

THE DRUMRIGHT MUSEUM GUSHER

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DOWN AT THE DEPOT

Say Hello to the Class of '23.....1923!

Happenings at Drumright High school one hundred years ago. The Drumright High School Class of 1923 graduated in the auditorium of the new high school on Pennsylvania Street. There were 34 students in the class of 1923, 23 girls and just 11 boys. Of course, during those years, boys were quitting school and going out to work in the oilfields, as jobs were plentiful. The young men that remained and completed high school were either academically minded and going off to college or going to work in the family business right after graduation.

Here are some specifics on the class of 1923. The class flower was the daisy. The class colors were orange and white. And the class

motto was, "Make a life, not a living." Class officers were The Drumright High School Faculty was composed of 30 individuals. Mr. W. C. French was the Superintendent of Schools. Miss Floy V. Elliott was the Principal. Interestingly, 20 of the staff were female. The classes available for high school students included English, English Literature, Modern Languages, Civics, Hygiene, Chemistry, Manual Training, Dramatics, American History, World History, Geometry, Latin, Mechanical Drawing, Biology, Physics, Music, Domestic Science and Domestic Arts.

Athletic programs were abundant during the 1922-1923 term. The football team played 11 games, and

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE OIL PATCH



May 6th

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

Drumright Museum Lawn

Alumni Weekend Events
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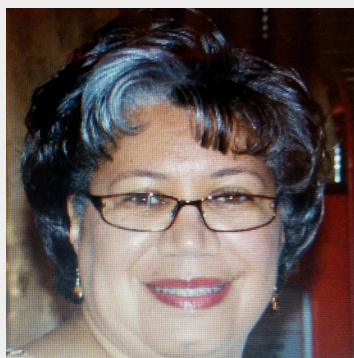
had a record of 7 wins, 3 losses and 1 tie. But 6 of those 7 wins were shutouts, where the opponents were held scoreless. The boys' basketball record was not so stellar with 7 wins and 7 losses. The girls' basketball team, however, finished with a record of 6 wins and 1 loss, losing their final game by only 3 points. The boys also had a baseball team and track team, but no records were available.



All of the above information came from the 1923 Drumright High School Gusher. Down at the depot, we have copies of the Drumright yearbooks from 1915 all the way up to 2015. These yearbooks are a wealth of information, photographs and history. If anyone has any yearbooks from 2016 to the present, the museum would love to have them, as they are wonderful reference material for historians and genealogists. Plus, if you just want to have some fun, come on down to the museum and take a look around!



By Patti Pouncil



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**Here's to the next 100 years
at Drumright High School!**

ALUMNI WEEKEND

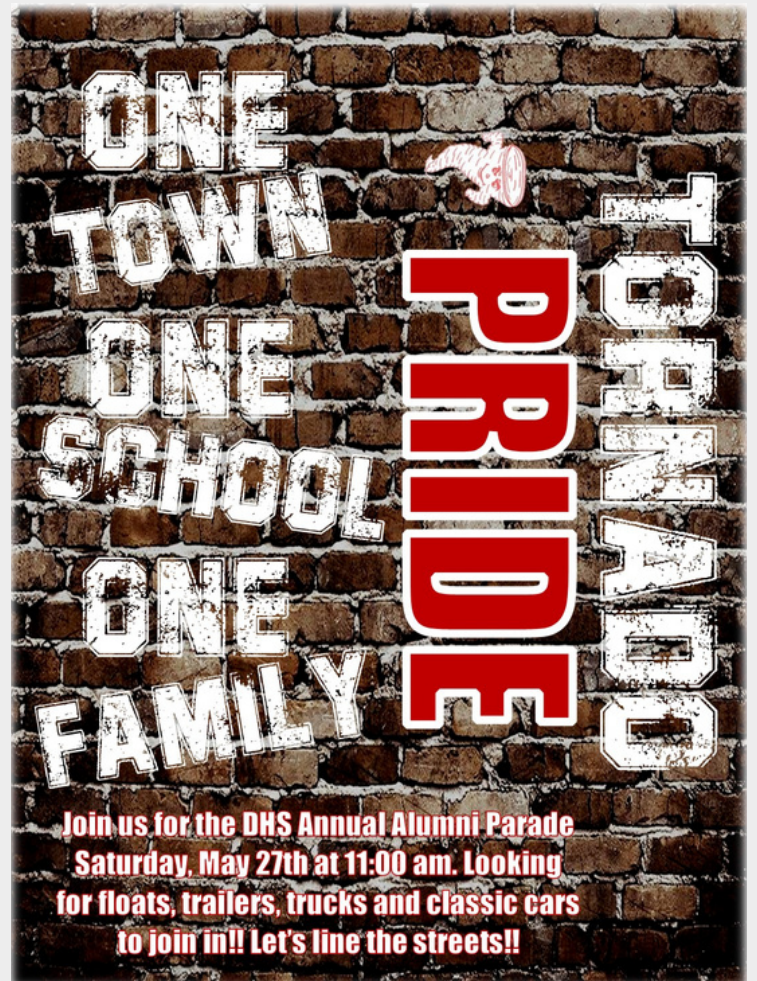
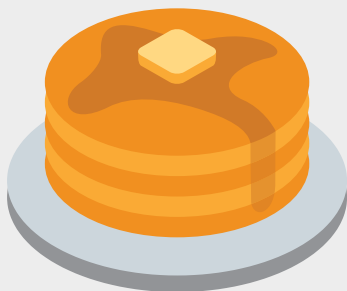
DHS Alumni Association Banquet
May 27 at Central Tech
Doors open 6 p.m.
Dinner begins 6:30 p.m.

Last day to purchase tickets in person is
May 23. NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT
THE DOOR!

For more information, visit the
Drumright High School Alumni Facebook
page.



Drumright Masonic Lodge
Pancake Breakfast
May 27 at Drumright Masonic Lodge
7:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
\$7 for adults
\$5 for children up to 12 years old



ONE
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FAMILY

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TO
GO
FOR
THE
PARADE

Join us for the DHS Annual Alumni Parade
Saturday, May 27th at 11:00 am. Looking
for floats, trailers, trucks and classic cars
to join in!! Let's line the streets!!

DISASTER RELIEF MINISTRY

Cimarron Baptist Disaster Relief Ministry has been working in Shawnee to help with the tornado cleanup. Team members are from FBC Drumright, Oak Grove, and FBC Cushing. The tornado that swept through Shawnee, devastated most of the city. Each school had damage, with the high school being heavily damaged. The team was present the whole week of April 21 - 28. Cleanup will take many months to fully recover from the devastation. Prayers are asked for the residents of Shawnee, as well as the various first responders and cleanup crews.

By Deborah Wilson



PHOTO FROM THE PAST

Photo from Deborah Wilson



Ruby Darby

Ruby Darby was a vaudeville actress known as, *The Queen of the Oil Fields*. Drumright was said to be one of her favorite stops. Ruby appeared at many of the early theaters in Drumright, such as; The Strand, The Idle and the infamous Hump.

For more information on Ruby, you can visit the museum or purchase, *Petticoats, Politics, & Pirouettes: Oklahoma Women* by Glenda Carlile

Obituaries

Leland Charles Bear

Leland was born in Drumright, Oklahoma on January 27, 1944 to the late Lawrence Gail Bear & Rohella (Funk) Bear. He passed from this life at his residence on April 15, 2023 at the age of 79 years, 2 months, & 19 days. Leland was raised & educated in Drumright & was a 1962 graduate of Drumright High School. After High School he joined the United States Navy & served during Vietnam. After his tour of duty, he returned to Drumright and worked alongside his father at Sylvan Supply. He married Zola Carol Schonfield on May 26, 1967 & they made their home in Oilton for many years. Leland eventually went to work as a mechanic for American Airlines for 19 years & had retired in 2004. He was former president of AAEEA and very active in the Drumright - Cushing Elks Lodge. He was also a former member of the Oilton Masonic Lodge #467 & the Oilton Volunteer Fire Department. He enjoyed traveling & spending time with his family & his dogs, Nubbs & Domino. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a Brother: Lawrence Gail Bear, Jr.

His remaining family includes Wife: Carol Bear of Cushing; Children: Chris Bear & spouse Crystal Cox of Oilton - Angela Bunde & a husband Larry of Drumright - Scott Bear & Justin Bear, both of Cushing; Grandchildren: Shelbi - Ashley - Cheyenne - Xaviar - Zachary - L. J. - Dusty - & Heather; Great Grandchildren: Grayson - Paisleys - Tobin - Adalynn - Bryson - Raiden - Jordynn - Deavon - Baby McCormick - & Baby Reyes; 2 Sisters: Claudia Decker of Drumright - Visa & Russell Latham of Skiatook; plus SEVERAL Nieces - Nephews - Cousins - other relatives - & friends.

Sevices entrusted to Michael's Funeral Home.



Obituaries

Eddie Sharon Clemons

Eddie was born in the coal mining town of Cannelton, West Virginia on August 21, 1937 to Eugene and Gemilia (Fauber) Clemons. He passed from this life in Sapulpa, Oklahoma on April 11, 2023 at the age of 85 years, 7 months, & 21 days. Eddie and his older sister, Phyllis, were close from the start. He had two other siblings who passed as infants. After a life of coal mining, Eugene, Gemilia, and Phyllis left West Virginia for California and Eddie followed. When he was 20 years old he met Francis "Fran" Utley and the two were an instant match. Eddie was known to save on date time by figuring out Fran's math homework while he drove through town with her. They wed on June 27, 1959 & raised 2 children, Carol, & Bill. Eddie and Fran's place was an active one and was known as a meeting place for their neighbors. Eddie was into recycling before it was cool & encouraged his neighbors to donate their aluminum cans each year so he could cash them in for one heck of a neighborhood party. Both Eddie and Fran shared a love of animals and through the years raised horses, cows, goats, pigs, hens, and you name it. Their love of animals landed them an appearance as extras in the film, *Beastmaster*. They also enjoyed camping and took their kids on annual trips to area national parks.

Eddie and Fran moved to Drumright, Oklahoma in 1982 so their animals had more room to roam. He took a job at the city water department where he stayed until he retired. It was at this job that he forged a lifelong friendship with Rick Dillard. When Fran passed in 1988, Eddie found himself at a loss. He filled his time with work, his animals, and woodworking.

In 1996 he married Angela Mae (Touchatt) Henshaw. They enjoyed spending time traveling, doing crafts, antiques, and going to garage sales. Eddie will forever be known as a man who enjoyed a deal. He had a knack for being in the right place at the right time to get the best deal. His many collections included belt buckles, coins, VHS tapes, hand saws, and straight razors. One time he brought home a French racing bicycle he bought at the docks in California because it was a good deal. In addition to his parents, first wife and infant siblings, he was preceded in death by his Sister: Phyllis Fee: & 2 stepdaughters: Jowanna Carter & Becky Anderson.

Eddie is survived by his wife, Angela Mae Clemons of Sapulpa; Daughter: Carol Birdsall & husband Mark of California; Son: William Bill Clemons & wife Becky of Illinois; Stepchildren: Marvin Shelton of Drumright - Janice Tony Wadley of Sapulpa; Son-in-Law: Gary Anderson of Tryon; Grandchildren: Travis - Danny - Morgan - Fred - Margaret - Cheri - Bradley - Shannon - Dylan - Lonny - Tara & Christopher; 12 Great grandchildren; plus numerous other relatives and friends.

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Obituaries

Robert Wayne Halstead

Robert Wayne Halstead was born in Sioux City, Iowa on July 21, 1951 to Daniel T. Halstead & Deloris J. (McLaud) Halstead. He passed from this life in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on April 9, 2023 at the age of 71 years, 8 months, and 19 days. Robert was raised & educated in Iowa and was a graduate of Iowa State College. He joined the United States Marine Corp in 1970, served in Indochina, Korea, & Vietnam. He was discharged in 1975 & then joined the United States Army, serving until 1978. His final tour of duty was in the Army National Guard of Iowa where he served until 1986. Following his military career, he worked in Washington D.C. in the State Department. He eventually moved to Oklahoma City, worked as a machinist for Dayton Tire Company until his retirement. He married Patricia A. (Mead) Treadway on December 14, 1994 & they made their home in Oklahoma City. Robert had graduated from Southern Nazarene University & was very active in the American Legion, Oklahoma City Post # 213 & Bethany-Warr Acres Post #12. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his Wife: Pat Treadway; Children: Mike Treadway – Scott – Johnny – Tammy - & Kenny Ponder; & a Great Grandson: Gavin Ponder.

His remaining family includes his Son: Jimmy Ponder & wife Betty of Oilton; 17 Grandchildren – Numerous Great Grandchildren; & SEVERAL other relatives - & friends.

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Vurn Lucille Howard

Graveside funeral rites for Olive resident, Lucille Howard, were held 10:00 a.m. Saturday, February 18 th in the First Mission Cemetery with Rev. George Marty Brock, III of the Olive First Baptist Church officiating.

Lucille was born at Wilson, Oklahoma on March 29, 1937 to the late James Canada Tarwater & Minnie Isabell (Holt) Tarwater. She passed from this life at her home in Olive on February 15, 2023 at the age of 85 years, 10 months, & 17 days. Lucille was raised and educated in Wilson & Henrietta. She married Bruce Howard on March 8, 1953 & they made their home in Jenks. In 1963 they moved to the farm at Olive. Lucille had worked for Central Vo-Tech as a custodian until her retirement. She loved spending time with her family, grandkids, & friends. She also enjoyed cooking and working on the farm raising cattle & horses. Her favorite pastime was drinking coffee each morning on the front porch with Bruce. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband: Bruce in 2022; a son: Bruce David Howard in 2006; and 8 brothers & sisters.

She leaves behind 3 Children: Judy & John Ellis of Mannford – Tim & Pam Howard of Drumright – Charlotte & Corey Jones of Mannford; Grandchildren: Lindsey – Kelsi – Nate – Skylar – Hunter – Ryan – Zach – Colby - & Bailey; Great Grandchildren: Langston – & Paisley. Also numerous Nieces – Nephews – Cousins – other relatives and friends.

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Obituaries

Gregory Alan Roberts

Gregory Alan Roberts, resident of Drumright, passed from this life on March 27, 2023 at the age of 52 years, 8 months, and 18 days.

Greg was born in Drumright, Oklahoma on July 9, 1970 to Harley Leroy Roberts & Sandra Lee (Hutchinson) Roberts. Greg was raised & educated in Drumright and was a graduate of Drumright High School. He had worked in the grocery business but his main passion was firefighting. He joined the Drumright Fire Department and retired as Assistant Chief. He was very active in the community throughout his lifetime. He married Julie Ann Fowler on April 24, 2010 & they made their home in Drumright. At the time of his death, he was working as an electrician for Contango. Greg enjoyed lake life, camping, running, reading, & most every outdoor activity. Most of all, he enjoyed spending time with his family. He was preceded in death by his Father: Harley Roberts; Stepfather: David Perry; & Father-in-Law: Bill Fowler.

His remaining family includes his Wife: Julie Roberts of the home; Children: Jami Hollabaugh & Husband Brandon of Cushing – Ethan Roberts of Cushing – Tyler Roberts of Drumright; Mother: Sandra Perry of Cookson; Sisters: Lisa Burton & Sandra Epperly of Cookson – Mary & John Tate of Arkansas; Mother-in-Law: Pat Fowler of Drumright; his Dog: Oakley Roberts of the home; and Special Friends: Jamey & Elizabeth Martin – Brett & Allyson Lunsford – David & Sommer Scott – Jeremy & Emily Snow – Andy & Jennifer Arnold – Rod & Jamie Pettit; plus SEVERAL Nieces – Nephews – Cousins – other relatives & friends

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