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LG WEEKLY

A paper of the
Rural Oklahoma
Museum of Poetry



A Weekly Page of LG Info

"It is difficult to get the news from poems but men die miserably every day for lack of what is found there."
--William Carlos Williams

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LG WEEKLY offers news that we see or are given of things going on in Locust Grove. Send us your events, sales, specials, and more because this is a one-woman operation, and I can't claim omniscience. Email ROMPoetry@gmail.com or call 918-479-7667. You can also drop info. by the museum (open Thu-Sat, 10-5) or mail it to PO Box 1243 LG OK 74352. ROMP is at the corner of Delaware & Main.
--Shaun Perkins, ROMP Director

Wonder City Wordfest

The Rural Oklahoma Museum of Poetry has a fun festival planned this year for WCW, an annual celebration of poetry and community.

The event at the museum will be April 16, from 10-3. There will be a live band, the Hi-Fi Hillbillies from Tulsa, free food truck by Neighbor's Fork, a poet costume contest, awards for the Oklahoma Poem Contest and a contest to decorate a stuffed dog with designs and poetry.

Come see the Okies and their Animals exhibit before it leaves at the end of the month. For more details, visit ROMPoetry.com.

Food Pantry Ribbon-Cutting

The LG Ministerial Alliance will have a ribbon cutting ceremony at its new food pantry location on Tue., Apr. 12, at 6:00 p.m. The ribbon-cutting will be followed by a blessing and an open house. Everyone is invited. 117 E. Main St.

Town Easter Egg Hunt

The First Baptist Church is hosting the LG community Easter Egg Hunt again this year, from 10:00-11:00 a.m., Apr. 16 at Bob Davis Baseball Field.

The hunt is for kids up to age 12, and there will be four different age divisions and plenty of eggs for everyone.

7531 Clothing Store Opens

The \$7 \$5 \$3 \$1 Clothing Store opened recently at 923 E. Main, next to the Git-N-Split. The store sells clothes at a discounted rate, with the highest price item only \$7.00

The store is open 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, contact 539-234-9258.

Baseball Card Art Contest

ROMP is hosting a Mickey Mantle photograph & poetry exhibit in May and June. To help celebrate this exhibit, we are sponsoring a baseball card poem contest. Design a baseball card with any players—real or imagined on it—and write a poem about him/her on the back of the card.

Be creative! You can draw or paint or compose the card on the computer. The card can be any size you want it to be.

See ROMPoetry.com for details and entry form. The Mickey Mantle in Black and White exhibit is a traveling one from the Oklahoma Historical Society/Oklahoma History Center and will be at ROMP May 7-July 7.

School Reunion Meeting

Hugh Callery, Jr., class of 1960, has called a meeting for anyone interested in helping plan future school reunions.

They will meet Tue., Apr. 12, at 6:30 p.m. at Wonder City Coffee. If you can help in any way, big or small, please attend.

You can contact Hugh at hcallery@hotmail.com.

Wonder City Coffee April Specials

A few of the drink specials at Wonder City Coffee this month include the following: Energizer Bunny is a Redbull-infused lemonade. Roger Rabbit is iced tea with desert pear, cinnamon and a hint of the Hawaiian Islands. Peter Cottontail is a caramel and toasted marshmallow latte, available hot or iced. The Easter Bunny frappe is peppermint and vanilla.



You might see the above logo on some work vans on Thursday afternoon, Apr. 12, as this show will be in town to film part of an episode at the Rural Oklahoma Museum of Poetry and the Magic Showplace Theater. Stay tuned!

Yard Sale Season

If you are going to have a yard sale, let us know by noon on the Sat. before, and we will post it in this newsletter!

THIS WEEK:

All Week: ROMP Rummage Store \$3 Bag sale on Clothes, Open 10-4, Mon-Sat

All Week: Nail'd It specials for new & returning customers

Mon. Apr. 11

- Town council meeting, 6:30, Town Hall
- LG School board meeting, 6:30

Tue. Apr. 12

- Food Pantry, 9:30-11:30, 117 E. Main
- Tai Chi & Poetry Class 5:30, VFW
- LG Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry Open House, 117 E. Main, 6 p.m.
- All-School Reunion Meeting, Wonder City Coffee, 6:30 p.m.

Thu. Apr. 14

- All Day, Sale Barn, N. Delaware St.
- Food Pantry, 9:30-11:30, 117 E. Main
- ROMP Writers Club, 5:00 p.m. ROMP

Fri. Apr. 15

- New episode of Wacky Poem Life podcast out.
- ROMP Director Shaun Perkins's birthday, the big 60

Sat. Apr. 16

- Wonder City Wordfest, 10-3, ROMP
- Community Easter Egg Hunt, 10:00, Bob Davis Field

NEXT WEEK:

Tue. Apr. 19

- Tai Chi & Poetry Class, VFW, 5:30, see ROMPoetry.com for details

Fri. Apr. 22

- New episode of Wacky Poem Life podcast out

LG Coffee Mugs

Hugh Callery, Jr. made and donated some great coffee mugs with a 1918 photo of downtown LG to ROMP. Stop by and pick one up for \$20 and help us continue to thrive (and print this newsletter). Thanks, Hugh!

LG Now a Main Street Town

Locust Grove has been named a Main Street Oklahoma town. According to Carrie Martin Vance, the application process started when Samantha Huffman invited Carrie to a state training

Sara Van Horn compiled LG's historical and noteworthy places with input from Sandy Pierce and Hugh Callery. Pauline Brumley and Amanda Martin-Vance collected signatures from local business owners.

Cheri McNutt collected data on town programs and existing grant efforts. Pryor Main Street Director, Jennie VanBuskirk LaFave attended an LG council meeting to provide the program requirements and the benefits.

The council agreed to support the program, and Tamatha Ogilvie and Jason Williams put the City Council backing in writing.

Sara, Amanda and Carrie hosted the state program director on a tour of the town, including the Willard Stone Museum, History House, the Rural Oklahoma Museum of Poetry, and The Magic Showplace Theater.

Once the multi-page form was complete and included Sara's beautiful 25 town photos, the Wonder City Coffee Baristas, Jill Trimble, Tristin Brunner and Emily Standridge fielded calls, stored packages, and answered questions, while Sandy Burford helped pull needed items together.

Then, Locust Grove became one of only 30 total towns in Oklahoma accepted into this National Revitalization Program.

"The real work starts now, and with the partnership of other Main Street towns/cities, the consulting and support services for tourism, volunteer organizations, and economic development, we can all look forward to the growth and revitalization of our historic downtown," said Carrie.

RED DIRT RANGERS playing Founder's Day

Oklahoma's most famous red dirt music band the Red Dirt Rangers will be playing on Founder's Day at the Grand Theater Courtyard stage from 2:00-4:30. MARK your calendar and be sure to come see & hear this great band!

Also set for this year's festivities are a pow wow, car show and rodeo.

Founder's Day is Sat., May 14, and the forms for vendors, parade entries, cardboard car show and pageant show are on the Chamber site, LocustGroveOklahoma.com or you can pick them up at ROMP.

Cranium Crush Coming: LG Club needs donations

The Boys & Girls Clubs' annual spring fundraiser, Cranium Crush for Kids, is Sat., Apr. 23, starting at 6:30 p.m., at the Mayes County Event Center.

The LG club is seeking donations for any type of outdoor fun activity. The basket doesn't necessarily have to be geared toward children. The event itself is for adults. Contact Carmen Bell, 479-3850, if you have donations.

David Crabtree: Still Missing

Local woman Brenda Miller runs a Facebook page called Bring Home David Crabtree, which is about her son who went missing from Locust Grove in 2000, when he was only 13.

The OSBI would appreciate any leads or information you have about David and his disappearance. You can find out more on Brenda's Facebook page, and if you have information, you can email it to tips@osbi.ok.gov or call the OSBI at 800-522-8017.

Don't be one of those people who never goes to the attractions right in their back yard. Visit ROMP!