

THE DRUMRIGHT MUSEUM GUSHER

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UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE OIL PATCH



July 6th

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Drumright Museum Lawn

Oklahoma Freewheel

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for more information

Community Cleanup

Now - Oil Patch



DOWN AT THE DEPOT

Oil Patch Kids

There are marvelous collections of all kinds of things down at the depot. This past week, I came across a collection of old photographs from the 1920s and 1930s.

These pictures are mostly of children....happy, smiling, oil patch kids, growing up on oil leases, running around in the dirt, living carefree lives. These photos were taken by Lee T. Dunn. He was an early day photographer in the Drumright area. But primarily, he was a pumper for the Prairie Oil Company and later the Sinclair Oil Company from the early 1920s through the 1940s.

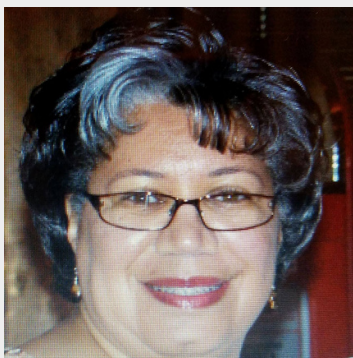
We believe his family came from Caney, Kansas to the Indian Territory before Oklahoma statehood in 1907. Around 1912, his older sister's family moved

to the Drumright area. His sister was Jessie Dunn and she was married to Freeman Shaw. Jessie and Freeman had two children, Abby Ann and Glenn Curtis Shaw. Abby Ann married Fildy Tarr from Cushing in 1920. Glenn married Bertha Billings in 1924 in Cushing.

Lee T. Dunn was a family man. Lee's family consisted of his wife, Albie, and their five children, Harvey, Jimmy, twin girls – June and Joan, and the baby, Ruby. He enjoyed capturing candid shots of his wife and children doing ordinary everyday things. It is Ruby Dunn Hood that gifted this collection of family photos to our museum.

It was a hard life living on an oil lease, south of Drumright. But the Dunn family made the best of it. They played together and

took joy in just being with each other. You can see from these photos that Lee Dunn enjoyed his family immensely. Since a picture is worth a thousand words, I'll let the pictures tell the story.



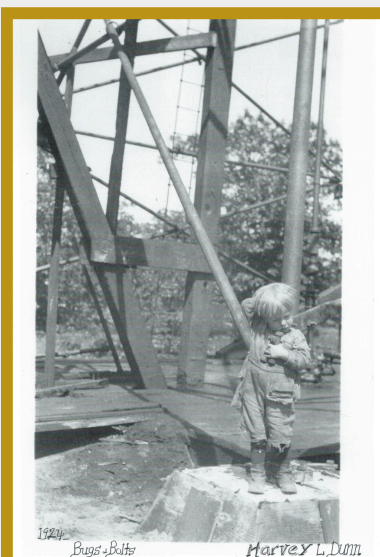
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Oil Patch kids

Joan-June-Jimmy-Harvey Dunn

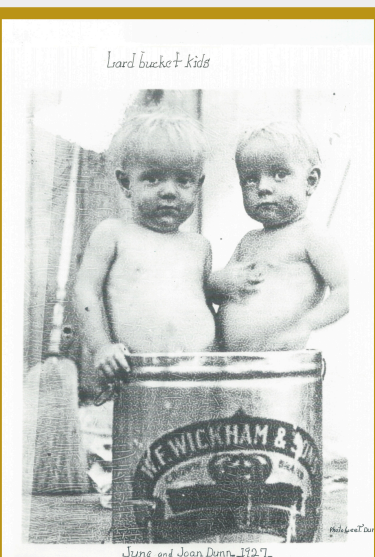
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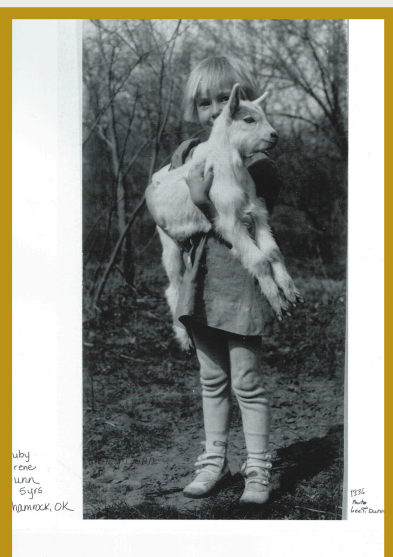
Bugs & Bette

Harvey L. Dunn



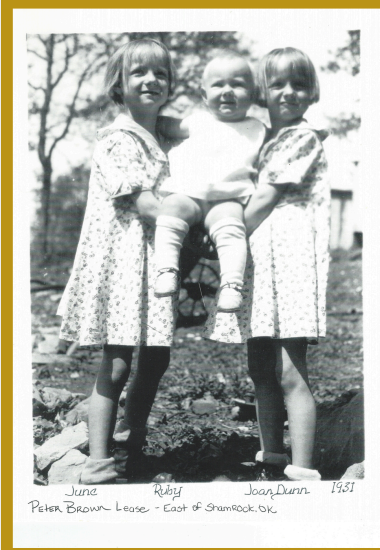
Hard bucket kids

June and Joan Dunn 1927



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1925
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June Ruby Joan Dunn 1931
Peter Brown Lease - East of Shamrock, OK



Oil Patch house and children wagon 1920

Harvey L. Dunn



Harvey Lee Dunn 1925
Peter Brown Lease

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE OIL PATCH

Oklahoma Freewheel will be here June 5th and leave out on June 6th. New Dynasty will be playing in Whitlock Park June 6th starting at 7pm.



If a vendor would like to set up, please contact Angela Titus 918-352-8013.

Booth fee is \$20 w/o electric & \$25 with electric.

Vendors will be set up from 10 am to ?

Loco Lemon, Tidewater, and 918 Munchies Shaved Ice will be in the park.

Come enjoy the festivities with the Oklahoma Freewheel cyclists.

Community Cleanup

Let's keep Broadway clean and the flower beds taken care of!

The Chamber would like to thank The following: Roger Hinshaw Stetson Rogers Renee Garner Abby Thompson Becky Shidler Sara Ferguson Layce Barnett Adrian Dennis Kerry Brock Drumright Nursing Home Drumright Garden Club ElCatrin SpiritHeads And all others who have taken care of a flower bed, donated money, donated flowers and more. We sure appreciate each and every one of you. If I have forgotten someone I so apologize.

By: Angela Titus

Obituaries

Karen Babcock

Karen Dale (Hunter) Babcock went home to be with the Lord on May 15, 2024. Karen was born in Rush Springs, Oklahoma on August 29, 1939 to Dale & Laverne (Irwin) Hunter. She led a big, boisterous life as a mom, wife, friend, career woman and Okie for life. Karen graduated from Drumright High School with lifelong friends and an enduring love of women's basketball and a passion for living life to the fullest. In spite of living life to the fullest. In spite of living and working in Dallas and Washington DC for her government job, Karen always returned to her home and her friends in Oklahoma. Karen had three children: Dawni Lenz, Clayton Rainey & Margaret Hinds, as well as her daughter from another mother, Robin Stinebaugh. Karen was a fierce protector and defender of her family. She always showed up for her children. It mattered to them every time. She instilled strength, courage & perseverance in each one of them. All thee of these traits of which they in turn passed on to her grandchildren: Whitney Jones, Kelli Kolich, Luke Worthan, Katie Hinds and her five great-grandchildren. We will miss her every day. her legacy lives on in our faces and hearts. In our children and grandchildren. Rest easy mom. You are loved.

Cremation and funeral arrangements were entrusted to the care of Michael's Funeral Home of Drumright.

Obituaries

Richard Wayne Dorsey

A memorial service for Drumright resident, Rick Dorsey, was held 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 22nd in the Drumright Frist Baptist Church with Rev. Monty McGee officiating. Cremation & funeral arrangements were entrusted to the care of Michael's Funeral Home of Drumright.

Rick was born in Cushing, Oklahoma on October 25, 1959 to William Clyde Dorsey & Virginia Lee (Redden) Dorsey. He passed from this life suddenly in the Drumright Regional Hospital on May 16, 2024 at the age of 64 years, 6 months, & 21 days. Rick was raised & educated in Drumright & was a 1977 graduate of Drumright High School. He had worked at Mercury Marine in Stillwater, then in the oil fields for A.B. Still Well Service & later retired from Keystone Gas. He had lived all of his life in this area. He was preceded in death by his Father: Clyde Dorsey in 2014.

His remaining family includes a SON: Nick Dorsey of Mannford; his MOTHER: Virginia Dorsey of Drumright; BROTHER: Chuck Dorsey & wife Elizabeth of Drumright; SISTER: Cheryl Fulkerson & husband Greg of Drumright; Niece & Nephews: Megan - Chad - & Levi; GREAT Nieces & Nephews: Landon - Blaire - Sophia - & Axl; Uncles & Aunts: Virgil & Jan Redden of California - Janetta & Michael Hynous of Kentucky; Special Friends: Taylor & Sabrina Brumbly & Jack Zoemyer; plus SEVERAL cousins - other relatives - and friends.



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