

THE DRUMRIGHT MUSEUM GUSHER

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UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE OIL PATCH



September 6

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Drumright Museum Lawn

Mimosas & Brunch

Estate Sale

September 17-20

Tidol Idol

September 27th

Boomtown Theater

Melodrama

October 3-4

Bed Races

October 3

Cruising the Hills

October 4

DOWN AT THE DEPOT

Bill Saffa – A Man of Men

Maybe you have seen this name, "Saffa," around Drumright in years past. I know that I have. But I didn't know anything about the family that carried this name, or their son that proudly served as one of the very first Oklahoma Highway Patrol troopers. Down at the depot, we have some photos that mark highlights in his life.

Paul George Saffa was born in Lebanon and came to the United States as a young man, following in the footsteps of other family members and friends who had left the old country, for a new start. He first settled in Krebs, Oklahoma, where he met and married Ester Ollie Mickle. They would eventually have seven children, one of whom was William Paul Saffa.

The Saffa family moved to Drumright and opened a grocery store at 301 East Broadway. Their children attended Drumright Public Schools. William or "Wild Bill," as he was called by his buddies, began to distinguish himself in high school sports. He was said to be an extraordinarily strong and consistent athlete, always playing hard and pushing for the win. Bill lettered in football, basketball, wrestling and track. Bill graduated from Drumright High School in 1928.

Bill Saffa wound up at Notre Dame, playing football for the Fighting Irish. His coach was Elmer Layden. Notre Dame was a collegiate powerhouse and had winning seasons during the years Bill played. Bill majored in Physical

Education and graduated from Notre Dame in 1937.

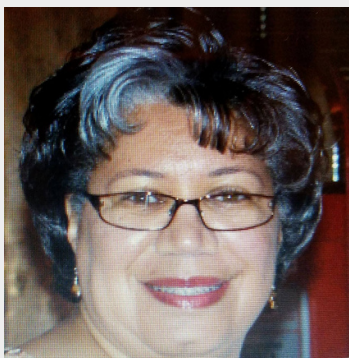
The Oklahoma Highway Patrol was created under Governor E. W. Marland in 1937. My assumption is that Bill was highly recruited to come back to Oklahoma and apply for admission to the very first Oklahoma Highway Patrol Training Academy. The athletic training was very strenuous, but Bill had always been a strong athlete and carried himself well. This military style academy was different, in that it instilled professional attitudes and qualities into the trainees. The very first academy graduated 125 troopers, one of whom was Bill.

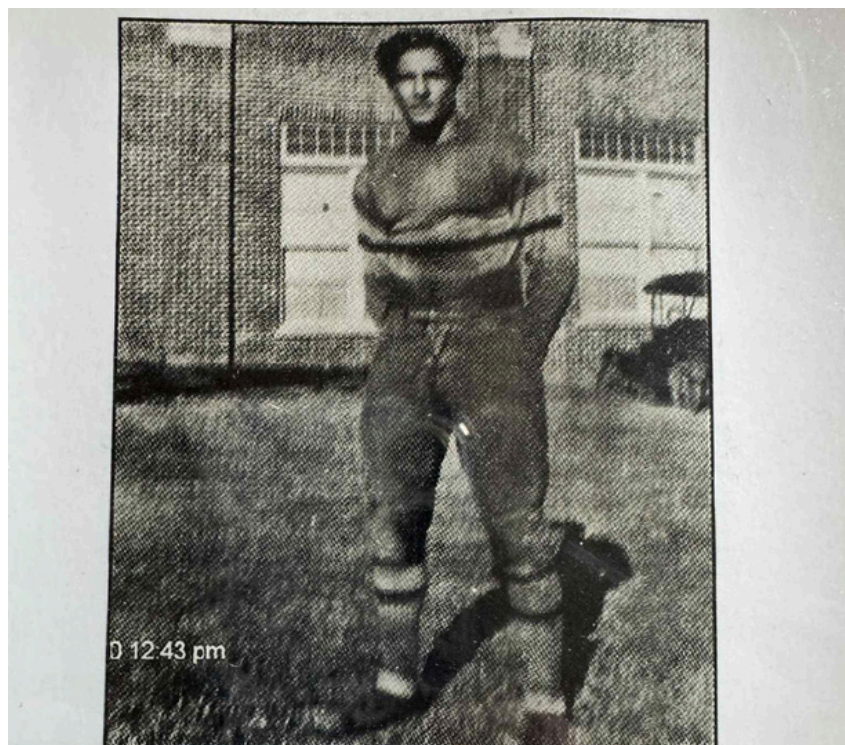
It wasn't easy being a new state trooper in a state that had never had any real law enforcement out on the roadways. The national highway system hadn't been developed yet. Speed limits and traffic regulations were still in development in many areas of the state. These first troopers had to use their training along with a good dose of common sense. In the first nine months of Oklahoma having troopers on duty, they issued 288,277 warnings, compared to only 5,518 citations and arrests.

Bill and his first wife, Cassie Mae Moses, had six children, William, Susan Johnny, Connie, Karen, and Sonya. His second marriage was to Margaret Kathryn Hayes in 1983. Bill proudly served as an

Oklahoma Highway Patrol Trooper and had an illustrious career. He passed away at the age of ninety-four on September 23, 2003. He is buried in Cushing at Fairlawn Cemetery. The epitaph on his headstone reads, "Our Father – Our Hero. A Man of Men."

And yes, here is one more story about an extraordinary individual that happened to be from Drumright, Oklahoma. We thank him for his service to the state of Oklahoma as a member of the very first class of Oklahoma Highway Patrol officers.





Prior to being one of the first state troopers, he played football at Drumright High School; he then went on to play for Notre Dame for four years.

OILPATCH 53!

Schedule of Events

Thursday, October 2, 2025

- 6:00 pm – Praise in the Park Whitlock Park
- Immediately after – Ms. OilPatch Pageant Tidewater Winery Friday, October 3, 2025
- 6:00 pm – Bed Races Check-in 2nd & Lou Allard
- 6:30 pm – Bed Races Begin Beds roll down Lou Allard onto Pennsylvania Street and finish at the old high school doors. Winner gets a Prize (To Be Determined)
- 7:30 pm – Movie in the Park Whitlock Park – Bring the family and blankets for a movie under the stars!

Saturday, October 4, 2025

- 7:00 am – 11:00 am – Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser Masonic Lodge – Supports the Pride of Drumright Band
- 9:00 am – Jamboree Jog
- 10:00 am – 4:00 pm – Drumright Monthly Market Vendors, food trucks, and live music all day!
- 11:00 am – OilPatch Parade Lineup at 10:30 am (East end of town). Map posted on Chamber of Commerce page.closer to date
- 3rd Annual Cruising the Hills Car Show \$25 entry fee. For details, contact Angela Titus – 918-352-8013.
- 7:00 pm – Concert: New Dynasty Big Stage at Harley & Broadway Looks like Drumright will be buzzing with energy—parades, bed races, cars, food, and live music all in one weekend.



53RD ANNUAL
OilPatch Jamboree
Drumright, Oklahoma
Saturday October 4th, 2025

Pancake Breakfast 7am
Jamboree Jog 9am
Live Music 10am-9pm
PARADE 11AM
Car Show 3-7
Bounce House
Food Trucks
Free Popcorn & Cotton Candy
+50 Artists & Vendors

FREE!

OG+E
We Energize Life
KUSH
1600 AM CUSHING, OK
voice of the cimarron valley

Drumright
Chamber of Commerce

DRUMRIGHT
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

THE DUNKIN' THEATRE

DRUMRIGHT MONTHLY MARKET

Tidewater Winery

Mimosas & Brunch at Tidewater Winery

Join us every Second Sunday of the Month from 10 AM to 1 PM for a delicious brunch experience you won't want to miss!

\$25 per person – tax included

Includes a full buffet and classic brunch beverages:

Menu Highlights:

Eggs

French Toast

Yogurt Bar

Fresh Fruit & Veggies

Leafy Green Salad

Cheese & Crackers

Bacon & Sausage

Pastries & Dessert

Water

Coffee

Mimosas

Menu subject to change.

Soda, wine, and beer available for purchase.

Come eat and stay for Second Sunday Poetry at 2:00PM!

Tag your brunch crew and make your reservations now—because brunch is always a good idea!



Tidewater Winery & Event Center Mimosas + Brunch

Eggs – French Toast – Yogurt Bar – Fresh Fruit
Fresh Veggies – Leafy Green Salad – Cheese & Crackers
Bacon – Sausage – Pastries – Dessert
Water – Coffee – Mimosas

\$25 per-person tax included – Second Sunday of the Month 10am-1pm

*menu subject to change – soda, wine & beer available for purchase

A big THANK YOU to everyone who came out to support the Drumright Museum at Bunco & Bubbles— we had an absolute blast with you all!

We're especially excited about the amazing display now on loan from the Museum, including Ms. Ruby Darby, the very painting that inspired our Divine Muscadine wine label.



Tidewater Winery

& Event Center
54560 West Highway 16
Drumright, OK 74030
918.352.4900
@tidewaterwinery



FREE KARAOKE
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 27TH

DOORS OPEN 7:00 PM

ENJOY WINE, BEER, WINE-A-RITAS,
SPECIAL DRINKS, SODAS, AND
DELICIOUS FOOD AVAILABLE FOR
PURCHASE THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT.

COMPETE FOR CASH PRIZES
AND THE TITLE OF TIDOL
IDOL. WINNERS ALSO EARN A
SPOT TO PERFORM AT THE
OIL PATCH JAMBOREE ON
OCTOBER 4TH!

Contest Details:

\$10 cash entry fee

Perform your 2 best songs

Categories: Best Male, Best Female, Best Group (2+ people)

Judges and audience votes determine the finalists for the sing-off!

Registration closes at 8:15 PM



Tidewater Winery & Event Center - Drumright, Okla
@tidewaterwinery-918.325.4900

September
2025

Farmers Markets

09/06 - Rose District Farmers Market, BA
09/06 - Drumright Monthly Market, Museum
09/13 - Rose District Farmers Market, BA
09/13 - Hilltop Greenhouse, Cushing
09/20 - Flea & Farmers Market, Oilton
09/27 - Rose District Farmers Market, BA
09/27 - Farmers Market, Mannford
10/04 - Rose District Farmers Market, BA

Festivals

09/13 - Hops, Bops & Bites, Broken Arrow
09/18-09/21 - Creek Co. Fair, Kellyville
09/20 - Hilltop Party, Cushing
09/27 - Wine & Beer Festival, Altus
09/28 - Derby Days Remington Park, OKC
10/04 - Hennessey Wine Festival
10/04 - Oil Patch Jamboree, Drumright
10/10 - Hobson Hop, Sapulpa
10/10-10/11 - Watonga Cheese Festival
10/18 - Guthrie Wine Festival

Upcoming Events

09/14 - Brunch 10AM - 1PM
09/27 - Tidol Idol
10/02 - Krafy Divaz Oil Patch Pageant
10/12 - Brunch 10AM-1PM
10/14 - Chamber Meeting
11/01 - Halloween Party
11/08 - Live Music with Showdown
11/23 - Cookies with Santa

sun	mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	sat
31	1	2	3	4 Happy Hour 4PM - 8PM	5 Tasting Room 12PM - 11PM	6 Tasting Room 11AM - 11PM
7	8	9	10	11 Happy Hour 4PM - 8PM	12 Tasting Room 12PM - 11PM	13 Tasting Room 11AM - 11PM
14 Brunch 	15	16	17	18 Happy Hour 4PM - 8PM	19 Tasting Room 12PM - 11PM	20 Tasting Room 11AM - 11PM
21	22	23	24	25 Happy Hour 4PM - 8PM	26 Tasting Room 12PM - 11PM	27 Tasting Room 11AM - 11PM
28	29	30	1	2 Happy Hour 4PM - 8PM	3 Tasting Room 12PM - 11PM	4 Tasting Room 11AM - 11PM

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE OIL PATCH

**Drumright
Junior Chamber
presents**

1ST ANNUAL



Race starts at
Lou Allard &
Second
and will finish
on
Pennsylvania
Avenue in
front of the old
High School

BED RACES

Friday, October 3rd, 2025
Registration starts at 6:00 p.m.
Races start at 6:30 p.m.
Pre-Registration will begin Sept. 15th
For more information follow the Drumright Chamber of Commerce on
Facebook or e-mail drumrightchamber@gmail.com

**DRUMRIGHT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
2ND ANNUAL**

CRUISING THE HILLS

\$25 Registration **Drumright, OK** **\$25** Registration
121 W Broadway
3:00 PM TO 7:00 PM

**Car, Bike, Boat
Show & Cruise**

Contact info: 918-352-8013 or Drumrightchamber@gmail.com



2023 Peoples Choice 2024 Peoples Choice
October 4, 2025

\$25 Registration Fee **CRUISE VENDORS** Best Boat Award
Send Check, made to Drumright Chamber of Commerce F.O. Box 828 Best Bike Award
Drumright, OK 74030
Cash and Credit Card

CAR SHOW
FOOD TRUCKS

Car Categories are
Classic, Modern &
Peoples Choice



Estate Sale in Drumright
September 17-20

Fore more information visit Blonde Ambition Estate Solutions on Facebook

Obituaries

James Dale Hester

Funeral services for Drumright resident, Dale Hester, were held 11:00 a.m. Friday, August 8th in the Oak Grove Baptist Church with officiating. Interment followed in the Drumright Oak Hill Cemetery. Funeral services are entrusted to the care of Michael' Funeral Home of Drumright.

Dale was born in Yale, Oklahoma on January 10, 1948 to the late Clovis Dale & Helen Elnora (Ishmael) Hester. He passed from this life in Tulsa on August 1, 2025 at the age of 77 years, 6 months, & 22 days. Dale was raised & educated in Drumright and was a 1966 graduate of Drumright High School. He continued his education at Central State University in Edmond, graduating in 1970. While still in school, he met & married Marilyn Morton 196 they raised a family of children. After he graduated college, he took a position with Shell Oil in Houston, Texas, working on their pipeline. After a few years with Shell, he moved back to this area and began working for his In-Laws at Morton Drilling in Bristow, then later began his career at Cimarron Pipeline in Drumright. He had worked the majority of his life in pipeline construction and was Co-Owner of HLH construction in Drumright. He had also been an instructor in Pipeline Safety at Central Tech in Drumright. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and driving fast cars.

His remaining family includes a SON: Jamie Touchstone of Cushing; Grandchildren: Faith – Joseph – Samantha – & Zachery; Great Grandchildren: Lily & Noah; Daughter-In-Law: Shelly Touchstone; 1 Brother: Butch & Shirley Flatt of Drumright; Nephew: Roger Flatt of Mannford; PLUS several other extended family members & numerous friends.

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loving
memory

