

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE OIL PATCH

DOWN AT THE DEPOT

Precious Memories



July 6th 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Drumright Museum Lawn

4th of July

Team Roping Benefit

Murder Mystery

Touch A Truck

Cruising The Hills

The Broadway Project



Sometimes the things you find in the museum aren't things. Most recently, some old friendships and old memories were found on a Saturday afternoon down at the depot. Three precious ladies had made their plans to meet up at the museum, just prior to the annual Drumright High School Alumni Banquet held May 25th. Out came the yearbooks, scrapbooks and most especially, the stories!

These friends are Evadee
Tucker Thomas, Class of
1947, Alberta Ferguson
Bonebrake, Class of 1948
and June Ferguson Fritts,
Class of 1951. Evadee lives
in Yukon, Oklahoma and
comes back to Drumright
whenever she can. Alberta
lives in Collinsville and
comes to Drumright
often to visit her sister,

June, who lives just west of Drumright.

These three friends were all born and raised in Drumright in the 1930s and 1940s. They remembered when the high school band traveled to Mexico and performed in 1946. They remembered being DHS Pepperettes, cheering on the athletic teams. They remembered the best-looking boys and more importantly, who kissed them first!

They remembered the threats of storms and tornadoes in Drumright.
According to Evadee,
"Mama kept lanterns, cots and fruit down in the cellar, so we had a grand time whenever it stormed."
And when it came to dating boys, here is the best comment ever, "If you

lived half your life in a storm cellar in Oklahoma and the other half at the Baptist Church, you'd be naïve too!"

The Drumright Historical Society Museum was happy to host this reunion of old friends and we wish all three ladies continued good health and much happiness!



Patti Pouncil



L to R: Alberta Ferguson Bonebrake DHS '48, Evadee Tucker Thomas DHS '47 and June Ferguson Fritts DHS '51.





Alberta Ferguson Evadee Tucker Thomas June Ferguson Fritts



Landmark Buildings Demolished

Recent storms and high winds in Drumright ripped off the roof of two landmark buildings on Broadway, the old Way Motor Company, and the Continental Supply Company. These buildings have been vacant for decades and were used only for storage. There was a mural of oil derricks, a pond and trees painted on the exterior west wall of the Way Motor Company. It was painted by artist William Volok. The Way Motor Company was demolished first, and I believe it to be the oldest of the two buildings. It held the local Chevrolet dealership owned by Fred Way for many years. Fred Way was a leading Drumright citizen, in fact, Way Park on Tiger Hill was named in his honor. It is sad to see these buildings and a mural gone from our community.

By: Roy Willey













Ode to June 8th, 1974

"I wrote this today on the 50th anniversary of the tornado that hit our town when I was 12. Sung to the tune of Ode to Billie Joe. Now, if we can get Gene or Randy Collier to sing it?" - Lynn Strickland

It was the 8th of June, a yellow, hazy, dusty Drumright day
We were out ridin' horses, not knowin' a twister was on it's way
Bout five PM we stopped and drove up to Litchfield Hill to see
Then mama hollered from the car door, "Ya'll, I think that it's time to flee!"
We just made it to the cellar at the end of our driveway
The day that Drumright, Oklahoma was very nearly blown away
And mama said to papa, " I think I'd better head on into town."
There'll be lots of people injured 'n not enough nurses to go around
She took Grandma and big sister, we didn't see them for three whole days
The stories they told of the rescue will never go away
Not everyone who was there was able to walk away
The day that Drumright, Oklahoma was very nearly blown away
I heard the roof blew off the nursing home at the edge of town
And a man pulled from the rubble was clutching his Bible when he was
found

So many were hurt that they set a triage up at Edison school
To sort the livin' from the dyin', I know, it seems so cruel.
While brave men and women did jobs we never can repay
The day that Drumright, Oklahoma was very nearly blown away
On that day people lost homes, possessions, even, their lives
Their legacy lives on through those of us who have survived
We will never forget that day whenever we hear the sirens sound
We'll tell our stories to the young ones every time we head underground
Of the devastation, and the bravery, and don't forget to pray
On that day when Drumright, Oklahoma was very nearly blown away
Now years have come and gone since that storm ripped through our town
We've fought fire and ice but nothin' really seems to keep us down
There was a virus goin' round, people caught it, some would succumb
But here in Drumright Town we all know how to overcome.

Me, I spend a lot of time online lookin' at pictures from that day The day that Drumright, Oklahoma was very nearly blown away

By: Lynn Strickland

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEMBERSHIP

Chamber of Commerce	103 East Broadway, PO Box 82
	Drumright, OK 7403
2024 Membership	o Information Sheet
Business Name:	
Business Type:	
Name of Contact Person:	
Contact's Phone Number:	
Mailing Address:	
Business Phone:	
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Thank You

The Drumright Historical Society board members would like to offer a very special "THANK YOU" to every individual, civic organization and business that has provided financial support to the museum this year. Our plea for help was answered and we are most grateful, but we will need continuing support to keep our museum doors open. Please support our upcoming fundraising events and special projects. We want to continue sharing the unique history of Drumright!

Drumright Historical Society Board

The "Best of...in the Cimarron Valley"

This year, Cimarron Valley Communications has initiated a Readers' Choice contest and accepted nominations for the "Best of....in the Cimarron Valley". These nominations include communities from Stillwater to Sand Springs. This compilation of "Best of" categories include businesses, services, restaurants, entertainment, and more. There are 173 categories total, and we are happy to announce that Drumright individuals and businesses are nominated in 61 of those categories.

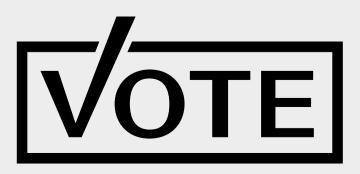
Here are just a few of those Drumright nominations.
🛮 #5 Best Skate Park and #18 Splash Pad – Whitlock Park
🛘 #22 Best Library – Drumright Public Library
🛘 #11 Best Community Theater – Boomtown Community Players
🛮 #28 Best Chamber of Commerce – Drumright Chamber
☐ #29 Best Wedding Venue – Tidewater Winery & Daugh's Country
View
☐ #32 Best Catering – Joseph's Fine Foods
🛘 #147 Best Donuts – Drumright Donut Palace
🛘 #161 Best Large Employer – Central Tech
☐ #26 Most Active Individual in Community – Angela Titus and Jamey
Martin

🛘 #54 Best Emergency Care – Drumright Hospital
🛮 #152 Best Winery – Tidewater Winery
🛘 #172 Best Sportswriter – Robert Marshall
🛘 #171 Best News Writer – Patti Pouncil
☐ #13 Best Museum – Drumright Historical Society Museum
☐ #105 Best Local Magazine – Drumright Museum Gusher

Here are the rules. You can vote as many times as you want for your favorite choice in each category. You don't have to vote in every category, so you can skip the ones you are not familiar with. There are multiple ways to vote. You can go to our Drumright Historical Society Museum Facebook page and click on the logo to "2024 Best of Cimarron Valley Final Voting". Or you can purchase one of the following newspapers.

Participating newspapers are the Keystone Gusher, the Yale News and the Cushing Citizen. You can mark your favorites and mail the ballot pages to: Cimarron Valley Communications, P.O. Box 910, Cushing, OK 74023 or you can drop off your ballot pages at 120 E. Broadway in Cushing. Also, you can vote online by directly going to Survey Monkey. The link will be posted at the top of this post.

Midnight, July 26th is the deadline for voting. The individuals and businesses with the most votes will be awarded the Cimarron Valley Readers' Choice Award. We would certainly like to see a lot of Drumright winners, so please vote and show your support for our community. And remember you can vote as many times as you want! Let's turn out a BIG WIN for DRUMRIGHT!!!!



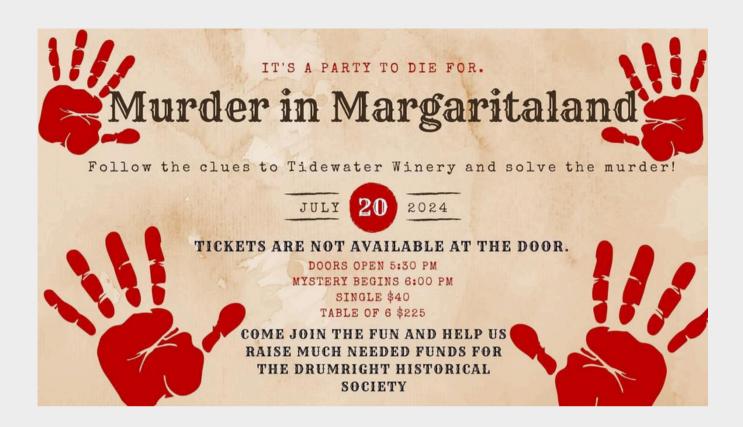
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Join us as we take an adventure to Margarita Island and raise much needed funds for the Drumright Historical Society! Where you become part of the investigations! Every attendant will play a part. Do not worry acting is not required, but going all out it is encouraged. You will receive your part via email approximately 2 weeks before the event. You can dress up or down however you feel comfortable. Suggestions will be sent with your roles. Please choose how many Male and Female roles are to be included in your order.

Menu provided by Joseph's Fine Foods. Roasted Porkloin, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Glazed Baby Carrots, Tabouly, Breadsticks, Apple Cobbler Dessert.

Purchase your tickets online at: https://drumrightmuseum.square.site

Angie Bengston



Categories



Best Boat Award Best Bike Award





Car Categories are Classic & Modern Peoples Choice



\$25 Registration Fee

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Send Check, made to Drumright Chamber of Commerce P.O. Box 828



Drumright, OK 74030

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The Broadway Project

The Broadway Project is a committee in helping revamp Broadway. We are looking for volunteers for various things like watering and pulling weeds along Broadway. We will also start having monthly meetings in the near future to bring all these ideas to the table to revamp Broadway. We will be working on pocket parks, and we will be contacting those that live on Broadway and have businesses to keep your Broadway frontage looking great! We look forward to working with the whole community on this project. Please follow our Facebook page The Broadway Project. The Broadway Project is brought to you by the Chamber of Commerce and all the volunteers that have joined and will join.

If you would like to join, please contact Angela Titus 918-352-8013

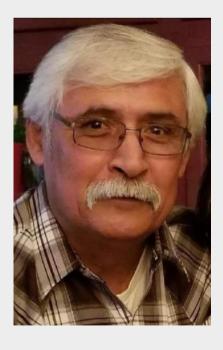


David George Briséno

Graveside funeral rites were held 10:30 a.m. Friday, May 31st in the Drumright Oak Hill Cemetery. His son-in-law: Daniel Obregon officiated. Funeral arrangements are entrusted to the care of Michael's Funeral Home of Drumright.

David was born in Seminole, Texas on December 14, 1955 to Alfredo & Consuelo Briséno. He passed from this life suddenly in Tulsa, Oklahoma on May 24, 2024 at the age of 68 years, 5 months, & 10 days. David was raised & educated in Seminole, Texas. He married Adeliada "Ida" Elizondo in Weatherford,Oklahoma on August 28, 1974. David had worked as a farmer all of his life. He had moved to Drumright from Broken Arrow 2 years ago. He enjoyed listing to music, dancing, fishing, and spending time with his family & friends. He was preceded in death by his Father; 1 Sister: Lydia Briséno; & 1 Brother: Rick Briséno.

His remaining family includes his Wife: Adeliada of the home; Children: Christina Obregon & husband Daniel – Joann Ramirez – Cynthia Lopez – Amy Lenard & husband Chris; Debbie Sanders & husband Justin – David Briséno; 25 Grandchildren – 10 Great Grandchildren; his Mother: Consuelo Briséno; Sisters: Margaret Juarez – Mary Lou Briséno – Lorrie Cortez – Linda Tipton – Veronica Faltynski; Brothers: Alfredo Briséno, Jr. – Eduardo Briséno; plus a host of Nieces, Nephews, Cousins, & other relatives & friends.



Tracey Lee Casey

Graveside funeral rites for Tulsa resident, Tracey Casey, were held 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, June 19th at the pavilion in Highland Cemetery at Oilton, Oklahoma. Rev. George "Marty" Brock, III of the Olive First Baptist Church officiated. Funeral arrangements are entrusted to the care of Michael's Funeral Home of Drumright. Visit

Tracey was born in Drumright, Oklahoma on October 31, 1971 to Larry Ray Casey & Mary Lynn (Thurman) Casey. He passed from this life in Tulsa on June 12, 2024 at the age of 51 years, 7 month, & 12 days. Tracey was raised & educated in Oilton & was a 1990 graduate of Oilton High School. Shortly after graduating, he moved to Tulsa where he has lived ever since. Tracey had worked as a delivery driver for DHL for 27+ years until his health forced him to retire recently. He enjoyed going fishing, driving 4 wheelers, going to Rocklahoma concerts, having cookouts, and spending time with family and friends. He was preceded in death by his Father: Larry Casey; Paternal Grandparents: Ray & Goldie Casey; Maternal Grandparents: Jack & Goldie Thurman; Aunts & Uncles: Kay Casey – Carma Casey – Carrol Thurman – Ben & Patsy Chandler.

His remaining family includes his 2 Daughters: Dakota Casey & Jazmyn Casey, both of Tulsa; 3 Grandchildren: Clayton – Ezra - & newly born, Emrys; his Mother: Mary Casey of Olive; Brothers & Sisters: Steven Casey of Oilton – Larry Casey of Olive – Nicole Casey of Oilton; Nieces & Nephews: Jessica – Cody – Danny – Keeley – Kelsey - & Ava; PLUS numerous Aunts - Uncles - Cousins & other relatives.



Carolyn Elizabeth Fox

A memorial service for Drumright resident, Carolyn Fox, was held 2:00 p.m. Saturday, June 22nd in the Memorial Chapel of Michael's Funeral Home of Drumright. Pastor Brett Land of the Shamrock First Baptist Church officiated. Cremation arrangements were entrusted to the care of Michael's Funeral Home of Drumright.

Carolyn was born in Depew, Oklahoma on December 24, 1939 to the late Homer Thompson & Ruby (Willingham) Thompson. She passed from this life in Drumright on June 19, 2024 at the age of 84 years, 5 months, & 26 days. Carolyn was raised & educated in Stroud and in 1968, she moved to the family farm at Shamrock. She had lived the majority of her life in this area. She was a longtime volunteer with the Fred Joseph Community Christmas dinner and you would often see her helping out at her sister's business as in Cushing: Billie's Thrift Store. She had also worked part time at her son & daughter-in- laws day care in Drumright: Lisa's Day Care. She loved tending to her garden & rose beds, the holidays with family get-togethers, & spending time with her family friends. Carolyn never met a stranger and will be missed by all who knew her. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a Son: James; 1 Brother: Lonnie; & 3 Sisters: Linda – Phyllis; & Donna.

Her remaining family includes 2 Sons: Larry Fox & wife Dixie of Drumright – Jerry Fox & wife Lisa of Drumright; Grandchildren: John – Sarah – Beverly – Justin – Joe – Russell – & Eronda; Brothers: Roy & Richard Thompson; Sister: Billie Eversole; plus numerous Nieces – Nephews – other relatives, and friends.



Wilma Jean Howard

A memorial service for Oak Grove resident, Wilma Howard, was held 2:00 p.m. Saturday, June 8th at the Cushing / Drumright Elks Lodge. Cremation & funeral arrangements were entrusted to the care of Michael's Funeral Home of Drumright.

Wilma was born in Washington, D.C. on July 8, 1928 to the late Charles William Farnen & Edith Myrtle (Davis) Farnen. She passed from this life at her residence on May 9, 2024 at the age of 95 years, 10 months, & 1 day. Wilma was raised & educated in Virginia and was a graduate of Parksley High School. She furthered her education at Virginia Tech where she received an associate's degree. She married Edward James Howard & they made their home in Virginia, raising 5 children. Wilma had worked as an activity coordinator for the State of Virginia. She was a long time Lady Elk of the Elks Lodge, a member of Grace Methodist Church in Parksley, Virginia and loved to line dance and ride horses. She also enjoyed reading, sewing, crocheting, traveling, and spending time with her family. Wilma moved to Oklahoma in 1999. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a Son: Charles Howard; Daughter: Janet Lynn Howard; her former husband: Edward James Howard; a Sister: Betty Borgstrom; and a Niece: Mary Lynn Borgstrom

Her remaining family includes 3 Children: Virginia Suydam – Billye Jean Maddox - & James Lawrence Howard; Grandchildren: Virginia – Janet - Alica – Samantha - & Chris; plus SEVERAL Great Grandchildren, Nieces, Nephews, Cousins - other relatives - and friends.

Freeda Mae Womack LaCross

Funeral services for former Oilton & Yale resident, Freeda LaCross was held 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 4th in the Memorial Chapel of Michael's Funeral Home of Drumright. Tyson Stevens of the Bristow First Free Will Baptist Church officiated. Interment followed in Euchee Valley Memorial Park near Cushing, Oklahoma. Funeral arrangements are entrusted to the care of Michael's Funeral Home of Drumright.

Freeda was born in Canon City, Colorado on September 26, 1941 to the late Elmer Fenimore & Mildred (Posey) Fenimore. She passed from this life in Tulsa on May 28, 2024 at the age of 82 years, 8 months, & 2 days. Freeda's family moved from Colorado to Oilton in 1949. She was a 1959 graduate of Oilton High School. She married Calvin Kenneth Womack in 1959 and they raised 5 children: Carla – Kenneth – Trina – Donald – and Virgil. They remained together for several years but later divorced. She then married Jim LaCross and they remained together until his death in 1999. Freeda had retired as a case manager for a Home Health Organization. In addition to her parents and second husband, she was preceded in death by her first Husband: Calvin Womack in 2009; Son: Kenneth Womack in 2019; Daughter: Trina Walls in 2010; (2) Sisters – (2) ½ Sisters – & (1) ½ Brother.

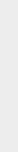
Her remaining family includes her CHILDREN: Carla Deavers of Stillwater – Don Womack of Cushing – Virgil Womack of Depew; NUMEROUS Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren; plus SEVERAL Nieces – Nephews - Cousins - other relatives - and friends.

Rosie Lavern (Martin) Podest

Lavern Podest, resident of Prague, Oklahoma passed from this life in Stroud, Oklahoma on June 13, 2024 at the age of 76 years, 10 months, & 16 days. Per her wishes, all funeral arrangements were entrusted to the care of her nephew, Michael Davis of Michael's Funeral Home of Drumright, Oklahoma. The visitation schedule for Mrs. Podest began 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m. on Monday, June 17th and continued Tuesday June 18th from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Michael's Funeral Home in Drumright. Visitation was in Prague, Oklahoma on Wednesday, June 19th from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at St.Wenceslaus Catholic Church with a Rosary Service scheduled for 6:00 p.m. that evening. The Funeral Mass was celebrated at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, June 20th at the church with the Very Reverend Christopher Tran & the Rt. Reverend Adrian Vorderlandwehr serving as co-celebrant. Burial followed in the Prague Catholic Cemetery. Funeral arrangements are entrusted to the care of Michael's Funeral Home of Drumright.

Lavern was born in Prague, Oklahoma on July 28, 1947 to the late Mitchell Martin & Beulah (Burgan) Martin. She was raised & educated in Paden, Oklahoma & was a 1965 graduate of Paden High School. She married a local boy, Joseph Podest, on November 13, 1965 and for a short time, they made their home in Oklahoma City. They soon returned to the Podest Family Farm outside of Prague where they raised their family. They continued to live on the farm for many years but eventually moved to town where they remained. In her early years, Lavern worked in the Prague Southwestern Bell Telephone office and had also worked for the United States Postal Service in Prague as a mail carrier and postal clerk. Later in life, she and Joe owned and managed several rental properties in and around Prague. She was a longtime member of the Prague St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church, serving in many capacities throughout her lifetime, most notably making sure every family who experienced a loss received a bereavement meal. She loved gardening and growing flowers. She was an avid collector of antiques and was passionate about attending local auctions and estate sales. She also loved spending leisure days at their vacation home on Lake Eufaula. But nothing brought her more joy than cooking for family get- togethers and spending time with all of her family and friends. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by 2 Brothers: Gordon & Frank Martin; and an Aunt: Hank Mitchell.

Her remaining family includes her loving husband of 58 years: Joe Podest of the home; 2 Sons: Joey Podest & Jeffery Podest, both of Prague; Grandchildren: Ray – Peyton - & Madison; a Great Grandchild: Luna Rose; Brothers & Sisters: Bobby & Regina Martin of Prague – Robert & Ronda Martin of Paden – David & Joy Martin of Oklahoma City; Tony & Melissa Martin of Prague – Linda Arthur of Prague – Irlene Reynolds of Prague – Doris & Gary Cordell of Prague; an enormous amount of Nieces – Nephews – Cousins – other relatives – and friends.





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