

THE DRUMRIGHT MUSEUM GUSHER

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UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE OIL PATCH



**November 2nd
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

Drumright Museum Lawn

Trunk or Treat

Estate Sales

DOWN AT THE DEPOT

Fun Facts

First, I want to say thank you to all our monthly readers who enjoy reading about Drumright, past and present. We hope you always see something in “The Gusher” that is informative and entertaining. So here is something a little different for this month. We will share some fun facts about a few of our treasures, down at the depot.

The Frisco Caboose

You can't help but notice the big red caboose parked on the east side of the museum grounds. It was donated to the museum in 1989 by Judge Charles Woodson, a prominent Creek County judge for many years. He had the caboose remodeled into novelty guest quarters on his property. For train enthusiasts, this is a rare,

wood sided caboose, complete with a steel cupola. It dates to the mid-1930s. Traditionally, the caboose is attached at the end of the train, serving as an office, sleeping, and cooking quarters for crew and storage for tools, flags, and lanterns. The cupola on top was a lookout post that allowed the brakeman and flagman to see the train in motion. From that vantage point, they could spot shifting loads, dragging equipment or other problems. We would love to be able to refurbish this caboose in the future and allow visitors inside!

The 1938 Drumright Gusher Yearbook

There are only two years that Drumright High School did not produce a yearbook, 1938 and 1940. The yearbook was named “The

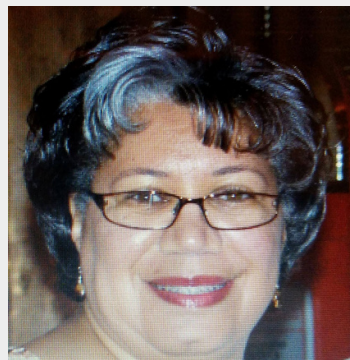
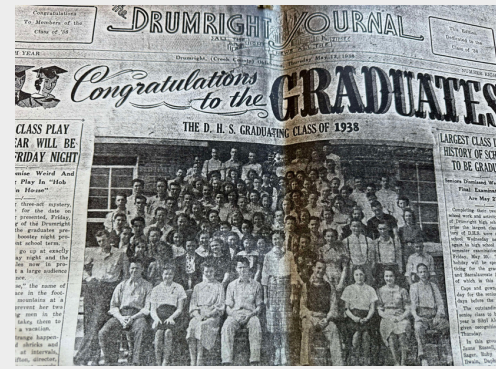


Gusher" from the very beginning, and the museum has this collection of yearbooks beginning with the first edition in 1915. Times were hard in the late 1930s and there simply was no money to produce a yearbook. However, the students did produce a special edition of the local newspaper, "The Drumright Journal," dated May 12, 1938. This paper had a big class picture on the front page and feature stories about the seniors and their activities. The Class of 1938 had 123 class members, making it the biggest graduating class up to that date. Sadly, there was neither a yearbook nor special newspaper printed for the Class of 1940. By the way, the museum needs yearbooks from 2015-2023 to complete our collection.

Earl Eyman's Folk Figures

Drumright resident, Earl Eyman worked for the Sinclair Oil Company. He picked up the hobby of woodcarving while working as an oil pumper. The wood carvings of Earl Eyman in our museum's collection include figures of a Native American couple, a cowboy on his horse, The Last Supper with the disciples, plates, and goblets, and one of the early wing schools complete with pupils and a teacher. Also, you will find a complete forty-member marching unit of the Drumright High School Band. It is complete with a drum major, majorettes, and a flag team, plus flags, instruments, and batons. One of

his pieces, a DHS majorette, even turned up on the PBS classic, "Antiques Roadshow." Alberta Ferguson Bonebrake, DHS Class of 1948, presented it for an evaluation. Its value then was determined to be about \$800. He was prolific, producing hundreds of folk figures. The American Folk Art Museum in New York has many examples of his best works, including possum hunters, circus performers, butter churners, baseball teams, cowboys, and Indians.



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DRUMRIGHT MONTHLY MARKET

Drumright Project Profits Benefit:



DRUMRIGHT
HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Best Decorated Trunk
Most Creative Trunk
Bragging Rights

Drumright Chamber of Commerce
presents
TRUNK OR TREAT
2024

October 26, 2024 6pm to 9pm
122 W Broadway Drumright



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November 5-9 Drumright
December 4-7 Oilton

Oil Patch Jamboree



Jamey Martin was elected 2024 Parade Marshall.



Terry & Jenny Morrow elected 2024 Mr & Mrs Oil Patch.

Winners of the 2024 2nd Annual Cruising the Hills Car, Bike & Boat Show



Best Bike - Junior Medlock



Best Boat & People's Choice - Hunter Pritchard



Best Modern - Myrna Sellers



Best Classic Jesse James

Obituaries

Ronno William Anderson

Funeral services for Drumright resident, Ronno Anderson, were held 9:00 a.m. Friday, September 6th in the Memorial Chapel of Michael's Funeral Home of Drumright. Rev. Kevin Vogele of the Drumright River of Life Christian Center officiated. Interment followed at 12:30 p.m. in Fort Gibson National Cemetery with military funeral honors provided by the United States Army. Funeral arrangements are entrusted to the care of Michael's Funeral Home of Drumright, Oklahoma.

Ronno was born in Glendale, California on August 29, 1946 to the late Ralph Walton Anderson & Grace Ann (Kreglinger) Anderson. He passed from this life suddenly at his home on August 25, 2024 at the age of 77 years, 11 months, & 27 days. Ronno lived a simple life and spent most of his early years in Simi Valley, CA – San Mateo – Eugene, Oregon – Puyallup, Washington – Prescott, Arizona - & Santa Maria, California. He had worked as a machinist, a sign painter, & a blacksmith. He moved to Oklahoma in 1988. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife: Marjatta.

He leaves behind his spouse: Sheree' Stone of the home; Son: Michael Anderson of Alaska; Daughter: Esther Bautista of California; Grandchildren: Dean – McKenna – Dana- Seth - & Bethany; Plus several Other Relatives - & Friends.



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Betty Darlene Brown

Funeral services for Cushing resident, Betty Brown, were held 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, September 24th in the Memorial Chapel of Michael's Funeral Home of Drumright. Rev. Kevin Vogeles of the Drumright River of Life Christian Center officiated. Interment followed in the Drumright Greenlawn Cemetery. Funeral arrangements are entrusted to the care of Michael's Funeral Home of Drumright, Oklahoma.

Betty was born in Olive, Oklahoma on December 6, 1939 to the late Ted Earl Dailey & Opha Lorene (Sumner) Dailey. She passed from this life on September 18, 2024 at the age of 84 years, 9 months, & 12 days. Betty was raised & educated in Olive & Oilton. She was a 1958 graduate of Oilton High School. She had lived in Tulsa & Broken Arrow for many years & had worked as a beautician & cosmetologist for Merle Norman Cosmetics. After her retirement, she moved to Stillwater then Cushing to be closer to family. She enjoyed crafting, floral arranging, & spending time with her grandchildren. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a Brother: Ted Dailey.

She leaves behind 2 Sons: Brian Brown & Victor Brown; several Grandchildren & great Grandchildren; a Sister: Janice McKean; PLUS several other relatives - & friends.



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Leroy Leon Thompson

Funeral services for Cushing resident Leon Thompson were held 10:00 a.m. Thursday, September 5th at the Oak Grove Baptist Church in Cushing, Oklahoma. Pastor Jarvis Cannon officiated. Interment followed at 2:00 p.m. in the Molly Fields Cemetery near Tahlequah, Oklahoma. Funeral arrangements are entrusted to the care of Michael's Funeral Home of Drumright.

Leon was the youngest of nine (2 brothers & 6 sisters) and was born in Proctor, Oklahoma on January 21, 1940 to the late Fred Thompson & Lilly (Foreman) Thompson. He passed from this life at his residence on September 2, 2024 at the age of 84 years, 7 months, & 12 days. In 1968 he and his brother Bill purchased and took over the family store and service station along with the 160 acre farm in Scrapper, Oklahoma. In 1973 he sold his interest in the business & farm back to his brother and moved to Cushing where he secured a job as foreman for Cushing Rail Car. In 1985 Leon started his own company as owner/operator of Thompson Wrecker and Salvage. In 1988 he married Zelma White and they ran the company until their retirement in 2010. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his Wife: Zelma in 2022; Son: Rick Thompson; Stepson: Wade White; 2 Stepdaughters: Vickie Lacy & Virginia Reidl; 2 Brothers: Watie & Bill; 6 Sisters: Norie Payton - Jewell Philpot - Imogene Powell - Mildred Elmore - Naimi Hastings - & Keet Morris.

His remaining family includes 2 Sons: Cody Thompson of Cushing - Jerry Thompson of Kansas; Daughter: Summer Eastman; 11 Grandchildren - Numerous Great & Great Great Grandchildren; PLUS several Nieces - Nephews - Cousins - other relatives - & friends. He will be missed by all who knew him.



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Christopher Robert Tipton

Chris Tipton, resident of Stillwater, Oklahoma passed from this life on September 19, 2024 at the age of 32 years, 1 month & 15 days. Private family services will be held at a later date. Cremation arrangements are entrusted to the care of Michael's Funeral Home of Drumright.

Chris was born in Stillwater, Oklahoma on August 4, 1992 to Joe D. Tipton & Kathleen Pogue. He was raised and educated in the Ripley/Stillwater area and was a graduate of Stillwater High School. He had served as a volunteer firefighter and loved storm chasing. He also loved animals. He was preceded in death by his Father; his grandfather: Larry Tipton; Uncle & Aunt: Dennis & Edie Holcomb; & a Sister: Christa Tipton.

He leaves behind his Brother: Nathan Aldridge & wife Suzzy; Nieces & Nephews: Lilly - Lakeyn - Hanna - Gibbs - Lexus - Nickey - Ed - Brianna - Brittany - Zach - & Cody; Grandmother: Sussan Tiptan; Aunt: Angie Grimes & her husband Brian; plus other relatives - & friends.

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Jimmie Don Wilkerson

Funeral services for rural Depew resident, Jimmie Wilkerson, were held 11:00 a.m. Saturday, September 7th at the Olive First Baptist Church. Rev. George "Marty" Brock, III officiated. Following the services, he will be cremated. Funeral & cremation arrangements are entrusted to the care of Michael's Funeral Home of Drumright, Oklahoma.

Jimmie was born in Bristow, Oklahoma on January 9, 1946 to the late William Benjamin Wilkerson & Martha May (Butts) Wilkerson. He passed from this life at his home on September 2, 2024 at the age of 78 years, 7 months, & 24 days. Jimmie was raised and educated in Bristow. He married Sandra May Carper in 1966 & they made their home in Sand Springs. In 1971 they moved to Drumright. In 1979, he opened J&S Fittings, Inc. which is still going strong today. His success in business has brought much joy to his life and his legacy will continue for generations. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his spouse: Sandra in 2020; 11 Brothers: Ovel - Valice - Emmett - Albert - Williw - Haskel - Henry - Carl - Odis - David - & Junior; plus 4 Sisters: Dora Scott - Dorthy Henderson - Imogene Crittendon - & Vivian Lowrey.

He leaves his unmatched work ethic, principles, and values to his loving children: Billy Don Wilkerson of Depew - Benny Wilkerson of Depew; Donita Hope & husband Mike of Kansas, OK; Grandchildren: Robert - Levi - Makya - Ashlee & Josh Nic - Macey - & Carper; Great Grandchildren: Matix - Sawyer - Knox - Briggs - & Benny; plus an enormous amount of Nieces - Nephews - Cousins - Other Relatives - & Friends. If you knew Jimmie, you always had a friend. He will be greatly missed.



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