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Drumright Discovery Days Centennial Celebration Saturday

This year's Discovery Days at the Drumright Community Historical Museum will take on a Centennial emphasis and celebrate the rich history of the oil industry in Drumright. It is scheduled for June 9, 2012 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

It all began 100 years ago when the Wheeler #1 gushed in on March 17, 1912, and opened the Drumright-Cushing oilfield, the largest oilfield at the time.

This discovery produced a massive migration and established Drumright as a thriving boomtown.

The Wheeler #1 is still in production one-half mile north of the museum.

Wagon tours will be available to the well site during the celebration accompanied by Tom Slick

(portrayed "slickly" by Dr. Clarence Benes).

Drumright Discovery Days provides a glimpse back into the centennial past revealing the influence of the oil industry, not only on Oklahoma's past, but also its future.

Drumright's year-long Centennial Celebration began March 17, 2012 with a dedication of one of the community's newest murals giving tribute to the Wheeler #1 and a groundbreaking on the site where a 71' antique oil derrick will soon be moved, all of this within a few feet of the museum.

Over the Memorial Day weekend,

Centennial Cancellation Stamp, Quilt Show, Antique Tractors, Turtle Race, Arts, Crafts & More



DRUMRIGHT HISTORICAL MUSEUM
Saturday June 9, 10:00am - 3:00pm

Drumright turned its eyes to the sky close to where the old water tower had stood for years to watch Old Glory be raised against a beautiful blue sky.

The new 100' flag pole and enormous American flag brought tears to the eyes of many of the observers.

The Centennial Celebration will continue throughout the year incorporated into every community event.

The Centennial will be celebrated at Discovery Days with a special Postal Centennial Cancellation Postmark.

The Drumright Postmaster will be on hand to postmark any memorabilia citizens may choose.

There will be postcards of some of Drumright's landmarks and newest attractions available for purchase to use with the postmark.

The postmark includes the of-

ficial Centennial logo.

During the celebration, mural van tours will depart from the museum parking lot.

Jimmie Cook will be on board to provide the story behind the murals which grace the walls of many of the community's buildings, including the three newest murals.

Also there will be antique cars, tractors and engines, arts and crafts, including a booth which will have jewelry making for children, a quilt show, vendors of all kinds, and live music.

There will be special ribbons imprinted with the Centennial logo given for winning exhibitors. The

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Photo/Samantha Vicent

Bill Schiffmacher and his crew show off their hard work at Overbilt Trailer Co. in Drumright.

From Drumright to the Middle East

BY SAMANTHA VICENT
Staff Writer/Intern

When Drumright resident Bill Schiffmacher opened the Overbilt Trailer Co. in 1997, he could not possibly predict who he would build for in 15 years.

Fast forward to June 2012, when Schiffmacher's company is putting the finishing touches on a prototype trailer that is so large he must have a permit to drive it on any state highway.

That trailer will, pending final approval, haul an army tank for the Israeli Defense Forces.

The Israeli military built new, heavier tanks, and they do not have the equipment to haul them across Israel's roadways, so officials contacted Schiffmacher after finding his

company's website, he said.

"People from Israel called us after finding us online in May 2010," Schiffmacher said. "They asked me, 'Can you build a heavy duty trailer?' and I said, 'Yes, of course.'"

Receiving the green light to build the prototype was not easy, however. The defense force called 10-12 U.S.-based trailer companies and asked for bids. Schiffmacher also had to fly to Israel to meet Israeli's military

head and attend pre-bid meetings, he said.

"It took a while for me to fly to Israel for meetings," Schiffmacher said. "I thought I would spend a lot of money on preparing for the project and not even want to do it."

Schiffmacher credits his wife with motivating him to go after the project.

"I came home one day and told my wife about it," he said. "Without hesitation, she told me to do it. She was pivotal in making my decision."

After the pre-bid meetings, IDF personnel visited Overbilt's facility twice to meet with Schiffmacher and observe the construction process. Overbilt is one of two companies building a prototype trailer for Israel's military, he said.

"When they were here, we did a test run and put a load on



Overbilt Trailer Co. performs a test run of its prototype trailer in December 2011. Photo courtesy of Bill Schiffmacher

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Davis states his case for Creek County Sheriff

Two Republican Creek County residents John Davis and Sam McReynolds vie for the open Creek County Sheriff's position.

The election will be held on June 26 to determine which Republican will run against the other candidate, Democrat Jolen Boyd. Watch next week for McReynolds' platform.

Bristow resident, and current Creek County Sheriff's Department Captain, John Davis has formally announced his candidacy for the position of Creek County Sheriff.

He is running as a Republican and wants to continue the success that current Sheriff Steve Toliver has begun.

"Sheriff Toliver has laid an incredible foundation for the Creek County Sheriff's Department," Davis said. "I want to continue the hard work that he has done and

build upon that foundation."

Davis said he knows there are challenges ahead and feels that he is the right person to continue the professionalism, dedication, and hard work that have become the cornerstones of the department.

Davis said that he plans to be very visible during the campaign, attending as many events and meetings as possible, and urges citizens to voice their concerns to him.

"Ultimately, we are responsible to the citizens of Creek County and I plan to continue to foster that relationship between the people and the

department," he said. "I will need their votes to be elected and I will continue to need their support so that, together, we can accomplish the goals and mission of the Sheriff's Department."

Davis was born and raised in Bristow where his family has owned and operated the iconic Anchor Drive-In for over 60 years. He is a graduate of Bristow High School and attended East Central University.

Davis began his law enforcement career as a reserve officer with the Bristow Police Department, in 1991. Four months later, he was hired as a full-time police officer and completed the police academy in March, 1992. In October, 1993, Davis was hired by then Creek County Sheriff



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New DPS superintendent on 'last big adventure'

BY JENA DRAKE
Rotarian

At Friday's Drumright Rotary meeting Rotarian, Odessa Dyer introduced her guest, Robbie Dorsey. Dorsey is the new Superintendent of Drumright Public Schools. He is from Drumright and attended Drumright schools.

After graduation, he attended Kemper Military School to play football and then transferred to Oklahoma State University where he obtained his degree for his career in education, a career that has spanned over thirty years in education, and one that Dorsey has enjoyed very much along the journey.

He refers to the Superintendent position in Drumright as "the last big adventure."

Dorsey landed into the field of education by accident or, at least, that's what he originally thought. Now, he realizes, he was preparing for this career from the moment he walked the halls at Washington School as a child.

He told our club about how his teachers were a huge influence on his life and how much he enjoys kids and being an influence for them now.

He hopes to make a difference here in Drumright. Dorsey knows

Drumright has great kids and is a good place to live. He has a vision and a plan and knows that not every step will be easy, but is ready for the task at hand.

Increasing pride in the schools and in the community is on Dorsey's agenda. Making opportunities for the students to get involved, with various organizations, in Drumright, will be a



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first step towards community pride. Of course this goal has a built in opportunity for each student taking advantage of these occasions: awareness and the development of understanding about adult life after high school.

Dorsey also reminded our club to become involved in

the legislative side of Oklahoma's education system.

By staying informed about proposed bills and actively contacting the appropriate legislative entity, citizens can have a say in what happens to our local schools.

His philosophy is "keep it about the kids," by letting school be about school and fostering a love of learning attitude will enable students to meet their academic and career goals.

Our other guests included Jo Smith, Sydni Levis, and Betty Lou Brower.

Woman arrested for indecent exposure in Oilton

BY SAMANTHA VICENT
Staff Writer/Intern

OILTON - A Bartlesville woman received three felony and three misdemeanor charges May 29 following a drunken driving arrest in Oilton.

Charla Rae Arnce, 39, was arrested just after 12:30 a.m. May 13 after Oilton firefighter Jesse Baker reported seeing a four-door maroon Saturn car pull into his yard and back into a bus owned by the Central Tech Vocational Center.

Baker approached the vehicle and talked to a woman who answered in a slurred speech and asked where the highway was, he said. There were two children in the car, according to the affidavit.

Oilton officer Carlise Boundy then pulled Arnce over at the intersection of Highway 99 and 61st Street after seeing her travel left of center before approaching a stop sign.

Boundy saw a young girl and a two-year-old boy in the front seat without child restraint systems or

seat belts, she said.

Upon speaking with Arnce, Boundy smelled a strong odor of alcohol inside the car, according to the affidavit.

Arnce also had two open empty beer containers in the side floor boards and a box of beer on the passenger's side of her car.

She admitted to drinking four beers and also said she was "so small that it wouldn't take a lot for her to become really intoxicated," the affidavit says. Arnce is 5 feet tall, court records show.

After failing a sobriety test, Arnce reportedly resisted arrest and pulled her pants down in public in an attempt to urinate on Boundy. She had a BAC of .18 at the time of her arrest, Boundy said.

Arnce was booked on suspicion of felony aggravated DUI-second and subsequent, driving under suspension, transporting an open container, resisting arrest, indecent exposure and child endangerment. She remains in the Creek County Jail on bonds totaling \$44,500.

Enter antique car or tractor now

You can enter your quilt or antique car or tractor through Friday, June 8 for Discovery Days on

Saturday at the Drumright Historical Museum. Call the Museum at 918-352-3002 for more details.

OBITUARIES

Vesta A. Tinnie



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Graveside services were held June 5, 2012 at the Free Will Baptist Cemetery for lifelong Drumright resident Vesta A. Tinnie. Pastor Tim Gillespie and Pastor John Smith officiated. Arrangements were under the direction of the Don Smith Funeral Home.

Vesta was born June 2, 1921 in Olive to Levi and Emmaline Mullin.

She had been a long-time member of the Free Will Baptist Church. In addition to her parents, Vesta was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas

Jefferson Tinnie, two sons, Don Hammock and Monroe Lewis; two brothers and three sisters. Vesta Tinnie died May 31, 2012 at the age of 90 years.

Her survivors include her daughter, Charlotte Butler, Grandfalls, Texas, sons and daughters-in-law, Paul and Etha Tinnie, Cushing, John and Margaret Lewis, Dover, Delaware; Darlene Sale and husband, Ron, Joshua, Texas, daughter, Eva Parson, Drumright, one brother, Ed Mullin, Tulsa, brother-in-law, Roy Greer, Cushing, eighteen grandchildren, twenty-five great-grandchildren, thirty-five great-great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Roy Nelson Cavin

Roy Nelson Cavin, 61, of Oilton died June 4, 2012 at the Drumright Regional Hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., Friday, June 8, 2012 at the First Baptist Church in Oilton. Internment will follow at Highland Cemetery in Oilton.

Arrangements are entrusted to Palmer Marler Funeral Home of Cushing.

Roy was born on Feb. 10, 1951 in Sand Springs to the late Roy Olen Cavin, Ellen Elizabeth Bennett, and Josephine Cavin.

He was raised as a child in Sand Springs, but shortly after moved to Mannford in grade school.

His family purchased a farm and moved to Oilton, where he graduated from Oilton High School in 1969.

Roy joined the 160th unit of Army National Guard in 1971 in Bristow. He was very proud to serve his country in any way possible.

Roy began his career with Southwestern

Bell/ AT&T in November of 1971 and retired in 2007. After retiring from AT&T, he began working for Central Tech in Drumright as an assistant instructor in the automotive classes and driving the buses.

He enjoyed his time at the Tech with all of the students. Roy was serving on first term on the Oilton City Council. He liked to read and was a history buff.

Roy married the love of his life Janice Fowler on Nov. 20, 1989 in Las Vegas, Nev. Roy was a family man who loved spending time with his children and grandchildren, but most of all Roy loved spending time with his wife Janice.

Roy is survived by his wife Janice of the home, children Leah Young and husband Joey of Oilton, Kevin Cavin of Oilton, Ellen Cavin of Norman, grandchildren Madison, Kendall and Pressley Young, mother-in-law Elva Fowler of Oilton, brother and sisters in law Linda Clay of Tucson, Ariz., Ruth Boyett of Oilton, Johnny Fowler and wife Pam of Nicoma Park, cousin Cynthia Colbert and husband David of Wichita, Kan., and a host of other family and friends. Roy was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters and brother Leonard Smith.

Casey Shane Dillingham McClain

A service for Casey Shane Dillingham McClain, 23, was held June 1, 2012 at 2 p.m. at New Life Assembly of God Church in Calera, Okla, with Brother Jonathan Hooker officiating.

Casey was born Dec. 10, 1988 in Durant and passed away in Yale May 25, 2012.

Casey enjoyed fishing and camping with his dad and brother. He was very proud of his

daughter and loved her very much.

Casey is survived by his significant other Sarah Coffelt and daughter Kaydence Dillingham.

He also is survived by his mother Melonie McClain, his father David McClain, his sister Mandy Stephens and his brothers David McClain, Shelby McClain and John Arnold McClain, all of Antlers.

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it," Schiffmacher said. "The trailer is designed to haul up to 180,000 pounds. We didn't have a load that big, so we called Quapaw, a rock crushing company, to help us get a large enough load to do a test run.

The test run was completed in December 2011 and the trailer took about three months to complete."

Schiffmacher also makes routine Skype calls to Israel's military officials and gives updates on the trailer's design, construction and estimated completion date.

Overbilt is manufacturing the trailers as part of a foreign military fund, or FME, project. The U.S. government loaned Israel money, but the loan is contingent on Israel's purchase of domestic goods, Schiffmacher said.

Payments for the project will come from the government.

After the trailer is completed, it will be shipped to Israel and tested for six months. At the end of the six-month period, the defense force will decide which company's trailer to use.

If Overbilt is successful, the IDF will sign a two-to-five-year contract and order between

60-200 trailers, Schiffmacher said.

"What is unique about our trailer is the suspension design," he said. "All the parts were made in-house. Also, there are 24 tires, which are on both the inside and outside of the trailer. It is three axles and has 12 airbags. The back has a ramp, which the tank will come up on, and then we have several metal clips to hold it in place."

Transporting a 50,000 pound and 48-foot by 13-foot trailer is no simple task, but Overbilt does not have to import it alone. Israel's Ministry of Defence Mission to the United States, also known as Mission New York, will handle freight details, Schiffmacher said.

The prototype trailer is the largest project the Overbilt Trailer Co. has done so far, but if the IDF agrees to a contract, Schiffmacher's company will get a lot bigger.

"If we get the five-year contract, we will have to hire at least 20 new people to help with production and we will likely have to build another facility," Schiffmacher said. "It is amazing that Overbilt's website enabled us to attract businesses and people from all over the world. We are excited about the future here."

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Drumright Fire Department - masters of the hamburger will be cooking along with treats to enjoy from other vendors.

There will be a rare arrowhead collection displayed and a working cable tool rig, and KUSH Radio station will be on hand. For the kids, there will be a coloring contest and turtle races.

To enter your antique car, tractor, or quilt, contact the Museum at 918-352-3002 or check out the website at www.drumrighthistorical-society.org. To enter the coloring contest or turtle race, just show up.

The Drumright Discovery Days Celebration is a fun-filled day for the whole family at no cost for the tours or exhibits. The Drumright Community Historical Museum is one of the largest oilfield museum exhibits in Oklahoma.

Established in 1965 it is housed in the original Santa Fe Depot, which opened in the early 1900s. Among the numerous displays of oilfield equipment is a Frisco railcar and a 1920s caboose.

Located on the museum grounds is a cannon that was used to shoot holes in the sides of burning oil tanks to help put out the fires.

There are various other pieces of large antique oilfield equipment, including a wooden cable tool drilling rig. The museum houses two eight foot wall murals painted by five local artists.

The murals illustrate Oklahoma's history including, the arrival of the Spanish and French explorers, the Trail of Tears, the discovery of oil, and the establishment of the community.

Across the parking lot to the east of the museum is another mural that depicts several early day Drumright oilfield scenes taken from actual vintage photographs. Also on display in the museum are two bronze statues donated by the Marland Rhodes family titled, "The Buffalo Horse" by Fredric Remington and "End of the Trail" by J.E. Fraser. The museum is open Wednesday through Friday from 12 p.m.-4 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. - 5 p.m.

- Schedule of Events:**
 Antique Tractor and Classic Car Show: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
 USPS Centennial Cancellation Stamp: 10 a.m.—3 p.m.
 Mural Tours: Times to be posted
 Quilt Show: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
 Welcome and Recognition of Black Gold/Wildcatter Corporate Sponsors: 11 a.m.
 Turtle Race: noon
 Carriage Rides to Wheeler #1, Every Half Hour
 Blue Grass/Country Music: Noon - 2 p.m.
 Awards Presentation: 2:30 p.m.
 Annual Membership Meeting: 3:30 p.m.

Showers of blessings - Showers of rain

A ga s gi - Showers in Cherokee.

Our Elders have told us that when it rains the old paths are washed away and we are given a chance to create new paths. Native American people have considered water as being strong medicine that brings healing and new life.

We have prayed for rain for cleansing and renewal.

Rain allows new grass to grow which feed the animals and fills our rivers and lakes.

Our food was dependent on rain for the abundance of fish, animals and for our crops to grow.

It has been a stereotypical cliché when we do not have rain; for the non-native world to comment that we need to get the Indians to do a rain dance, referring to a sacred ritual for some Native tribes.

It is true that dance and prayer have always been part of our people's ways. The droughts could bring serious problems and rain was essential for the survival of our ancestors.

Although some may stereotype the need for rain as the responsible of the Indian; scripture tells us in the book of Ezekiel that

the Creator says, "I will make a covenant of peace with them. . . so that they may live in the wilderness and sleep in the forests in safety.

I will make them and the places surrounding them a hill of my blessing. I will send down showers in season and there will be showers of blessings . . . and no one will make them afraid."

For this promise of both rain showers and showers of blessings, both natives and non-natives may want to take on the responsibility to pray when we need rain.

I know some farmers and ranchers who would even dance if the Lord would shower them with a good needed rain.

There is nothing more abundant and refreshing than a good rain shower to a dry, parched and thirsty ground.

Even more there is nothing more abundant and refreshing than a good shower of blessings to a dry, parched and thirsty soul. Our Creator is the provider of the showers of blessings and showers of rain.

May The Sacred Fire of His Love continue to burn.

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AROUND THE SACRED FIRE

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 730 E. Cherry 225-4646
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Free Will Baptist
 108 N. A Ave., Oilton
 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
 Morning Service: 11:00 a.m.
 Wednesday Prayer: 6:30 p.m.

United Methodist
 115 N. Pennsylvania, Drumright
 Phone: 352-2150
 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
 Worship Service: 10:50 a.m.

Tri County Church of Christ
 404 E. Cherry, Cushing
 Kyle Wright, Minister
 Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.
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Cornerstone Lighthouse
 Harley & Drumright, Drumright
 Morning Worship: 10:45 a.m.
 Evening Worship: 6 p.m.

Blood Covenant Lighthouse
 Hwy 99, Oilton
 Phone: 757-4271
 Sunday School: 10:30 a.m.
 Worship Service: 6 p.m.

Mt. Calvary Baptist
 Corner of Oak & California St.
 Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
 Wednesday: 6:30 p.m.

Jubilee Worship Center
 1033 N. Little, Cushing
 225-6474 or 225-2417
 Sunday Service: 10 a.m. & 6 p.m.
 Thursday Evening: 7 p.m.

Oak Grove Baptist
 Hwy 33 & Oak Grove Rd
 352-3174 • Prayer Line: 352-4848
 Morning Service: 10:45 a.m.
 Sunday Evening 6 p.m.

Silver City Free Will Baptist
 8 miles West of Mannford
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 Morning Worship: 11 a.m.
 Evening Worship: 6:30 p.m.

Shamrock Baptist
 Morning Worship: 11 a.m.
 Evening Worship: 7 p.m.

Blue Bell Free Will Baptist
 East of Drumright on Hwy 33
 Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.
 Worship Service: 6 p.m.

First Baptist Church
 229 S. Ohio, Drumright
 Phone: 352-2559
 Morning Worship: 10:40 a.m.
 Evening Worship: 6 p.m.

St. Alban's Episcopal
 112 S. Thompson St., Cushing
 Phone: 225-4732
 Sunday Service: 10:30 a.m.

Church of the Nazarene
 320 S. Pennsylvania, Drumright
 Phone: 352-2244
 Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.
 Evening Worship: 6 p.m.

Saints Peter & Paul Catholic Church
 214 N Steele, Cushing
 Phone: 225-0644

Oilton Christ Fellowship
 Hwy 99 in Oilton
 Phone: 862-3231
 Morning Worship: 10 a.m.
 Evening Worship: 7 p.m.

First Baptist Church
 109 E. Main, Oilton
 Morning Worship: 10:50 a.m.
 Evening Worship: 7 p.m.

Free Will Baptist
 309 N. Ohio, Drumright
 Phone: 352-2666
 Morning Worship: 10:45 a.m.
 Evening Worship: 7 p.m.

Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."
Hebrews 13:5 (NIV)

River of Life Christian Ctr.
 521 E. Broadway, Drumright
 Morning Worship: 10:45 a.m.
 Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
 Wednesday Worship: 7 p.m.

First Baptist Church
 109 E. Main, Oilton
 Morning Worship: 10:50 a.m.
 Evening Worship: 7 p.m.

Drumright Church of Christ
 W Broadway & Tucker
 Phone: 352-2208
 Morning Worship: 10:40 a.m.
 Evening Worship: 6 p.m.

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 321 S. Cimarron, Drumright
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 9372 S. 433rd W. Ave.
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 Evening Worship: 6:30 p.m.

Church of Christ
 103 E. First, Oilton
 Morning Worship: 11 a.m.
 Evening Worship: 6 p.m.

Church of God At Happy Corner
 Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
 Evening Worship: 6:30 p.m.

First Assembly of God
 432 E. Federal, Drumright
 Phone: 352-3682
 Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.
 Evening Worship: 7 p.m.
 Children's services held on Sunday mornings and Wednesday night.

Freedom Hill Baptist
 Hwy 48 1 mile N of 48/33 Jct.
 Phone: 352-3944
 Morning Worship: 11 a.m.
 Evening Worship: 6:30 p.m.

Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
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