fee is \$20 with turn-in time set for 1 p.m. The competition calls for “CHILI GRIND ONLY.” So pull out your apron and join the fun. CASI rules apply.

The competition is open to all amateur and seasoned pros.

So get your church group or civic group together and challenge others in town.

In addition, the “Jackpot Beans” entry fee is \$5 with turn-in at noon.

Trophies and prizes will be awarded for 1st Place Chili, 1st Place Bean, and People’s Choice Award, with door prizes galore.

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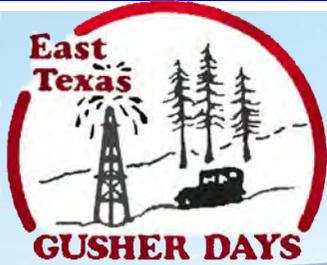
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