

THE DRUMRIGHT MUSEUM GUSHER

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UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE OIL PATCH



September 7th

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Drumright Museum Lawn

Estate Sales

Cruising The Hills

Masked Singing Contest

Spaghetti Dinner

The Broadway Project

Oil Patch Jamboree



DOWN AT THE DEPOT

Drumright's Own Munchkin

Way back in 1965, Mrs. Emma E. Akin and Mrs. H.F. Facker presented the idea of establishing a permanent organization to preserve and present the unique history of Drumright. That was the birth of the Drumright Historical Society. Over the next two years, they obtained the vacant old Santa Fe Depot to be used as the last week of August 1939, "The Wizard of Oz" premiered. This eternally popular American movie starred Judy Garland as Dorothy, a Kansas farm girl, whose home was taken to the sky by a tornado, only to come down and land on top of a Wicked Witch. Dorothy emerges into a marvelous land ruled by a benevolent wizard and populated by Munchkins and menacing flying monkeys. This is where the story of Fern

Formica, the actress, begins. Fern was actually Jeannette Fern McDill, from Drumright, Oklahoma. Fern was a Munchkin, and down at the depot, we have the photos to prove it!

Fern was born January 17, 1925, in Drumright, to Harry and Flora Belle McDill. Times were hard and the family left Oklahoma during the 1930s, moving to California. She entered the movie industry as a child actress. Fern was a little person, and with her curly blonde hair, she doubled for Shirley Temple in the movie, "Bright Eyes." In 1938, Fern appeared in "The Terror of Tiny Town" as Diamond Dolly, a saloon girl.

Then in 1939, a casting call went out from MGM to find 124 little people to take the roles of Munchkins in a

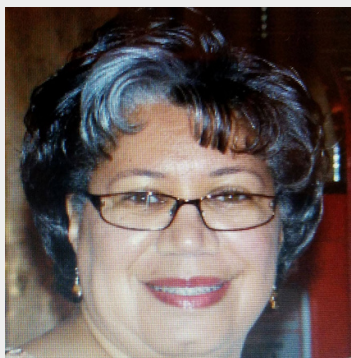
new movie, "The Wizard of Oz." Fern was barely a teenager, but she was cast in two roles, a villager, and a sleepyhead. The villager role is noteworthy because Fern is one of the very first Munchkins to appear from the bushes to greet Dorothy. As a villager, she is dressed in a "Mother Hubbard" looking outfit, with a single flower affixed to the top of her bonnet.

In later years, the little people in this movie were known to comment about the pay they received during the three months of filming. Each little person received \$50 per day, while the dog cast as Toto, received \$100 per day.

Fern went on to appear in Las Vegas as a singer and dancer. She also appeared in other movies and shows. Later in life, she married a Sicilian man named Mike Formica, and they adopted a son. By the age of 50, Fern had grown to 4 feet 6 inches. After retiring from show business, Fern attended an art college in England, learning how to do ceramics. She returned home to California and in 1977, opened a ceramics studio. Her unique ceramic items were Munchkins, painted to look like those characters from the movie. Fern passed away just one week after her 70th birthday. She died of heart and lung failure on January 23, 1995.

At the Drumright Historical

Museum, we have a fantastic display of photos as a tribute to our hometown star, Fern Formica. And how much more fitting is it that we honor Fern Formica exactly 85 years after the premier of her most memorable movie role as a Munchkin in "The Wizard of Oz. Wouldn't it be fun to have a Fern Formica Film Festival this fall? Let's talk about it!



Patti Pouncil



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEMBERSHIP



103 East Broadway, PO Box 828
Drumright, OK 74030

2024 Membership Information Sheet

Business Name:

Business Type:

Name of Contact Person:

Contact's Phone Number:

Mailing Address:

Business Phone:

Email Address:

Number of Employees:

What format would you prefer for communication? (Please circle one and include information)

Phone Call _____ Text _____ Email _____

What would you like to see the Chamber do for you?



Suggestions?

Circle the committees you might like to serve on:

Chamber Banquet

Spring Events

Summer Events

Oilpatch Jamboree Jog

Oilpatch Jamboree Parade

Oilpatch Jamboree

Christmas Parade

Christmas Bazaar

918-352-8013

DrumrightChamber@gmail.com

OIL PATCH PARADE FORM

The Drumright Chamber of Commerce will be celebrating the 52nd Annual [Oilpatch](#) Jamboree on Saturday, October 5, 2024. The Oilpatch Jamboree Committee hopes that this will be another fun filled day that joins the community together in celebrating the city of Drumright. We are hoping for a large parade and would like for you to participate!

The parade will start at 11:00 a.m. and is approximately one mile long. We are looking for group and individual entries. Motorcycles, car or truck clubs, civic & school groups, and individuals are accepted. Marching bands, clowns, floats, roundup clubs, horse & wagons, and sports teams would also be great entries! Line up begins at 10:30 a.m.

To assist us in creating a more organized event, please complete and return this form by October 2, 2024. We look forward to working together to make this celebration a success. Thank you for supporting our community. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Angela Titus @ 918-352-8013

Please print or type.

RETURN THIS FORM BY October 2, 2024

PARADE REGISTRATION FORM

Name of Parade Entry: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____ Cell: _____

E-mail Address: _____

FIRE TRUCK WALKING FLOAT OILFIELD ANIMAL
SHOW CAR SHOW TRUCK TRACTOR OTHER MOTORIZED

SIGNATURE

Please complete and return To: Drumright Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 828, Drumright, OK 74030

Phone 918-352-8013
DrumrightChamber@gmail.com

We are taking nominations for Mr & Mrs Oilpatch, Parade Marshall. Please watch the Drumright Chamber of Commerce Facebook page for all nominations coming up.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE OIL PATCH



DRUMRIGHT FOOD COURT

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Drumright Project Profits Benefit:



SPAGHETTI DINNER



Drumright Masonic Lodge #468
Fundraiser
in support of
Fire Chief Wade Guyer
Memorial Foundation
and
Drumright Fire Department



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2024
5:00 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M.
DRUMRIGHT MASONIC LODGE #468
212 N OHIO \$7.00 PER PLATE

Fire Chief Wade Guyer Memorial Foundation is a non-profit formed after the sudden passing of our beloved Fire Chief in October, 2015. Funds are used for the betterment of the residents of Drumright and the Fire community.

In This Community, We Fight Together!






DRUMRIGHT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BRINGS YOU
THE 1ST EVER

MASKED SINGING CONTEST




SEPTEMBER 21, 2024
7PM @ THE CRUISING THE HILLS CAR SHOW
DRUMRIGHT, OK @ RCB PARKING LOT

FILL OUT FORM BELOW AND SEND TO
DRUMRIGHTCHAMBER@GMAIL.COM
OR
PO BOX 828 DRUMRIGHT, OK 74030
\$25 ENTRY FEE
\$100 CONTEST WINNER

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
PHONE # _____
EMAIL ADDRESS: _____






CONTACT ANGELA TITUS
918-352-8013

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September 4-7 Okemah
October 2-5 Yale
November 5-9 Drumright
December 4-7 Oilton


DRUMRIGHT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
 2ND ANNUAL
CRUISING THE HILLS

\$25 Registration \$DrumrightCC
Drumright, OK
 121 W Broadway
4:00 PM TO 8:00 PM
 Registration \$DrumrightCC

Car, Bike,
 Contact info: 918-352-8013 or
 Drumrightchamber@gmail.com
Boat Show &
Cruise
 Peoples Choice 2023
SEPTEMBER 21, 2024
CRUISE VENDORS
CAR SHOW
FOOD TRUCKS

Categories


Best Boat Award

Best Bike Award


Car Categories are
Classic & Modern

Peoples Choice

\$25 Registration Fee
Cashapp to \$DrumrightCC
 Send Check, made to Drumright Chamber of Commerce
 P.O. Box 828
 Drumright, OK 74030
Cash and Credit Card


 The Drumright Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the 2nd Annual Cruising The Hills Cruise & Car Show. The Cruise Committee hopes that this will be another fun-filled day that joins the community together in celebrating the city of Drumright. We are hoping for a large turnout and would like you to participate!
 The Cruise will start at 4:00 p.m. and end at 8:00 p.m. We are looking for groups and individual entries. Motorcycles, cars, or truck clubs are accepted. Even some Big Rigs will be accepted.
 To assist us in creating a more organized event, please complete and return this form by September 10, 2024. We look forward to working together to make this celebration a success. Thank you for supporting our community. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Angela Titus @ 918-352-8013. Please make checks out to Drumright Chamber of Commerce or use our Cashapp account at \$Drumrightcc

Please print as type: RETURN THIS FORM BY September 19, 2024
\$25 September 21, 2024 **\$25**
 REGISTRATION FORM

Name of Entry: _____
 Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____ Cell: _____
 E-mail Address: _____
 Model _____ Make _____ Year _____

SIGNATURE _____
 Please complete and return To: Drumright Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 828, Drumright, OK 74030

Phone 918-352-8013
 DrumrightChamber@gmail.com

RUN THE PATCH


OCT. 5, 2024

5K Run starts at 9 a.m. at the corner of Broadway and Morrow in Drumright
REGISTRATION WITH SHIRT \$25
STUDENT (18+) REGISTRATION NO SHIRT \$10
STUDENT REGISTRATION WITH SHIRT \$25

- Proceeds benefit Drumright Track & Cross Country
- Awards for top 3 in each age division will be at 10 a.m. in the parking lot of the old high school
- USATF Course Certified and Sanctioned
- Packet pickup 7 a.m. day of race at start line

Register online at JamboreeJog.com
 Watch facebook.com/jamboreejog for updates!

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

The Drumright Area Chamber of Commerce recently applied for and received a "Keep Oklahoma Beautiful" paint grant. It was awarded on August 28th with a \$250 check to help cover painting supplies and refreshments for project volunteers. Angela Titus, President, received the check. The Broadway Project is the chamber's volunteer group that is working on beautifying both sides of Broadway which is our downtown corridor. The first goal for completion will be October 1, 2024. More volunteers are needed. There will be other grants available as we complete this initial project. We are making our way into a more beautiful Broadway, one project at a time.



Angela Titus receiving a check from *Keep Oklahoma Beautiful*.

Touch a Truck

The 2nd Annual Touch a Truck was a success! We would like to thank Chief Chris Reinke for his support and phone calls to get Payne Sheriff Dept, the big hit, Emwrap, Guthrie pursuit mustang, OHP, and Payne County Deputy Sloan and K-9 Caine, K-9 Mazie to our event this year. Thank you all for coming out.

We would like to thank Central VoTech Truck Driver Training Dept, Olive Fire Dept, Drumright Police Dept, Drumright Fire Dept, Continental Concrete, 918 Munchies, Creek County Mobile Command Center, Green Gables, TSET, OB Blood drive, Right Path Riding Academy, Mr Moody with his produce.

And last but not least. Thank you Drumright Historical Society Museum for letting us use your grounds for this event.

Thank you,
Drumright Chamber of Commerce



Obituaries

Brenda Sue Butler

Funeral services for Olive resident, Brenda Butler, were held 2:00 p.m. Saturday, August 3rd at the Olive First Baptist Church. Bro. Joey Johnson & Rev. George "Marty" Brock, III officiated. Interment followed in the Butler Family Cemetery on the farm. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the care of Michael's Funeral Home of Drumright, Oklahoma.

Brenda was born in Pryor, Oklahoma on June 15, 1947 to the late Leroy Cobb & Almeta Lilliane (Willis) Cobb. She passed from this life at her home in Olive on July 30, 2024 at the age of 77 years, 1 month, & 15 days. Brenda was raised and educated in Sand Springs. On New Years Eve in 1962, she met her soon to be husband on a blind date; Johnny Butler. They knew they were meant to be together and decided to get married. She was 15 & he was 17. Since she was not old enough to sign the marriage license for herself Brenda tracked down her biological father (whom she had not seen since she was 3 years old) in Broken Arrow. Although her mother had remarried, Leroy Cobb was still listed as one of her legal guardians. He accompanied them to the courthouse to sign the marriage license. They were married by the Bro. Reed, the preacher of Skyview Assembly of God Church in his home. Brenda's mother, Almeta, went to the police and tried to have Johnny arrested for kidnapping. Johnny and Brenda went to Sapulpa to the local amusement park and then they hid with friends for several days to let Brenda's mom and stepdad calm down. It took a year and the addition of a baby girl born days before their first wedding anniversary for Brenda's mom to calm down. On their 25th wedding anniversary, Brenda's mom finally admitted that "you kids just might make it."

In 1974, Johnny and Brenda bought their current home, known as "The Forty," and renovated the old farmhouse on the land. They moved their family from Keystone on January 1, 1975, into the house that became the family home. Brenda earned her cosmetology license in the late 1960s and spent the next 25 years working as a hairdresser. She had a home beauty shop for many years before becoming a certified Cosmetology Instructor and teaching cosmetology for several years. In the mid-1980s she opened her own shop, The Hair Mechanics, in Cushing. She spent many years supporting her children in their activities. She was a Girl Scout Leader, a 4-H Leader, and an FFA Supporter. During Johnny's senior year of high school, she attended all but two of his baseball and basketball games, matching the attendance record of his coaches. She loved all of her kids and grandkids. She liked to spoil the kids but was often heard saying, "Nana didn't spoil the babies; Papa spoiled them!" She was able to watch three generations of her kids' activities and was proud of each. In addition to her mother & father, she was preceded in death by a son: James Wesley Butler; her Husband: Johnny Butler; & a Sister: Sandra Butler.

She leaves behind 2 Children: Tamra Connor & husband Tim of Illinois - Johnny Butler, II & wife Hala of Alabama; a Daughter-in-law: Teresa Butler of Olive; a Son of her heart: Juanjo Urdaniz & wife Sonia of Spain; Grandchildren: Justin & Stephanie - Jessica & Coy - Kayla & Daniel - Augustus & Brittany - Shelby & Wesley - Iker - & also Alicia; Great Grandchildren: Kaidon - Coltn - Lane - Gage - Levi - Mason - Kinzley - Emerie - & Ellie; 2 Sisters-in-law: Jewel Butler of Sand Springs - Judith Hamilton & husband Jim of Sand Springs; Plus a host of nieces - nephews - cousins - other relatives & friends.



Obituaries

Ina Marie Sissom

Funeral services for former Drumright resident, Ina Sissom, were held 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 21st in the Drumright First Christian Church with pastor Jim Forrest officiating. Interment followed in the Drumright Greenlawn Cemetery. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the care of Michael's Funeral Home of Drumright.

Ina was born in Cleveland, Oklahoma on January 30, 1935 to the late Henry R. Hammack & Edith M. (Bailor) Hammack. She passed from this life in Claremore, Oklahoma on August 16, 2024 at the age of 89 years, 6 months, & 17 days. Ina was raised & educated in Cleveland, OK until the 9th grade when her family moved to Drumright. She finished her schooling in Drumright and was a 1953 graduate of Drumright High School. While in school, she met Delbert Sissom & they were married in Drumright on October 4, 1952. They raised their family in Drumright and remained together until his death in 2004. Ina pursued a career in nursing and graduated from the LPN program at Central Vo-Tech. After 8 years, she decided to go back to school to further her education. She graduated in 1988 from TJC as a Registered Nurse. Her spent her entire 20+ year nursing career at the Drumright Memorial Hospital until her retirement in 1999. She enjoyed sewing, reading, collecting Depression Glass, and spending time with her grandkids. She was preceded in death by her Father: Henry Hammack; Mother Edith Taylor; her Husband: Delbert; Son: Kevin; Son-In-Law: Curtis Jameson; & a Brother: Charles Hammack.

She leaves behind 2 Children: Nicki R. Jameson of Tulsa – Allen Sissom & a wife Julie of Durant; Daughter-In-Law: Sharon Sissom of Cushing; Grandchildren: Jana & David – Heather & David – Nicki & Michael – Brett - & also Bailey; Great Grandchildren: Megan & Codi – Jake & Arin – Emma – Sage – Lawson - Nora - & Jude; Great Great Grandchildren: Sawyer - & Jameson; a Sister: Carolyn Jordan of Bartlesville; 2 Brothers: Joe Taylor & wife Patty – Ken Taylor & wife Sandy, both of California; & last but not least her 4 legged grandchild: Beau; PLUS several Nieces, Nephews, Cousins, other relatives, & friends.



Obituaries

Leonard Perry Stiles, Jr.

L.P. Stiles Jr., resident of Drumright, passed from this life at his home on August 16, 2024 at the age of 80 years & 19 days. Visitation was held at Michael's Funeral Home in Drumright on Monday, August 19th from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and on Tuesday, August 20th from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. with the family receiving friends at the funeral home between 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. A memorial service was held 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, August 28th at the Drumright River of Life Christian Center with Pastor Kevin Vogele officiating. Cremation & service arrangements were entrusted to the care of Michael's Funeral Home of Drumright.

L.P. was born in Los Angeles, California on July 28, 1944 to the late Leonard Perry Stiles Sr. & Frances (Davis) Stiles. He was raised & educated in Highland Park, California and was a graduate of South Gate High School. He continued his education at the L.A. Trade Tech. He married Susan Steeley on June 23, 1969 & they made their home in California. They moved to Drumright in 1979 & had remained here since then. L.P. was a machinist and worked for McDonald Douglas & Webco in Tulsa for 28+ years before his retirement in 2007. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, working on cars, and loved spending time with his family and grandkids. He was a kind man & would give you the shirt off of his back if need be. He will be missed by many. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by 2 Brothers: Sam & Delbert Stiles; 1 Sister: Retta Turley; Nieces: Teresa Ann Stiles-Piper & Denise Stiles-McKeehen; & Nephew: Dennis Stiles.

He leaves behind his loving wife: Susan Stiles of the home; 3 Daughters: Cassandra Wilson & husband Clifford - Amber Tuttle - Samantha Howell & husband Mike, all of Drumright; Grandchildren: Cassidy - Callie - Satarah - Dave, Jr. - Caitlyn - Sidney - Rylee - Carlie - Addison - Gavin - Aaron - & Michealla; Great Grandchildren: Avery - Winston - Naveah - Adalynn - Audrey - Eli - Leonardo - & Eloise; Brother: John Stiles & wife LaVon of Washington State; & several Nieces, Nephews, Cousins, other relatives, & friends.



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loving
memory*

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