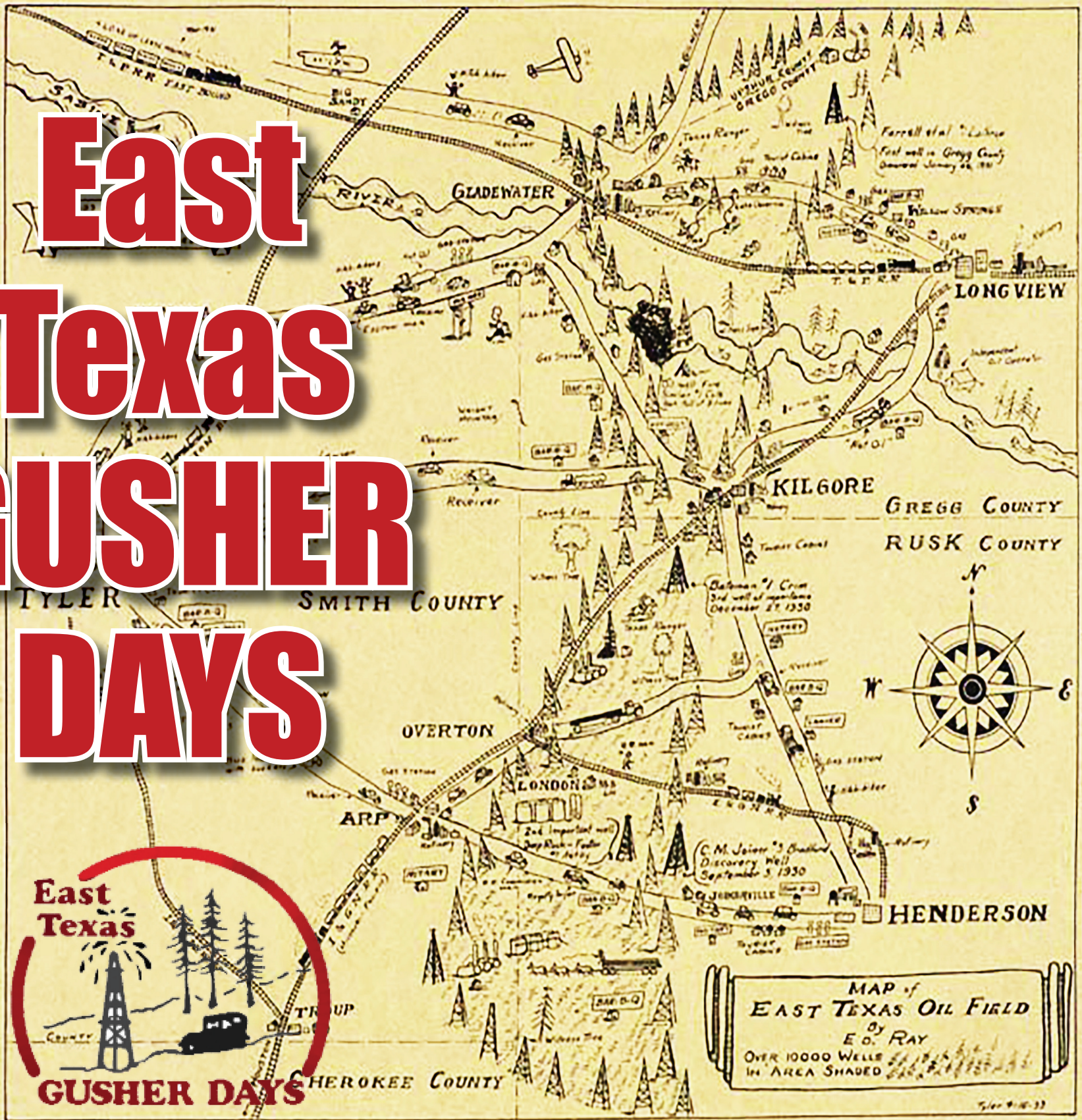


April 19-20, 2024


East Texas GUSHER DAYS



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East Texas Gusher Days April 19-20

The East Texas Gusher Days, Gladewater Chamber of Commerce, and the City of Gladewater invite our East Texas communities to join the family fun at the 2024 East Texas Gusher Days. The main event will take place , Friday, April 19th, 1 p.m to 10 p.m and Saturday, April 20th, 8 a.m to 10 p.m. with the Annual Gusher Days Bass Tournament Saturday, April 27th.

Friday, April 19th Schedule Downtown Gladewater

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Food and Craft Vendors
7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - Darrin Morris Band live on the Gusher Days Stage, select food and craft vendors

Saturday, April 20th Schedule - Downtown Gladewater
8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - LIONS Pancake Breakfast at the Big Derrick Pavilion
8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m - CASI Chili Cook-Off
8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m - Classic Car Show, judging and performance by Dale Cummings at 10:00 a.m.
8:00 a.m. - The Nancy Burks Memorial 42 Domino Tournament at The Gladewater Museum Rodeo Annex, 112 W. Pacific
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Food and Craft Vendors
12:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m - League of Lions Wrestling
2:00 p.m. Brownie Bowl Licking Contest
7 - 10:00 p.m. - Sheila And The Caddo Kats live on the Gusher Days Stage, select food and craft vendors

Saturday, April 27th Schedule Lake Gladewater

4:30 a.m. - 6:00 a.m. - Check-In
6:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Tournament Fishing

Friday, April 19th and Saturday April 20th will feature a unique shopping and dining experience with local arts and crafts and food vendors, live music with street dancing, and plenty of activities for the entire family to enjoy. Children's activities include inflatables, games and face painting.

Reel in the Excitement at Gladewater's Finest Fishing Tournament on Saturday, April 27th at Lake Gladewater! First prize is \$500 Cash, plus a bonus \$250 Gift Card from Skipper's Pier. If the state record is broken, the winner will receive an additional \$250 Skipper's Pier Gift Card.

"This is one of Gladewater's largest annual events," said Ricky Burcalow, East Texas Gusher Days President. "Every year, we look forward to hosting the East Texas Gusher Days, which raises much-needed scholarship funds."

All East Texas Gusher Days proceeds fund scholarships for local High School students, supporting them in their higher education endeavors.

For more information, visit Gusher-Days.com



Haroldson Lafayette “H. L.” Hunt (third from right) is a former dishwasher, mule team driver, logger, farmhand, and semi-pro baseball try-out. C. M. “Dad” Joiner (third from left) shakes the hand of geologist A. D. “Doc” Lloyd at the 1930 discovery well of the East Texas oilfield. Recognizing the significance of the discovery before his competitors, H. L. Hunt will move quickly — and take significant risk — by purchasing the discovery well and nearby leases from Joiner. Daisy Bradford No. 3 was spudded just 375 feet from the failed second attempt at a site determined when broken equipment prevented moving any farther. Before long, Joiner’s “poor boy” operation was down to burning used tires in the old boiler to gain a few pounds of steam pressure and drill a few feet at a time.



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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 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



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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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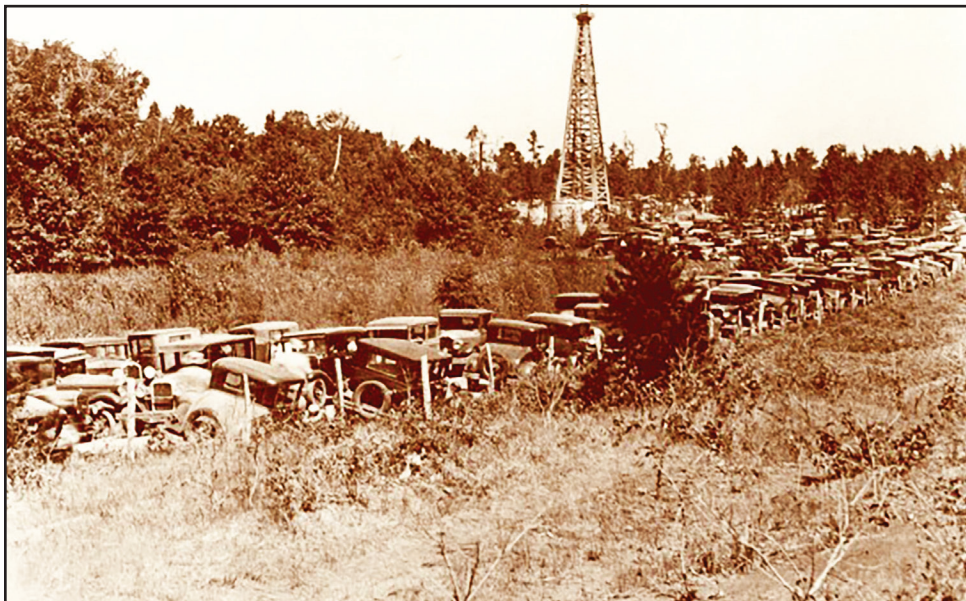
East Texas Oilfield Discovery

Petroleum Pioneers

Columbus “Dad” Joiner in 1930 discovered the largest oilfield in lower-48 states.

Here is the story of Haroldson Lafayette “H.L.” Hunt, and “Dad” Joiner, “Doc” Lloyd, the Great Depression — and one of the greatest petroleum discoveries in United States history.

With a crowd of more than 4,000 landowners, leaseholders, stockholders, creditors and spectators watching – the Daisy Bradford No. 3 well erupted. It was October 3, 1930, after an earlier production test when they witnessed the gushing column of oil.



“Thousands crowded their way to the site of Daisy Bradford No. 3, hoping to be there when and if oil gushed from the well to wash away the misery of the Great Depression,” notes one Kilgore, Texas, historian. Photo courtesy Jack Elder and Caleb Pirtelli, The Glory Days.

Incredible to most geologists, another exploratory well 10 miles to the north – the Lou Della Crim No. 1 well – would begin flowing on December 28, 1930. Then, even more incredibly, a month later and 15 miles still farther north, a third wildcat well, the Lathrop No. 1 well, delivered another tall gusher of “black gold.”



J. Malcolm Crim of Kilgore names his wildcat well after his mother, Lou Della.

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At first, the great distance between these discoveries convinced geologists, petroleum engineers — and virtually all of the major oil companies — that the wildcat wells had found separate oilfields. But to the delight of many small, struggling farmers who owned the land, it finally became apparent the three wells were all part of one giant oilfield.

H.L. Hunt and Oklahoma Wildcatters

In 1905, when Haroldson Lafayette “H.L.” Hunt was just 16 years old, he left his Illinois farm family and headed west. Along the way, he worked as a dishwasher, mule team driver, logger, farmhand, and even tried out for semi-pro baseball.

H.L. Hunt’s oil career began in Arkansas and East Texas and spanned much of the industry’s history, notes Hunt Oil Company. Photo circa 1911.

During his travels, young H.L. Hunt learned to gamble and played cards in bunkhouses, hobo camps, and saloons. But his life change when an Arkansas wildcat well, the Busey-Armstrong No. 1, erupted oil on January 10, 1921. Hunt joined the speculative rush and drilling frenzy that followed. He began with \$50 in his pocket. The oilfield discovery catapulted the population of El Dorado from 4,000 to over 25,000 (learn more in [First Arkansas Oil Wells](#)).

While Hunt was pursuing oil in Arkansas, an unlikely pair was doing the same in Oklahoma. Sixty-five-year-old Columbus Marion Joiner was a former lawyer and Tennessee legislator who had spent years making a living as an oil lease broker in Oklahoma. He had lost a \$200,000 fortune in the financial panic of 1907 — and began pursuing the wealth a successful wildcatter and promoter might find.



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12 PM - League of Lions Presents "When Lions Attack"
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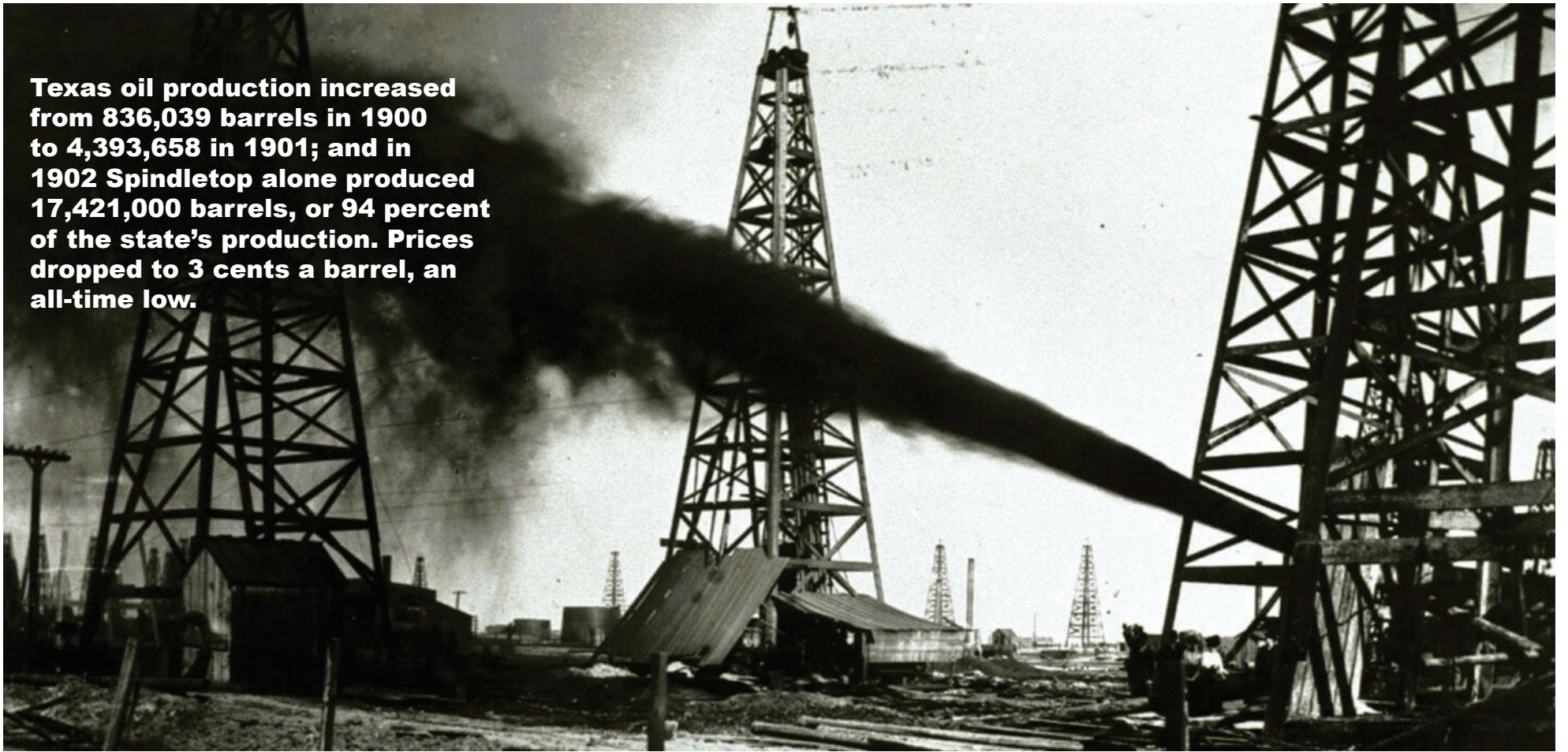


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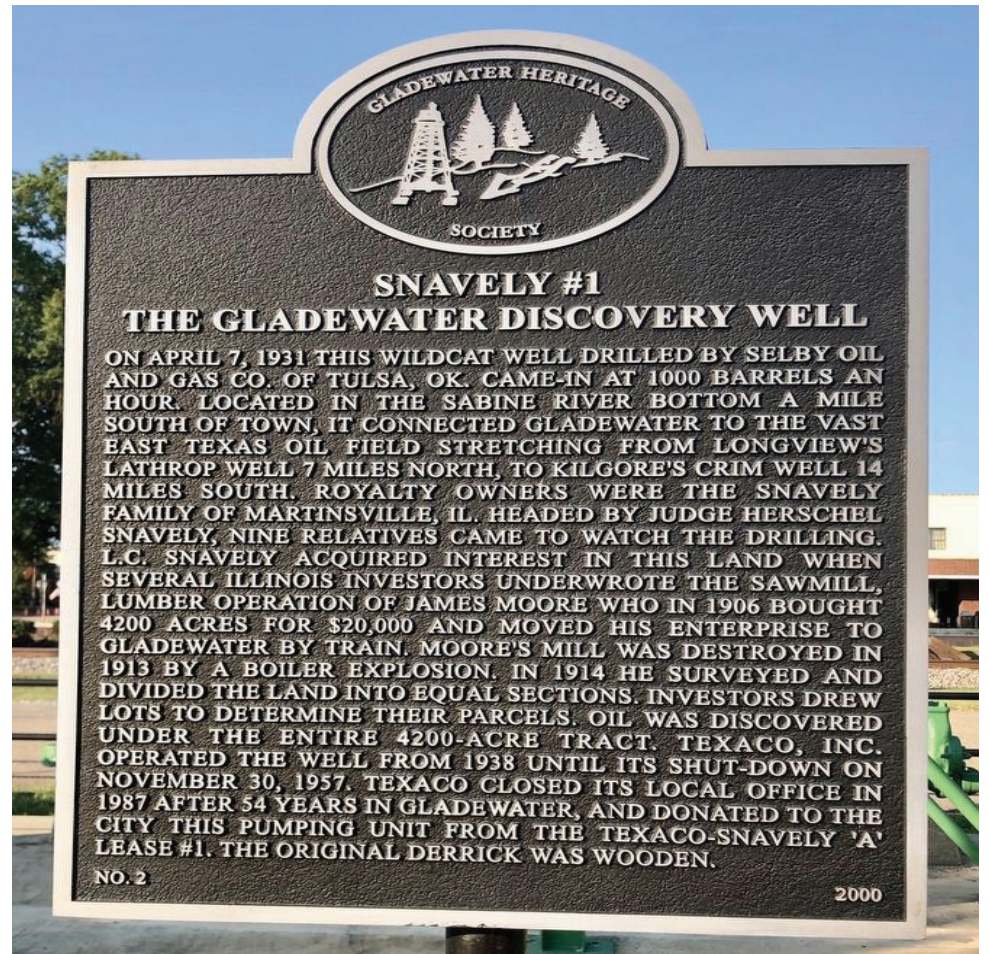
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Take a stroll as you view the stunning car entries, all while listening to the timeless classic sung by Dale Cummings. Prepare for a wonderful performance by "THE C," from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.!

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For more thrilling details about the Car Show and everything Gusher Days, visit gusher-days.com and follow us on Instagram at [instagram.com/easttexas_gusherdays](https://www.instagram.com/easttexas_gusherdays).



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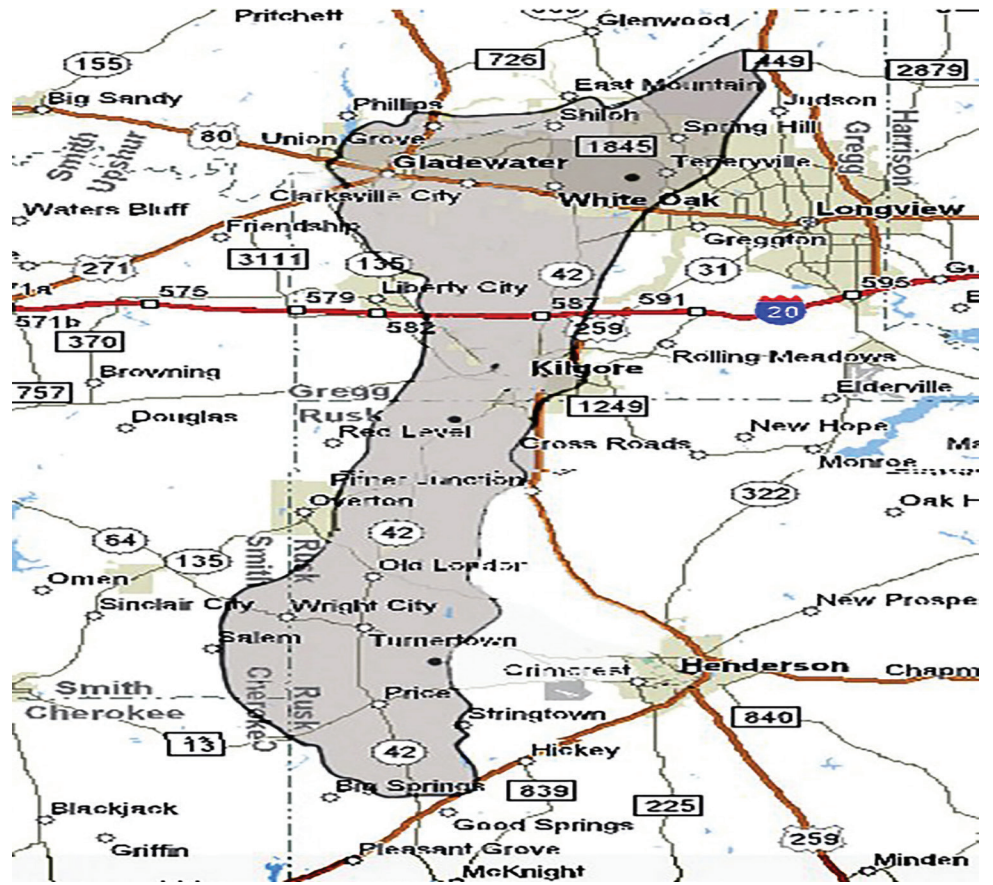
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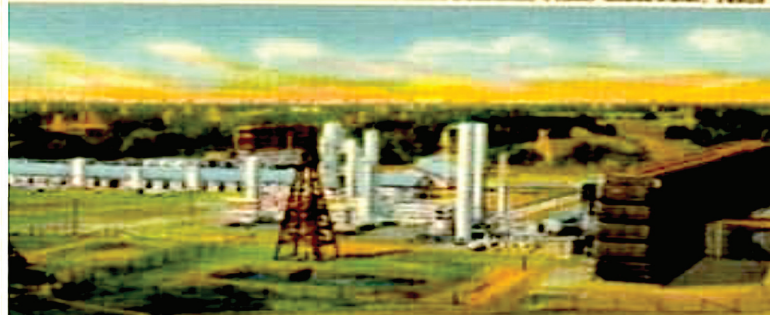


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The very first oil well started it all for Gladewater on April 7th, 1931. It was located 1 mile outside of town in the bottom of the Sabine River. Oil production led to a population increase during the 1930s from about 500 to about 8,000. In 1940, after the oil boom, Gladewater had a population of 4,454.

Between 1940 and 1960 the population grew to around 5700. During the 1970s Gladewater moved from an oil-oriented to a more diversified economy, primarily because of depletion of oil resources in the area.

Check out the following post-cards from Gladewater:

1. The Oil Boom in Gladewater
2. The 4 lane highway: Hwy 80
3. The Hanlon-Buchanan Plant, Oil Well Refinery in Gladewater, Texas

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Gusher Days
Celebration
this weekend!*

Maxey Cerliano
Gregg County Sheriff

Pol. Ad Pd. for by Maxey Cerliano

2023 Bass Tournament Winners

Anthony Bunn - 4.3 pounds - Grand prize \$500
 Brad Dassonville - 4.2 pounds - 2nd place \$250
 Austin Roach - 3.87 pounds - 3rd place \$125

2022 Bass Tournament Winners

Michael Davidson - 9.7 pounds
 Rick White - 5.6 pounds
 Brandon Wellburn - 4.7 pounds

2019 Bass Tournament Winners

Ricky McDonald - 5.27 pounds
 Johnathan Saltzman - 5.21 pounds
 Danny Brooks - 4.89 pounds

2018 Bass Tournament Winners

Bud Mahaffey - 8.79 pounds
 Pat Gibson - 5.14 pounds
 David Gibson - 3.68 pounds
 Scott Powell - 3.61 pounds

2017 Bass Tournament Winners

Steve Orms - 5.96 pounds
 Doyle Reaves - 5.71 pounds
 Pat Hutyra - 5.09 pounds
 Pat Gibson - 3.90 pounds
 Jeff Brunner - 3.90 pounds

2016 Bass Tournament Winners

Bud Mahaffey - 7.44 pounds
 Terry Orman - 5.86 pounds
 Michael Davidson - 5.50 pounds
 Tuff Huffman - 4.64 pounds
 Gloria Sheffield - 4.22 pounds

2015 Bass Tournament Winners

Hunter Davidson - 5.66 pounds
 Michael Davidson - 4.32 pounds
 Steven Craig - 4.11 pounds
 Eddie McPherson - 3.83 pounds
 Tony Ormand - 3.64 pounds

2014 Bass Tournament Winners

Bud Mahaffey - 6.12 pounds
 Rob Cole - 5.38 pounds
 Terry Ormand - 5.27 pounds
 Justin Eakin - 5.08 pounds
 Dennis Wells - 4.56 pounds

EARLY REGISTRATION

Early registration fee of \$50 will be accepted at the Gladewater Chamber of Commerce until 5:00 PM, Thursday, April 25th

LATE REGISTRATION

Late registration fee of \$60 will be accepted at the Gladewater Chamber of Commerce until 5:00 PM, Friday April 26th

DOOR PRIZES AFTER THE TOURNAMENT

1. All state fishing and safety rules must be observed.
2. Coast Guard approved life preserver must be worn when big engine is running.
3. Artificial lures only, (pork rind OK). No trolling permitted.
4. All fish must be 14 inches or longer. All fish must be alive. No fish that has been on ice will be weighed.
5. Must be in the weigh-in line by 2:00 PM. No exceptions. You can weigh-in earlier, no ties, earliest weighed will win. Can weigh any number of bass but only one can enter the competition.
6. No fishing until 6:00 AM. After check-in you may leave the dock but you cannot cast until 6:00 AM.
7. Check-in will start at 4:30 AM at the City dock. Tournament officials reserve the right to check any boat, live well, etc. A ramp permit will not be necessary at time of tournament only.
8. All fish become the property of the East Texas Gusher Days Tournament.
9. Conduct deemed unsportsmanlike by the Tournament Director are grounds for disqualification

- Must Be Present To Win -

Any disputes or questions will be considered and settled by the weigh-in master and the tournament Chairman. Their decision will be final!



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Bass Tournament
 Saturday, April 27th, 2024

OFFICIAL USE ONLY

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ENTRY FORM

Please print all information, sign and return entry form.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

ZIP: _____ DL#: _____

SEX: _____ AGE: _____

PHONE: _____

I enclosed a check or money order for a \$50 entry fee Postmarked by April 15th. Signature below relieves EAST TEXAS GUSHER DAYS, CITY OF GLADEWATER, and LAKE GLADEWATER of any claims or liabilities.

Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

A polygraph test can be used at the Tournament Directors' discretion.

MAIL TO:

EAST TEXAS GUSHER DAYS
 BASS TOURNAMENT
 PO BOX 1409
 GLADEWATER, TX 75647
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1830 E. BROADWAY GLADEWATER, TEXAS 75647

Gusher Days Chili Cookoff will be held in downtown Gladewater, "Antique Capital of East Texas" on April 20th.

- CHILI GRIND ONLY.
- CASI Rules Apply.
- 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 Peoples' Choice Award.
- Entry fee is \$20 with turn-in at 1 PM Saturday.
- Door prizes galore! Everyone leaves a winner!

RVs are welcome, sorry, no hookups. Designated parking area.

Check with the Gladewater Chamber for more information. 903-845-5501 or email - info@gladewaterchamber.org

Last year's winners include:

CHILI CHAMPIONS: Congratulations to Richard Wallace, David Trice, Larry Russell, Kayla Cason, James Burns, Jerry Hunt, Susie Fogerson, Judy Russell, Donna LeBouef, and Rick Swanwick for their outstanding chili prowess!

SHOWMANSHIP MASTERS: Hats off to the creativity of Dr. Dave's Voodoo Stew, Bluebonnet Chili, and Crapshoot Chili for their impressive showmanship.



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