

THE DRUMRIGHT MUSEUM GUSHER

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DOWN AT THE DEPOT

Fjords, Ferries, Villages and Trails

There are days when you just happen to be at the right place at the right time. I have recently started attending the Cimarron Valley Historical Society meetings. I'm interested in Drumright history, as well as the history of our surrounding areas, too. I was offered a copy of a map that was recently done by Mr. Calvin Wright. This map is an absolute treasure, as it shows the locations of the Cimarron River crossings and other points of interest within a 200 square mile area of western Creek and eastern Payne counties.

Now you might think, "Why is this map of river crossings so interesting?" This map pinpoints the 19th and early 20th century fjords, ferries, pedestrian bridges and small communities that

existed before, during and after the discovery of oil in this area. Towards the north, the map extends to old Hwy 51 and McElroy Road. Towards the south, Ninth Street is the boundary. To the west, Hwy 108 is the boundary and to the east, the map extends to Hwy 99/16.

Down at the depot, there are several old photographs of some of these locations, such as the Schaffer Ferry, that was north of Drumright. There is also an exceptional drawing of horses pulling the McMann Ferry across the Cimarron River, just south of Oilton. This drawing was done by Fred Coley and presented to Dowell Incorporated in 1953 and was later gifted to this museum.

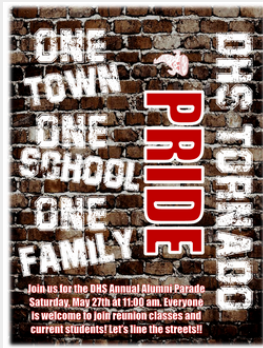
UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE OIL PATCH



May 6th

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Drumright Museum Lawn



- Masonic Lodge Easter Egg Hunt
April 8 at 10:00 a.m.
- Drumright Round Up Club
Easter Egg Hunt
April 8 at 2:00 p.m.
- Drumright Round Up
Club Boomtown Rodeo & Parade
April 28 & 29
- Parade
April 29 at 2:00 p.m.

APRIL SHOWERS
Bring
MAY FLOWERS

If you have wanted to explore the Cimarron Valley and find some of these old locations, you might want to check out this map. The map shows the locations of these small communities of yesteryear... Pemeta, Vida Way, Markham, Villa, Shafter, Schlegel, Ghost Hollow and Ingalls.

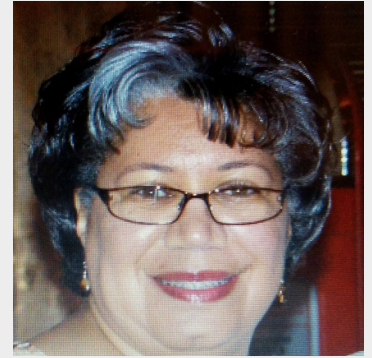
The West Shawnee Cattle Trail that existed just west of Cushing, is shown in detail as it crosses each mile section on this map. This trail was a major route for driving longhorn cattle from Texas to the Kansas railheads. The western trail existed because the longhorns were banned from passing through more settled regions east of here. The longhorns could carry diseases that might infect the herds of farmers and ranchers. So, the West Shawnee Trail left the Texas Road at the Boggy Depot, and came north through this area.

ndered just where and how did the folks of yesteryear cross the Cimarron River. Back then, you had to look for fjords, which are safe, low water crossings to drive your horses or cattle across or possibly, you would pay to have your team and wagon ferried across the river. These ferries were basically built as a flat barge to carry horses, teams and wagons across the river for a fee. Storms and floods destroyed most ferries over time, so it's

amazing that some photographs even exist.

Come on down to the depot and check out this phenomenal map of the Cimarron River. I'm sure that you will find something interesting you will want to explore further.

By Patti Pouncil



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Shafter Ferry crossing the Cimarron River near Drumright.



Drawing of McMann Ferry crossing the Cimarron River.

DISASTER RELIEF MINISTRY

Cimarron Baptist Association (CBA) celebrated 15 years of Disaster Relief Ministry on March 15 at Camp Lela near Glencoe. In 2008, the Lord illuminated the need for a chainsaw ministry by the large ice storm that hit Drumright and Cushing areas. Seven members of the Southern Baptist Disaster Relief went to work the very next day and worked for six weeks, cutting damaged trees and limbs for citizens of those communities. Dr. Tom Owens, the late Director of Missions for CBA, approached the Executive Board of the Association to establish chainsaw as an official ministry to the 52 church association. Over the years, the ministry has increased to include a laundry and recovery ministry.

The celebration was well attended with 80 volunteers, enjoying food and fellowship. The event was also attended by two special guests; Sam Porter, Director Emeritus and Jason Yarbrough, current Disaster Relief Director. They presented the Oklahoma 2022 Trail Blazer Award to Ted Wilson, from Drumright. He has served in chainsaw ministry since 2002 and helped initiate the CBA Disaster Relief Ministry.

If you are interested in volunteering to serve in this much needed ministry, there is a training scheduled Saturday April 15, 8:30 a.m. -2:30 p.m. at Stillwater's Countryside Baptist Church located at 2124 S. Western Rd.

Lunch Provided

Pre-registration for this event: okdisasterhelp.org/volunteer-training/

By Deborah Wilson

PHOTO FROM THE PAST

Photo from Deborah Wilson



Can you identify the woman in this photo?



Obituaries

Rodney Blaine Carroll

Rodney Blaine Carroll passed away due to heart complications on March 7, 2023 in Tulsa, Oklahoma at age 60 years, 8 months, & 12 days,. His daughter Katie was at his side, holding his hand as Jesus reached for his. "Rod" was born on June 23, 1962, to R.D. "Bucky" and Loy Ann Carroll and was the oldest of four children. He graduated from Olive High School and began working in the oil industry as a pumper, as his grandpa R.F. "Bob" Carroll had done. Rod always said being a pumper was his favorite job, followed by his food truck business with Green Country Catering.

At a very young age, Rod was enraptured with horses. His first horse was 'ol Jockey Boy, a Shelton pony Rod would ride every day until sunset. He began his Rodeo Career at age five when he rode a racehorse named "Tag." If Rod could get Tag turned around the first barrel, they'd win; if not, they'd take a lap around the arena and wave to the crowd. Throughout Rod's youth, his talent for horsemanship and rodeo grew. He was an Oklahoma Junior Rodeo Association member, where he roped on a horse named Okie Bob. He was among the youngest invited to the annual Ben Johnson Steer Roping. Later in his rodeo career, he became a member of the Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association and performed on the most prestigious rodeo stage, Cheyenne Frontier Days, otherwise known as The Daddy of 'em all. Rod traveled all over the country with a close-knit group of friends, and many admired "The Carroll Boys" for their ability to make a great calf horse.

As much as Rod loved to "hit the dusty," his love for his wife and children never wavered. He called Kathy Crow for the first time on November 11, 1981, and proposed just three weeks later. Kathy and Rod were married for thirty-nine years, and "Katherine," as only Rod called her, was his best friend. They had two children, Katie and Blaine. Rodeoing across the country eventually turned into taking Katie to play softball and helping Blaine become a top-notch calf-roper and horseman.

Besides being a dad, Rod's biggest thrill was becoming a PawPaw. His grandsons, Wyatt Blaine, and Waylon James, were his best buddies, always on Rod's heels.

Rod was preceded in death by his father: R.D. "Bucky" Carroll; & paternal grandparents: R.F. & Edith Carroll. He is survived by his wife: Katherine Carroll; his mother: Loy Ann Carroll; daughter: Katie Carroll-Wilson and husband Josh; son: Blaine Carroll and wife Taylor; grandchildren: Wyatt Blaine McLintock Applegate, Waylon James Wilson, & Adelyn Chenoa Wilson; sister: Leigh Ann Miracle; brothers: Jay Carroll and Paul Carroll; and several nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends.

Funeral services for Olive resident, Rodney Blaine Carroll, were held 2:00 p.m. Saturday, March 11th in the Olive First Baptist Church. Rev. George "Marty" Brock, III officiated. Interment followed in Brooks Cemetery at Silver City, OK

Sevices entrusted by Michael's Funeral Home.



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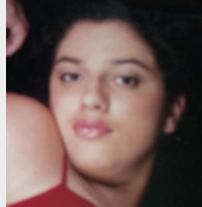
Andrea Michelle Parkell

Andrea was born in Geneva, Illinois on August 19, 1987 to Robert Moore Parkell & the late Rhonda Elaine (Weber) Parkell. She passed from this life in Bristow, Oklahoma on March 24, 2023 at the age of 35 years, 7 months, and 5 days. Andrea's family moved to Oklahoma in 1992, after which, she was diagnosed with Muscular Dystrophy. Despite her disability, she was a 2005 Graduate of Sapulpa High School & was a 2008 graduate of North Eastern Oklahoma A & M University in Miami, OK. She had been a resident of Bristow since 2014. Andrea loved to play Bingo, and write & read poetry. She was preceded in death by mother: Rhonda Roach; her Step-father: Dale Roach; brother: Dave Roach; sister: Caitlin Dmart; & an aunt: Mary Weber.

She leaves behind her Father: Robert Parkell of Tulsa; Brothers & Sisters: Sarah Hazelwood of Owasso – Samantha Parkell of Kentucky – Matthew Roach of Stillwater – Alexia Roach of Sapulpa – Angelina Roach of Owasso – Zane Parkell of Norman – Wyatt Roach of Owasso – Paige Roach of Owasso – Uriah Roach of Bethany – Kalynn Roach of Owasso; special cousin: Katlin Weber; her Grandmother: Margaret Kelly of Missouri; Aunts: Deanna Kline of Florida – Melissa Lucas of Hominy; & a host of numerous other relatives & friends.

A memorial service for Bristow resident Andrea Parkell, was held 11:00 a.m. Saturday, April 1st in the Memorial Chapel of Michael's Funeral Home of Bristow with Rev. John Tidwell of Trinity Baptist Church officiating.

Services entrusted by Michael's Funeral Home.



Jason Allen Sheffield

Jason was born in Shawnee, Oklahoma on April 2, 1978 to Steve Lantrip and Cinthia Ann Shuffield. He passed away suddenly at his home on March 18, 2023 at the age of 44 years, 11 months, & 16 days. Jason was raised & educated in McCloud, Oklahoma, Washington State, & Paden, Oklahoma. He was a graduate of Paden High School and had lived in Prague for the past 10 years. He married Hilary Holyfield in Shawnee, OK on March 17, 2017 and they had 2 daughters: Miriam & Guinnevere. Jason had worked at Imperial Brown. He enjoyed comic books, Legos, and spending time with his family & friends. He was preceded in death by his Grandparents: Johnny & Irene Shuffield; Grandfather In-Law: John Holyfield, Sr.; Aunt: Tracy Crawford; Uncle: Dieter Hess; & Cousin: Kittrick Johnson.

His remaining family includes his Wife: Hilary; 2 Daughters : Miriam & Guinnevere; his Mother: Cinthia Shuffield; Brother: Corey Hess & wife Amber; Sister: Kourtney Roberson; his In-Laws: John & Stephanie Holyfield; Grandmother In-Law; Martha Holyfield; 2 Brothers-In-Law: John Holyfield, III – T.J. Holyfield; 2 Nieces & 1 Nephew: Raven – RyLee - & Ryder; Cousins: Preston – Mitchell – Kevin – Mark - & Maximillian; Cousin In-Law: Jennifer Scroggins Berry; Aunt: Donna Shuffield; & numerous other relatives & friends.

Graveside services for Prague resident, Jason Shuffield, were held 2:00 p.m. Friday, March 31, 2023 in the Oakdale Cemetery at Paden, Oklahoma.

Services entrusted by Michael's Funeral Home.



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Rodney Gale Wright

Rodney was born in Drumright, Oklahoma on December 30, 1948 to the late Vernon Wright & Nancy (Newport) Wright. He passed from this life at Oklahoma City on March 2, 2023 at the age of 74 years & 2 months. Rodney was raised & educated in Drumright & was a graduate of Drumright High School, Class of 1967. After High School he graduated from Oklahoma City University & went to work for E.G. Edwards as a stockbroker. He left the financial world and started his own company, American Bureau of Investigation. His new business adventure would take him to places all over the world. Rodney was a history buff and enjoyed fishing, spending time with his family, and traveling. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by 2 brothers: Gerald Wright & Gary Wright.

His remaining family includes 2 children: Natalie Meyer & husband Jeff of Edmond - Roger Wright of Oklahoma City; Grandchildren: Austin - Logan - Cooper - Brooke - & Bryce; Great Granddaughter: Gia; Brother: Ronald Wright & wife Shirley of Drumright; Sister-In-Law: Thelma Wright of Drumright; plus SEVERAL Nieces - Nephews - Cousins - other relatives - & friends.

Funeral services for Oklahoma City resident, Rodney Wright, were held 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 8th in the Memorial Chapel of Michael's Funeral Home of Drumright with Michael A. Davis officiating. Interment followed in the Drumright Greenlawn Cemetery.

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