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## 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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### ROMP Local Author Book Fair

The ROMP Local Author Book Fair takes place Saturday, Sept. 10, from 11:00-3:00 at the Rural Oklahoma Museum of Poetry. At least 10 authors will be set up in the parking lot to talk with you and sell and sign books.

Neighbor's Fork food truck will offer free, fabulous food for visitors.

Inside the museum, you can bid on silent auction items, get a door prize and view the museum's exhibits, particularly our newest one 15 Tip: 15 Themes in Poetry.

Authors include Faith Phillips, Betty Perkins, Bill McCloud, Erynn Crittenden, David Jennings, Natalie Ferrington, Roxann Yates, Amanda Johnson and Shaun Perkins.

There will be books in many categories, including fiction, true crime, poetry, photography, nonfiction and more.

ROMP is 10-years-old this year. Help celebrate the anniversary and learn about more of the museum's programs and events. More information about the event is at [ROMPoetry.com](http://ROMPoetry.com).

Send LG news by noon Sat. to  
[ROMPoetry@gmail.com](mailto:ROMPoetry@gmail.com).

### Willard Stone Exhibit at the 5 Civilized Tribes Museum

A special exhibit featuring the work of LG artist Willard Stone is on display at Muskogee's Five Civilized Tribes Museum Sept. 1-Oct. 31.

For those who are newer to town and don't know Stone, he was a Master Artist recognized worldwide for his stylized human and animal figures created from a variety of locally-obtainable woods. His sculptures were occasionally cast in ceramic or bronze.

Stone commissioned pieces for the National Hall of Fame for Famous American Indians, the Oklahoma Historical Society and the National Cowboy Hall of Fame and Western Heritage Center.

He developed a distinctive modern style influenced by Art Deco and Art Nouveau and took on contemporary topics, such as nuclear warfare.

For more about the exhibit and the museum, go to [fivetribes.org](http://fivetribes.org).

The Willard Stone Museum in Locust Grove is currently open by appointment only. You can call the museum board president Linda Stone Callery to see the museum.

Callery and WSM board members are currently raising funds to renovate the old bank building at Ross and Broadway in LG for a new museum worthy of Stone's art.

The Willard Stone Museum Golf Tournament will take place at LaFortune Park on Sept. 19.

Find out more about the tournament and museum or make an appointment to see the museum at [WillardStoneMuseumInc.com](http://WillardStoneMuseumInc.com) or call 951-9663.

### Harp's Canned Food Drive

Harp's is having a canned food drive to benefit the LG Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry. Every person who donates at least 5 cans of food to the food pantry area at Harp's will be entered in a drawing for a \$50 gift card. The drawing will be held Oct. 1.

### LG Animal Clinic needs kennel assistant

The LG Animal Clinic is accepting applications for a kennel assistant. The person must be 16-years-old and have their own transportation.

The job will be 5-15 hours per week, including every other weekend, alternating holidays and Mondays. Applicants must be reliable and motivated and able to work independently.

## **LG Public Library hosting Solar-Car making event**

Here is some news from LG librarian Marea Breedlove: At the very moment Covid hit, we received a shipment of STEM equipment that had been purchased with grant money supplied by Google in conjunction with the Mid-America Industrial Park.

Two years later, we are finally able to kick off our STEM program at the library. Our first event will be September 27<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-7:00 pm. We will be making a solar car.

This is a family event, and as part of the grant requirements, parents must stay and participate. A pizza dinner will be provided, as Mid-America has offered to provide food for us.

Participants need to be at least 7-years-old. Please call the library if you plan to attend. It would be very helpful to have a head count: 479-6585.

## **September is Library Card Sign-Up Month**

The LG Public Library adds new books and DVDs each month to its stacks. With a current library card, you have access to these items and to Libby, the portal to the OK Virtual Library.

Bring your OK driver's license and proof of residence and you can easily get signed up for a card if you do not have one, or come in and get yours renewed.

## **Martial Arts & More Class Sept. 5-Oct. 27**

Master Paul Flaherty is teaching a free class, sponsored by ROMP, with instruction in stretching, breathing, punches, stances and kicks and the Chon-Ji form. No experience is necessary.

The class is open to any adult, free of charge. It will meet Sept. 5-Oct. 27 twice a week: at 9 a.m. on Mondays at the Grand Theater Courtyard and on Thursdays at Pipe Springs Park.

More information can be found at ROMPoetry.com or by calling 864-9152.

## **Chamber hosts Fall Fest**

Mark your calendars, as the LG Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Fall Fest at Covey Masonic Lodge Oct. 14 and 15.

The Chamber is looking for vendors of all kinds to participate in this annual event. Information and vendor forms are available at the Chamber website [LocustGroveOklahoma.com](http://LocustGroveOklahoma.com) or hard copies can be picked up at the Rural Oklahoma Museum of Poetry, Thu-Sat, 10-5.

Vendors will be set up Friday and Saturday. A chili cook-off will take place Friday at 4:30pm, and a pumpkin pie contest will be at 1:00 on Saturday, along with a cornhole tournament and car show.

## **Elzina's Farmers Market**

The monthly market is Sept. 10, from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the LG Plaza gazebo downtown.

The market has fresh, locally-grown produce, eggs and baked and canned goods. Kids' activities, demonstrations and displays are also a part of the market event.

## **LGAA News**

The Locust Grove Arts Alliance met on Aug. 31 and voted to re-open the office/gallery at 114 E. Main in order to display and sell artwork made by or owned by LGAA members.

Doris Rable volunteered to work at the space on occasion. Paid-up members of the LGAA can bring their items to display and sell. For more information, contact LGAA President Kelly Palmer at [kpalmer415@gmail.com](mailto:kpalmer415@gmail.com).

## **ROMP Book Club**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> book in the fall book club is Lawrence Block's "The Burglar Who Traded Ted Williams," a very funny mystery about a burglar trying to reform and the trouble that gets him into.

Anyone can join the book club. It's free and involves great discussion and desserts and coffee. See more information at ROMPoetry.com.

## **Nerf & Nachos Night**

LG Free Will Baptist Church is hosting Nerf & Nachos Night Sept. 11, 5:00-7:30 p.m. for kids pre-K-6<sup>th</sup> grade in memory of Grady Wall and those fighting childhood cancer.

All donations go to the St. Francis Children's Hospital.

**COMING SOON . . . Sept. 24-Cunningham Ranch** ranch horse sale . . . **Cobler Farms-Fall Market** every weekend in October . . . **Oct. 15-Pryor Creek Comic Con** . . . **Oct. 29-ROMP, Dark & Scary Night** with Poem Contest