

The Vision

150 does not happen very often. When it does its time to celebrate. Gladwin County will pull out all the stops to make sure this important milestone is remembered for years to come.

The Plan

Celebrations and activities in both cities and in every active community in the county centered around the weekend of July 29-30, 2011. Parades, exhibits, reunions, fireworks, golf tournaments, art and craft shows, rides and amusements, concerts, demonstrations, encampments, races, hill climbs, and many more events to use and showcase the features and amenities of Gladwin County, the skills and talents of its people, and to celebrate its rich and varied history.

The Need

A celebration of this magnitude requires a lot of work and preparation by hundreds of volunteers from every sector of every community. Many will step forward for the first time, others are old hands. Some may even recall their own parents or grandparents as they prepared for the centennial celebration in 1961; most were not even around then. As this flyer goes to press few plans have been made. Now is the time to come up with your own ideas and help find the people and the resources to make them reality. You won't be working alone, but in concert with your neighbors and community, we can make a memorable experience for all.

Contact s to share your ideas or to volunteer

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The Book

Gladwin County has been blessed with several good published histories, but there is still much more to be written. A new history of Gladwin County is being prepared for delivery in conjunction with the sesquicentennial celebration. Submission of photos and articles for the book must be made early to accommodate the publication schedule. Brief family histories and biographies will be accepted for inclusion along with articles about places, events, organizations and institutions related to Gladwin County history. There will be regular meetings held around the county to share and discuss material for inclusion in this comprehensive history. Every Thursday there is a meeting at the Brook from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. sharp. Bring your stories and photos to share with the group. Have some fun, learn some history, and share your stories for generations to come. Watch the Gladwin County Record for dates and places for other meetings.

Information about pricing and how to order your copy will be publicized as the book nears completion. There will also be opportunities for business, organization and individual sponsorships. Watch "The Record" for details.



First Settler Sesquicentennial Committee
of the Gladwin County Historical Society

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Gladwin County Historical Village

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Website: <http://www.gladwinhistory.org>

GLADWIN COUNTY FIRST SETTLER SESQUICENTENNIAL



Marvil Secord
First Settler
1861

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Presents:

1861
—150 years of settlement—
2011

**Celebrating 150 years since
the first permanent settle-
ment of Gladwin County**

July 29 - 30 - 31, 2011

Location:
All over Gladwin County

1861
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Art Fair / Art Show - local & area artists show & sell their stuff.

Book Delivery - a new history of Gladwin County

Baseball Tournament - Old style - played by 1861 rules

Car Shows / Caravans / Cruises - if you've got it, show it!

Cemetery Tour - visit the resting places of historical figures

Marvel Secord Memorial - dedicate a gravestone for our first settler.

Craft Sale & Vendor Areas - purchase handmade gifts

Dances & Balls - from barn dance to formal soiree - 1800's style

Fashion Show - display styles of the past 150 years, antique & new.

Pioneer Family Gatherings - a time for descendants to mix it up.

Honor our Most Senior - give it up for some who have been here.

Pageants - Miss Beaverton & maybe even a Miss Gladwin County?

Parades - Celebrate our communities with traditional processions.

Sesquicentennial Tea - Ladies dress in their finest to sip in style.

Golf Tournaments - Tour all of Gladwin County's courses.

Quilt Show - finest handcrafted items from the past 150 years.

Fireworks - 3 nights - Four Venues

Carriage Show - Preview the upcoming Gladwin County Carriage

Ideas & Motivated Volunteers Needed

Bring your ideas to our meetings. We hold 2 kinds of meetings:

- Historical discussions & research**

Thursday Afternoons

2:30 - 4:00 p.m.

The Brook

Main Dining Room

Bring photos, old documents, and other items to share and discuss. This group helps to identify photos and people, exchange stories from days gone by, and provide information that can be passed on to new generations as the history of this county unfolds over the centuries.

- Event Planning and Coordination**

Thursday Evenings except 3rd Thursday

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

County Historical Museum

Conference Area

Third Thursday of each month

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Beaverton City Hall

In conjunction with Beaverton Historical Society Meeting.

Bring ideas and plans for events to help the community celebrate this major milestone. There should be events for every interest and age, and for all times of the day and evening.

This meeting is a coordinating meeting to plan and coordinate the entire celebration.

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Student Art Show

As part of our celebration, a student art show will be sponsored by the Gladwin County Artist Guild. Check the Sesquicentennial web site for details. It is open to all Gladwin County 4th, 5th and 6th graders. Students at the schools will receive details.

Committees Needed

Billings - Bentley - Southeast County Area

Hay - Smallwood area - Central-east Area

Butman - Sherman - North County Area

Secord - Clement - Bourret - Northeast Area

Gladwin Area & City - Central-west Area

Beaverton Area & City - Southwest County

Fund Raising - Find sponsors and donors.

Events Planning - Event Committees

Publicity / Outreach - Volunteers needed

Sherman 1889	Butman 1883	Clement 1884	Bourret 1897
Sage 1882	Gladwin 1969	Secord 1912	Grim 1919
Grout 1871	Buckeye 1879	Hay 1909	
Beaverton 1892	Tobacco 1884	Billings 1875	Bentley 1891

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