

THE DRUMRIGHT MUSEUM GUSHER

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UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE OIL PATCH

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**HAPPY
new
YEAR**

URGENT APPEAL FROM THE DRUMRIGHT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

We interrupt our regularly scheduled article, **DOWN AT THE DEPOT**, on behalf of our cherished museum. For more than 50 years, the museum has played a vital role in preserving the rich history of our oilfield and the surrounding communities.

Since its opening in July of 1967, the museum has been a self-sustaining entity, relying on numerous volunteers, members, sponsors, and donors. It's a place where the history of our community and the surrounding oilfield communities can be found.

Over the past few years, the museum has faced unprecedented challenges, and we are at a critical juncture. Despite our best efforts, sponsorships and

and memberships have dwindled, and the financial strain on the museum has reached a point where we are struggling to meet our operational costs. Utilities alone have doubled in the last four years, putting an additional burden on our limited resources.

Without the generous support of businesses and individuals like yourself, we are faced with the heartbreaking prospect of liquidating the museum artifacts. This not only threatens the existence of the Drumright Museum but also erases a significant part of our shared history and heritage.

The Drumright Museum stands as a testament to the hard work, determination, and

innovation of our community throughout the years. It is a place where generations can come together to learn, appreciate, and celebrate the milestones that have shaped Drumright. Losing this treasure would mean losing a piece of our identity and a source of pride for our town.

In response to the difficulties exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, the museum board is actively seeking ways to increase visibility and attract more visitors. Despite the setbacks, we are not sitting idly back. Instead, we are proactively planning a series of exciting fundraisers for 2024.

These events include a thrilling 1980s Prom Murder Mystery in March, the annual Alumni Pancake Breakfast at the Masonic Lodge in May, a grand Oilman & Roughneck Gala in September, and a raffle in October for a chance to win tickets for a hunting trip for two. We believe these events will not only generate much-needed revenue but also bring our community together in support of this treasured institution.

We understand that these are challenging times for everyone, but we believe that together, we can overcome this hurdle and ensure the preservation of our history.

We are seeking support

through sponsorships, memberships, and donations to help us meet our immediate financial needs and sustain the museum for future generations.

Here are a few ways you can contribute:

1. Sponsorship: Consider becoming a corporate sponsor of the Drumright Museum. Your business will be prominently featured, and you'll be recognized as a crucial supporter of our community's history. As a small way to show our appreciation, corporate sponsors giving \$500 or more annually receive an engraved brick laid next to the museum walkway. Beginning this year, each of our corporate sponsors will be featured in one or more of our monthly newsletters. The history of these businesses will be an added bonus to our museum collections.

2. Membership: Become a museum member and encourage others in your network to do the same. Memberships provide essential recurring support that helps cover our ongoing operational costs. A current list of members will be added to the Museum Gusher newsletter beginning in February.

3. Donations: Any contribution, no matter the size, will make a significant impact. Your generosity will directly contribute to the preservation

of our historical artifacts and the legacy of Drumright.

4. Monthly Pledge: Whether it's \$5.00 or \$50.00, a monthly pledge will assist the museum in a consistent manner. The names of monthly individual or corporate sponsors will also be added to the monthly Museum Gusher newsletter.

Online access to these options can be found on our website at www.drumrighthistoricalsociety.org or you may contact the museum during regular business hours.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss how you can contribute further, please feel free to reach out to any of our board members. Your support is not only an investment in the museum but also an investment in the future of our community.

Together, we can ensure that the Drumright Community Historical Museum continues to stand for generations to come.

Most Respectfully,
The Drumright Community
Historical Society Board
Officers:
President: Myrna Sellers
Vice-President: Patti Pouncil
Secretary: Lela Willey
Treasurer: Deborah Wilson
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Angie Bengston
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Shivonne Gregory

REVIEW OF NET INCOME

	Jan-Nov 2023	Jan-Nov 2022	Jan-Nov 2021	Jan-Nov 2020	Jan-Nov 2019
Total Income	\$ 17,719.64	\$ 25,884.56	\$ 28,932.85	\$ 15,015.93	\$ 22,038.19
Less: Expenses	\$ (27,581.01)	\$ (31,723.08)	\$ (17,626.72)	\$ (15,898.32)	\$ (17,808.39)
Less: Grants	\$ (973.76)	\$ (5,631.80)	\$ (10,400.00)	\$ (15.37)	
Net Income	\$ (8,887.58)	\$ (11,470.32)	\$ 906.13	\$ (897.76)	\$ 4,229.80
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Utilities	\$ 9,496.36	\$ 8,795.65	\$ 4,863.94	\$ 4,296.18	\$ 4,911.75
Wages	\$ 8,876.19	\$ 8,162.56	\$ 6,326.43	\$ 1,485.00	\$ 3,201.66
Events	\$ 2,214.00	\$ 2,295.00	\$ 1,983.00	\$ 1,260.00	\$ 5,759.00
	Pancake/Bingo	Pancake	Popcorn/Pancake	Tupperware	Rifle Raffle
Event Expense					\$ (2,052.85)

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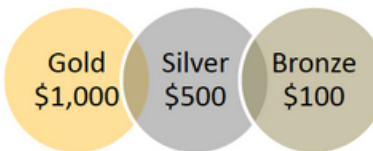
JAMBOREE JOG

We're bringing back the Jamboree Jog!

On October 5, 2024, in conjunction with the 52nd Annual Oilpatch Jamboree, we're bringing the Jamboree Jog 5K back to Drumright! The Jamboree Jog was loved by many area athletes. From the tough start at Tiger Hill to the fast finish by the old Drumright High School, the Jamboree Jog is fun for everyone.

Bringing back the Jog will take community effort and sponsorship. We would ask that you consider a contribution to this effort. The levels of sponsorship start at \$100 up to \$1000, with recognition of sponsors' names placed on the t-shirts for each registrant, along with recognition of all at the awards presentation at the conclusion of the race.

Sponsorship Levels



Please ensure your donation is received by July 31, 2024, to ensure that your logo or name is on the t-shirt.

On behalf of the Jamboree Jog committee, we thank you in advance for your contribution and support of this event. Please make checks out to Drumright Chamber of Commerce with memo line Jamboree Jog.

Mail or deliver to:

Drumright Chamber of Commerce
Attn: Jamboree Jog
PO Box 828
Drumright, OK 74030

Thank you,

Jamboree Jog Committee

TORNADO ALLEY SPORTS

1976 Tornado Football:

The 1975 Drumright tornadoes didn't have a good year. They made it to the playoffs, but lost in the first round to Pawnee, 39-0. After a disappointing 3-8 season, Drumright went on a search to find a new head coach.

Frank Kennon, who had won a state title at Shawnee, and had coached at Tuttle and Oilton among other places, took the job.

Kennon had 16 seniors on the team. He was very strict and if you goofed up, he might tell you to run until he got tired!

The first scrimmages were at Purcell with Purcell, Marietta and Maysville. All of them were very good teams, especially Purcell.

The school chartered a bus and it really looked like we would do well that season. The seniors were Alan Sissom, Wayne Wright, Mike Boyer, Ronnie Bruce, Mark Kelly, Rex McPhail, Billy Anderson, Tim White, Brad Cook, Doug Vice, Steve Strasburg, Gerry Lyons, Ricky Dorsey, Mike Matherly, Ronald Inlow and David Vice.

The first two games the Tornadoes had no problem beating Kiefer 28-0 and Yale 44-6. By game three, the Tornadoes faced Berryhill, a team they had never defeated. Despite having almost as many penalties than points, this very physical Tornado team beat Berryhill 16-7.

Next up was Prague who was ranked number one in Class A. Prague was said to have 11 talented guys on defense, the same on offense and their kick off team. That's 33 good players! They were very solid and the Tornadoes lost 14-0.

The next game was against the Oilton Panthers, who were ranked number six in Class B. The past two years, the Tornadoes fell to Oilton and by the third quarter, it looked like it would happen again. We trailed 12-0 when fullback, Allen Sissom started running over everybody. This gave the defense a boost and they got tougher. By the end of the game, the Tornadoes needed to make a big goal line stand and held the Panthers on four plays. Tornado nose guard, Gerry Lyons made the last play at the 1 yard line. It was a hard fought game with Sissom and Oilton's Frank Casey both coming away with tons of yards.

Oilton may have been our rivals, but we hated Pawnee more and they hated us. The local gossip mill said that some local dads would buy their sons a truck if they beat Pawnee! After two humiliating losses the previous years, Drumright finally prevailed and won 26-14!

Tim White had 27 tackles, Ronnie Bruce had a 65 yard touchdown, Rex Mcpail blocked a punt for a touchdown and we had them 20-0 after the first quarter even after we had a touchdown and a 2 point conversion called back. One fan even brought binoculars to watch the extracurricular activity going on in the piles.

Next, we beat Chandler on homecoming night 28-0 with Billy Anderson blocking a punt for a touchdown.

After that we had district games and first up was Mannford. They seemed to know everything we would do. With just over four minutes left in the game, Drumright trailed 7-6, when Allen Sissom scored from 45 yards out and then we took the lead at 12-7. Tornadoes defensive back Mark Kelly, then intercepted a Mannford pass and returned it 14 yards for a touchdown, making the final score 20-7, Drumright!

Next up was the Beggs Demons, who had won state the year before. Three of them played major college football; Rodney Tate played for the Texas Longhorns, Bobby Grayson went to OU and Ivan Dokes to OSU. They were three of the fastest players in the state. Beggs also had Bobby Irvin on the defensive line and he was lethal. The game was played on a muddy field with several Tornado injuries. At the end of a 40 yard run, Sissom injured his ankle and was out for the season. Steve Strasburg went down with an injured knee and was also out for the season. Strasburg's back up, Robert Williamson went down on his knee, and was also out for the season. The outcome was a 28-6 Tornado defeat.

The next game was against Kellyville, who was in their first year of football. It was no contest and the tornadoes won 35-6.

The last meeting of the season found Drumright up against Pawnee, yet again. Even though Sissom was out, Mike Boyer and Ronnie Bruce probably both had close to 1000 yards.

A controversial play happened late in the first quarter when Ronnie Bruce hammered Randy Greene with a great block and Wayne Wright scored from 15 yards out, which was called back by a clip. There's a picture of it in the 1977 yearbook and it wasn't a clip. Bruce later scored from 55 yards out. Later in the game, down 22-14, Tim White hit one of Pawnee's running backs and he fumbled with 1:37 left. With time running out, Mike Boyer scored from 86 yards out to make it 22-20. Unfortunately, the Tornadoes didn't get the two point conversion, ending the season on a sad note.

Cushing radio broadcaster, Tony Bradley recapped the season. After the broadcast, it finally hit me that it was over, and I cried. I grew up with the Tornado football team, actually fought some of them and while it was a great season, it was a sad way to see it end.

However, Tim White and Allen Sissom both received good press from the Tulsa World and our 1976 offensive line was one of the best in Class A. Others who played a lot in 1976 were Wade Lemmons, David Rickner, Mike Blevins, Derek, Ponder, and Chuck Compton. They finished 8-3, but I have no doubt if they hadn't had the injuries we could've had a rematch with Beggs in the third round. We were rated 6th in State Class A and our defense was feared by a lot of teams.

It's ironic how much the 2023 team has in common with their 1976 predecessors. From early season triumphs to late in the season injuries, both teams showed incredible growth and brought together hometown and alumni fans for history making seasons.

By Robert Marshall

ALL STATE FOOTBALL 2023

Bryson Kelley:

Since 1997, only two Drumright High School football players have earned the coveted title of All-State player. Let's give a warm welcome to Bryson Kelley, joining the prestigious ranks alongside the extraordinary Billy Don Overstreet in '97. Here's to the historic addition of Bryson Kelley in 2023!

By Penny Gooch



Photo courtesy of Penny Gooch.

UPCOMING EVENTS

You are cordially invited to attend the
Drumright Area Chamber of Commerce
Annual Banquet & Silent Auction



TideWater Winery
Thursday, January 25th, 2024

Banquet begins at 6:30 PM

Dinner catered by
Joseph's Fine Foods

Name: _____

Single Tickets _____ x \$30 per ticket
Table (8 tickets) _____ x \$200 per table

Phone: _____

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

Return this portion with your payment by **January 19th, 2024** to:
Drumright Area Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 828 Drumright, OK 74030

(918)352-8013
drumrightchamber@gmail.com

Obituaries

Brett Allen Cobble

A Memorial service for Drumright resident, Brett Cobble, will be held 1:00 p.m. Friday, January 5th in the Oak Grove Baptist Church with Rev. George "Marty" Brock, III of the Olive First Baptist Church officiating. Interment of his cremains will follow in Euchee Valley Memorial Park near Cushing. Cremation & memorial service arrangements were entrusted to the care of Michael's Funeral Home of Drumright.

Brett was born in Cushing, Oklahoma on October 28, 1961 to Alvin Wayne Cobble & Cleta Marie (Brown) Cobble. He passed from this life suddenly at his residence on December 26, 2023 at the age of 62 years, 1 month, & 28 days. Brett was raised & educated in Drumright & except for a few years living in Perkins, he has spent the majority of his life in the Drumright area, working as a welder in the oil fields. He enjoyed raising & riding horses, tending to his animals, riding motorcycles, & collecting antiques & firearms. Most recently, he took up making & restoring knives. He was preceded in death by his Father: Alvin Cobble in 2009; and a Brother: Terry Cobble in 2015.

His remaining family includes 2 Children: Ryan Cobble & wife Tuskannie of Cushing – Jaye Dee Cobble of Oilton; Grandchildren: Karsyn – Reggie - & Nova; his Mother: Cleta Cobble of Drumright; Sister: Myrna Sellers & husband Rick of Drumright; plus SEVERAL Nieces – Nephews – Cousins - other relatives - friends.



Obituaries

Elizabeth Kay “Liz” Humphrey

Funeral services for Drumright resident, Liz Humphrey, were held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, December 20th in the Drumright First United Methodist Church with Rev. Russell Hughes of the Fairfax First Christian Church officiating, assisted by Rev. Michael Brannon of the Methodist Church. Burial of her cremains followed in the Drumright North Cemetery. Funeral & cremation services were entrusted to the care of Michael's Funeral Home of Drumright.

Liz was born in Topeka, Kansas on May 1, 1952 to the late Eugene Howard Garrett & Jacqueline Amner (Stark) Garrett. She passed from this life at her home on December 16, 2023 at the age of 71 years, 7 months, & 15 days. Although Liz was born in Kansas, her family moved to Drumright right after she was born so she always considered herself a native Drumrighter. She was raised & educated here and was a 1970 graduate of Drumright High School. She married Ronald Henderson Humphrey on June 30, 1973 and they raised a family of three children. Liz had worked as the Registrar for Central Technology Centers Drumright Campus until her retirement. She enjoyed playing several sports including tennis & golf & for many years during the summer, she was in charge of the Drumright Community Pool at Whitlock Park. She loved spending time with her family, grandkids, & friends. She was preceded in death by her Parents: Gene & Jackie Garrett; former Husband; Ron Humphrey in 2019; 3 Brothers-In-Law: Ray Lunsford - Robert Lambert - & Bill Jones; & a Nephew: David Lambert.

Her remaining family includes 3 CHILDREN: ChrisAnne Cunningham of Drumright - Shelby Humphrey wife Alison of Pauls Valley - Summer Morris & husband Scott of Stillwater; GRANDCHILDREN: Cherykee - Kayla - Connor - Hali - Bryce - Brennan - & Avery; 2 SISTERS: Barbara Lambert of Percell - Claudia Jones of Drumright; Nieces & Nephews: Tara & Jamie Osterhout - Tracy Boudreau - Brett & Allison Lunsford; Great Nieces & Nephews: Courtney - Alex - Sidney - Parker - Riley - Jordan - & Boston; plus SEVERAL Cousins - Special Friends - & other relatives.



Obituaries

Joyce Faye Spencer

Funeral services for Olive resident, Joyce Spencer, were held 11:00 a.m. Friday, December 15th in the Olive First Baptist Church with Rev. George "Marty" Brock, III officiating. Interment followed in Euchee Valley Memorial Park near Cushing, Oklahoma. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the care of Michael's Funeral Home of Drumright.

Joyce was born in Maysville, Oklahoma on July 15, 1936 to the late Wiley R. Augusta Donaho & Lena May (Butler) Donaho. She passed from this life in Glenpool, Oklahoma on December 12, 2023 at the age of 87 years, 4 months, & 27 days. Joyce was raised & educated in Talala, Oklahoma. She married Ralph Loren Spencer in Tulsa on January 14, 1956 and they made their home in the Olive area since 1958. Joyce had driven a school bus for the Olive Public Schools for many years until her retirement. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband in 1995; 3 Brothers: Kenneth Donaho - Truman Donaho - Ray Donaho; 2 SISTERS: Ocey Pack & Lorene Stratton.

Her remaining family includes 2 SONS: Justin Spencer & wife Stacy - Kevin Spencer, all of Olive; GRANDCHILDREN: Loren - Jared - Braden - Brock - & Cooper; GREAT Grandchildren: Zoie & Krew; plus SEVERAL Nieces - Nephews - Cousins - other relatives - & friends.



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