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LG WEEKLY

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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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TOWN HISTORY: The first written referral to Locust Grove is in Colonel William Weer's after-battle report of the Battle of Locust Grove on July 3, 1862. A topography map of 1896 reveals a Locust Grove in the present-day Lake Hudson pumpback area.

No record of a store or post office exists at this location; however, there was a ferry and a blacksmith shop. Joel Bryant purchased land south of this location, and in 1908, he moved a store from Boatman to this property.

O.W. Killam purchased Elzina Ross's Indian allotment in March of 1912. He plotted the present-day town, and at 10:00 a.m. on May 12, 1912, Killam began auctioning the lots; by 4:00 p.m. that day, all the lots had been sold. The new town of Locust Grove was soon nicknamed "Wonder City of the Grand River Valley."

--The above information was taken from the *LG Centennial book*. Copies are available for sale at the *LG Library*.

Founder's Day Schedule

8:00-10:30

Covey Masonic Lodge Pancake Breakfast

8:00-5:00

Main Street Vendors & Businesses open

8:00-3:00

Outlaw Cruisers Car Show, LG Dome

8:00-5:00

Farmer's Market, downtown gazebo

9:00 (check-in 8:30)

Turtle Races, LG Family Physicians parking lot

9:00-?

Rabbit in Hat Magic Shop shows

9:00-11:00

The Fine Line Between, music, Grand Theater Courtyard

9:00-2:00

Fire Dept. games and safety course

Founder's Day Issue

10:00

Dog Show, LG Animal Clinic

10:00-5:00

Mickey Mantle & other exhibits, Rural Oklahoma Museum of Poetry

11:00-1:00

Nick Van Horn, music, Grand Theater Courtyard

11:00-3:00

All-School Reunion, High School

Noon

Hay Scramble, Shiver Me Timbers

1:00

LG Royalty announced, Grand Theater Courtyard

2:00

Cardboard Car Show, Grand Theater Courtyard

2:00-4:30 (break at parade)

Red Dirt Rangers, music, Grand Theater Courtyard

3:00

Parade (line-up at 2:30 at the old high school)

3:30

Burnout, in front of Holman Co.

5:00

Pow Wow Demonstration, Pirate Arena

5:30-?

Dinner and Dance, Senior Citizens Center

7:30-?

Rodeo, LG Round-Up Club Arena

Main Street Closure 8-5

On May 14, Main Street will be closed from 8-5, From Wyandotte to Delaware. Big trucks will be routed down Ewing to highway 82. Side roads and alleys will all be open.

VENDORS: A map of where you should set up will be available downtown at 7:30 a.m.

Music at the Grand Theater Courtyard

The Red Dirt Rangers have been playing their distinct red dirt sound since before the band was even founded in 1988. Ben Han, John Cooper and Brad Piccolo still comprise one of the hottest bands in the region and play more than 100 shows a year.



The Red Dirt Rangers will play from 2:00-4:30, with a break during the parade at 3:00.

RDR has been brought to Founder's Day by the Rural Oklahoma Museum of Poetry and some grant support from the Oklahoma Arts Council.

Nick Van Horn is a local teen with a big talent, and he will be playing and singing from 11:00-1:00.

The Fine Line Between, a Tulsa rock band, will play from 9:00 to 11:00. They have a new album that just came out.

Dog Show

The LG Animal Clinic is hosting its annual Founders Day dog show at 10:00 am. All participating dogs need to show proof of current rabies vaccination and pay a \$5 sign-up fee, which goes toward the clinic's stray fund.

Wonder City Coffee Drive Thru/Walk Up

Wonder City Coffee Drive Thru and Walk-up Bar will have a soft launch opening on Founder's Day. Cold drinks will be available from 10am to 2pm. The grand opening of the full-service drive thru will be after Memorial Day.

Fire Dept. Fun

On Founder's Day the fire department will allow kids to spray water from the fire engine from 9-2 and will offer a free safety class for kids at both 11:00 and 1:00.

They will also have a 50/50 raffle, with all proceeds going to the Angel Tree benefit. Tickets will be \$1 or 6 for \$5.

Pow Wow Demonstration

The Medicine Eagle Dance Troupe will perform a Pow Wow Demonstration at the Pirate Arena at 5:00 p.m. Choogie Kingfisher will be mc.

All-School Reunion

Anyone who has ever graduated from LGHS or went to school in LG or just want to talk to some cool people, go to the high school between 11:00 and 3:00 for the all-school reunion. Old pictures and movies will be out.

ROMP: Mickey Mantle Exhibit

The Rural Oklahoma Museum of Poetry at the corner of Main & Delaware will be open with its new Micky Mantle exhibit, from 10-5, though there will be some closures during the day, probably from 1:00-3:30. Otherwise, come visit. All visitors get a free baseball card.

THIS WEEK:

Sun. May 8

- OJRRR Rodeo, 11 a.m., LG Round Up Club Arena

All Week: ROMP Rummage Store: \$3 bag sale on clothes

Mon. May 9

- 6:30 p.m. Town Council meeting
- 6:30 p.m. School board meeting

Tue. May 10

- 9:30-11:30, Food Pantry, 117 E. Main
- Tai Chi & Poetry Class, VFW, 5:30

Wed. May 11

- 3:30-5:30 p.m. Food Pantry, 117 E. Main

Thu. May 12

- 9:30-11:30 a.m. Food Pantry, 117 E. Main
- 10:00-5:00, Mickey Mantle exhibit opens at ROMP
- 11:00, Storytime, LG Public Library

Fri. May 13

- New episode of Wacky Poem Life up
- 4:00, Free physicals at Pirate Arena, by LG Family Physicians. Bring paperwork.
- 7:30 p.m., Rodeo, LG Roundup Club

Sat. May 14

- Starting 8:00 a.m., Founder's Day, downtown

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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. Deadline is Saturday at noon. Email ROMPPoetry@gmail.com or call 479-7667.—Shaun Perkins

LATE NEWS: HomeGrown Meat Co. will be open Founder's Day on West Main (former Shine House), and Smoke 32 BBQ Restaurant will also be operating out of the same business. BBQ menu will be available by 11:00.