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What's Happening in LG

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KVOO's Sunny Leigh to be parade marshal

Sunny Leigh, KVOO radio show host, will be the Grand Marshal at the Founder's Day Parade in Locust Grove this year on May 13.

Leigh, who says, "I put the 'broad' in 'broadcasting'" is also a radio geek, animal lover, Spanx aficionado and coffee drinker, according to her Facebook page.

The 2013 Academy of Country Music Personality of the Year, Leigh will be riding in the parade at 3 p.m.



PARADE MARSHAL. . .
Radio station KVOO personality, Sunny Leigh will lead the Founder's Day Parade at 3 p.m., May 13.

The day's celebrations will include some new activities, such as a horseshoe tournament and a street dance, in addition to the traditional parade, kids' games, vendors, art show, car show, chalk art contest, Fishinghawk Karate Studio firewalk and more.

A few of the bands that are scheduled to play include Ragland and Three-Legged Dog.

The parade will be a bit different this year, as it will be starting at the sale barn instead of the high school parking lot and will proceed west down Main Street.

Founder's Day is conducted by the Locust Grove Oklahoma Area Chamber of Commerce. To be a vendor or to participate in the parade, visit the Chamber website at locustgroveoklahoma.com.

Vendor and parade forms can also be picked up at Builder's Wholesale & Hardware Supply or Wonder City Coffee.



FOOD JUDGE. . .
Locust Grove graduate and Tulsa World writer Jimmie Tramel will judge the pastry contest at the Wonder City Wordfest to be held April 15.

Poetry, stories, pastry all a part of Wordfest

Locust Grove will have an all-day festival celebrating the power and joy of words in our life when the Wonder City Wordfest happens on April 15.

The day will be filled with events that will allow people of all ages and backgrounds to come and celebrate words, community and family.

Special guests include Jimmie Tramel, Tulsa World writer, who will be judging the pastry contest, and the newest Oklahoma Poet Laureate Jeanetta Calhoun Mish, who will be having a book signing in the author's room.

Jimmie Tramel is a pop culture blogger and feature writer for the Tulsa World's scene department. He spent 24 years as a sports writer at the Tulsa World before deciding to play in a different sandbox. A graduate of Locust Grove High School and Northeastern State University, he has authored books about former Oklahoma State football coach Pat Jones and former Oklahoma football

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Clean-up Day in LG scheduled April 29

Clean up day in Locust Grove will be from 8 a.m. to noon on April 29.

Discarded items should be brought to the old high school parking lot at the corner of Wyandotte Street and Joe Koelsch Drive. Should the dumpsters fill before noon, collection will stop at that time.

Car batteries will be accepted, but paint and chemical are not accepted.

This is a service for citizens of Locust Grove and Locust Grove Public Works Authority customers only. A LGPWA statement and ID must be presented prior to disposal.

In conjunction with the Community Clean-Up Day, LGPWA will be accepting used car, truck, motorcycle and agricultural tires.

"This is an opportunity for individuals to recycle tires that have accumulated over the years," said Cheri McNutt, PWA project coordinator.

Tires not accepted will be those on rims, ATV and off-road vehicles, airplane, bicycle, mower and wheelbarrow, and non-agricultural heavy equipment.

For more information, call 918-479-5354.

Friends of Library to meet April 4

Members of the Locust Grove Friends of the Library have a number of items on the agency when they meet at 5:15 p.m. at the library, 715 E. Main.

Agenda items include an update on recent and future purchases for the library, discussion on the spending of the money from the cookbook sale, printing of a coloring book and the presentation of a new Friends of the Library brochure.

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FUMC announces plans for Easter services, egg hunt

The Locust Grove First United Church is making plans for Easter services with the public invited to all.

The first service to kick off Holy Week will be the Easter Cantata on April 9, at 6:30 p.m. The FUMC Choir will present a program of song.

The second service will be an observance of Good Friday on April 14, at 6:30 p.m. The Good Friday Tenebrae Service. Tenebrae is Latin for "shadows" or "darkness." This service is one that is traditionally hosted during Holy Week.

The Easter Day service will be April 16, at 8:30 a.m. Those planning to come should bring a chair, as the service will be held outdoors.

At 9:30 a.m., a fund-raiser breakfast will be held at 9:45 a.m. to help send children to camp this summer. A free Easter egg hunt is also planned at this time.

As always, all services are open to the public.

About *What's Happening in LG*

EDITOR'S NOTE: While this newsletter is produced by the LGAA and will contain that organization's news, we also want to publish information about any activities in Locust Grove that our community might be interested in.

Please contact Betty Perkins at blperkins@sstelco.com or 918-479-5617 (leave a message if no answer), if you have news on LG events, places, or people for inclusion in future issues. For advertising, call Roxann Perkins Yates at 918-530-5321 or email at roxannperkins@gmail.com. As LGAA is a nonprofit organization, advertising must support the publication of this newsletter. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Mayes County OHCE plans Spring Jamboree

The Mayes County Oklahoma Home and Community Education Spring Jamboree is planned from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., April 18, at the Mayes County Extension building on the fairgrounds.

During the make-and-take workshops, attendees will have completed craft projects, including a homemade card, Mason jar craft, patriotic flag block and decorative coaster.

A program will also be held on a variety of disappearing nine patch quilt blocks.

Breakfast snacks will be provided during registration, and lunch will also be provided.

Registration is \$19 and the deadline was March 14, so the extension office should be called to determine available. That number is 918-825-3241.

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FISHING TRIP FOR TV SHOW. . Brad Cowan, center, took two students from his fishing class at Locust Grove Middle School, Josh Willis, a 7th grader, at left, and Gracie Sandford, 8th grader, as part of an episode for "Oklahoma Today" TV show broadcasted on OETA Sunday morning.

'Oklahoma Today' wants local class to go fishing

When local teacher, Brad Cowan, was contacted by Blake Podhajsky, a producer for the TV show, "Outdoor Oklahoma," he was excited to learn that his fishing class at Locust Grove Middle School would be featured on the OETA program.

He selected two students from his class who "had little to no exposure to fishing," and off they went to the upper end of Grand River on Ft. Gibson Lake below the low water dam area.

"The fishing wasn't as good as it had been earlier in the week, but the kids still managed to catch some fish (cappie and white bass) and have a great time," Cowan said.

Cowan said that he didn't know when the episode would show on the Sunday morning program.

"It won't air for awhile," he said. "Usually it takes a good 9-12 months before they air after filming."



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Town librarian also talented artist

Town librarian, Marea Breedlove captures the interests of children during story time on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

"We are gearing up for Summer Reading. The theme this year is "Build a Better World," said Breedlove.

"I love helping people and working to make the library a place for the people of our community to enjoy and utilize. The library has a lot to offer and is very relevant, especially in this digital age we live in."

This book lover also captures the interests of people through her photography, and she has been doing so since she was nine years old.

"It was a Polaroid Land camera. After taking the photo, you pulled it out of the side of the camera and waited for a minute or two before you peeled off the paper to reveal the developed photo. If it was cold outside, you had to stick it



this metal sleeve and put it under your arm for it to develop. It was kind of magical. You never really knew how it was going to turn out," she said.

Forty years later, she continues to follow her passion.

"I am doing something that I never dreamed I would be doing—shooting sports for a newspaper. I got my first digital single-lens reflex camera in 2009. I was completely clueless about how to use it. I took a class at NTC in Pryor and completed the Certificate of Photography program at TCC. Those classes were a great starting point. I gained a lot of confidence through those classes," Breedlove said.

Breedlove admits that she's not a sports' expert, but "I love the action. The



ART SHOW... Marea Breedlove stands beneath her award-winning photograph at Pryor's annual art show where the photograph placed first, just one of many awards the photo has garnered.

challenge of trying to get a great action photo is what keeps me interested," she said.

Her work has won much recognition.

"The first contest I entered was the photo contest for the Muskogee Renais-

sance Faire. I got 2nd place. I entered the Mayes County Fair. I won reserve champion and champion along with some other ribbons. I've entered the Tulsa State Fair and won some ribbons," she said. "However,

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the one I am most proud of was winning 1st place in the Northeast Oklahoma Area Art show in Pryor. I entered the photo I took of my son standing in front of the tilt-a-whirl ride at the Locust Grove Founder's Day carnival. That same photo had won 1st place and champion at the Mayes County Fair."

Photographing people and events has been a serendipitous experience.

"Over the years, I have photographed a wide variety of subjects. I have also met and become friends with people I never dreamed of knowing and have gone to events and places that I never thought I would go all through photography," she said.

As vice-president of the Locust Grove Arts Alliance, Breedlove promotes the talents of others in this town.

"I have been involved

with LGAA since its inception. There are many talented people in and around Locust Grove, and LGAA is a great place for those artists to be supported and showcase their talents," she said.

"I'd like to see the organization gain more members and continue to add events throughout the year. Having a juried art show with a judge and prizes is something I'd like to see the organization work towards."

This Owasso High School graduate has lived in Locust Grove with her husband Dan since 2005. And she likes calling this town home.

"Of all the places I have lived, Locust Grove is my favorite. The people here are the best. It's great feeling to go to an event or just to the store and see people that you know. I'm happy to call Locust Grove my home," she said.



AWARD WINNING PHOTO. . . The photograph that Breedlove took of her son at the Locust Grove Founder's Day carnival has won a number of awards, including the Mayes County Fair top prize.

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Arts Alliance makes plans for art show

Horton appointed new secretary

Local artist Shelley Horton was appointed as the new secretary at the March 8 meeting of the Locust Grove Arts Alliance. She replaces Shaun Perkins who resigned because of work commitments.

• Betty Perkins, treasurer, reports on expenditures of \$250 to attorney Ben Sherrer for his work on papers associated with the gift of a building to LGAA and the local Chamber; proceeds from the Beans and Bingo event, and expenditures on new t-shirts

for several members.

• Shelley Horton was the featured LGAA member in the March newsletter, and Marea Breedlove is featured in today's issue.

• The group discussed new signs for the building donated by Jerry and Linda Cowan, and decided to have both the Chamber and the Arts Alliance listed on the front window. Member Ray Grass volunteered to do the painting.

• A metal plaque will be bought to list the building as the Wilma Cowan Building.

• Permission was also given to the high school art class to paint a mural on the west side of the entrance.

• The group also discussed paying the deposits for the building, and Perkins was appointed to take care of the deposits with the Chamber to reimburse the LGAA for one half of that cost.

• In the Founder's Day discussion, the decision was made to have a silent bid for artwork instead of the silent auction previously used. The silent bid will have buyers placing bid for an item in a sealed envelope. At the end of the

auction -- just before the parade begins -- the envelopes will be opened, and the highest bidder will win the item.

• Roxann Yates reported that 20 artists have signed up to have a booth at the art show.

• Shaun Perkins reported on a new exhibit at the Rural Oklahoma Museum of Poetry. Called "Only Mystery," opened March 11 and will run throughout the year.

ROMP is also hosting the Wonder City Wordfest April 15 when a variety of activities are planned throughout the day.

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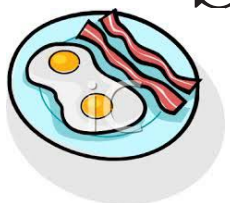
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New poet laureate Jeanetta Mish at Wordfest

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coach Barry Switzer. Among pop culture credentials: He named his son after Superman.

Tramel, a connoisseur of Pig-N-Out in Salina, is the perfect judge for the Wordfest pastry competition. At the competition, 10 pastry-makers will have samples of their pastry for everyone to enjoy. Tramel will choose an overall winner, and the audience gets to vote for a Popular Choice award.

Jeanetta Calhoun Mish's most recent books are a poetry collection, "What I Learned at the War" and "Oklahomeland: Essays." Her first poetry book, "Tongue Tied Woman," won the Edda Poetry Chapbook Competition for Women in 2002. Her second poetry collection, "Work is Love Made Visible," won the 2010 Oklahoma Book Award for



WORDFEST VISITOR. . .
New Oklahoma poet laureate Jeanetta Calhoun Mish will be a part of Wordfest on April 16. She will have some of her books on sale in the book room at Wonder City Coffee.

Poetry, the 2010 Western Heritage Award for Poetry from the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum and the 2010 WILLA Award for Poetry from Women Writing the West.

In addition to Mish and Tramel, Aaron Doughty, Davis Joyce, James Murray, M.A. Chiappetta,

Rob Harmon and Betty (Rumor) Perkins will also be selling and signing books.

Events include competitions in storytelling, poetry recitation and pastry-making. Roxann Yates will be talking about the Wonder City Cookbook recipe box and will have some of the custom-made boxes for sale.

Awards for the winners of the Oklahoma Poem Contest will also be given out. Poetry will end the

night, with a performance of the one-woman show POEM LIFE at 7 p.m.

A trip to the Rural Oklahoma Museum of Poetry (ROMP), two miles west of town, will also be figured into the day's events. ROMP, celebrating its fifth year in 2017, has a newly opened exhibit called ONLY MYSTERY.

All events are free and open to the public. To learn more, visit Wonder City Wordfest at the ROMP website: ROMPoetry.com.

Covey Masonic Lodge plans spaghetti dinner, pie auction

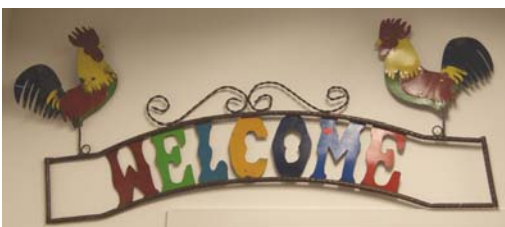
The Locust Grove Covey Masonic Lodge and Locust Grove Archery program will host a spaghetti dinner and pie auction on April 8, at 5 p.m. at the Locust Grove Upper Elementary School.

Cost of the dinner is \$5, and everyone is invited to come help raise funds to support the high school's and middle school's State Champion Archery Teams.

All proceeds will go to help finance the teams' trip to Louisville, Kentucky in May for the national competition.



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Seniors hold dance, dinner

The Senior Citizens group celebrated April Fool's Day when they had their monthly dinner and dance April 1.

The menu included chicken and dumplings, salad and bread, followed by a variety of desserts made by the senior ladies.

Dinner is served at 5:30 p.m. each month, and the dance follows from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Music is by the Hole in the Wall Band. All ages are welcome to both the dinner and dance the first Saturday of each month.

Lunch is served at 11:30 from Monday through Friday at a cost of a \$3 donation. Home delivery is also available for those who cannot get to the center. Call 918-479-4644.



SATURDAY DANCE. . . Dancers take to the floor at the monthly Senior Citizens event.

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MASONIC GIFT... *Melissa McClendon, left front, accepts a check from Bubba Estes, Worshipful Master of the Covey Masonic Lodge to bring the Daddy Daughter Dance a profit of \$2000. Others in the picture from left are members of the lodge: Don Hanna, Steve Garrison, Dewey Talley and Tuxie Peoples. The school raised \$1800 from the dance, and the Mason brought the total to \$2000.*

Ballet comes to Locust Grove

I am perpetually tired these days, but I forced myself to attend the performance of the Tulsa Junior Ballet at the upper elementary school last week. Mostly because we had three local girls involved in the workshops held throughout the day. I dragged myself into the gym -- and POW!

About 30 young people, from 7-15 years-old performed -- no, they brought some joy into the room.

They dazzled. They blew me away with their ability and presence. Local students who took part were Josie Bell, Madison Mennecke and Abby Stanglin.

They performed an original play, "Afternoon in the Museum," the story of "Cinderella" in ballet, and a lively, jazzy dance "Explore the Joy." And they certainly did! If you weren't there, you missed out!

--Betty Perkins

Recipe boxes contain bits of love, memory, stories

"A recipe is a story that ends with a good meal," Pat Conroy once said. Beat it, bake it, roll it, and whisk away. Serve this edible, visible spread of love—this once upon a time.

The story begins when you think inside the box—the recipe box. Every niche, corner and boxy space offers you a direction and an opportunity. Inside the box is someone's thinking and doing.

Though the cards are small, a kitchen is consumed by the orts and globs of ingredients that come together as a piece of art, a memory, a story to tell, inspired by the taste buds.

Card comments personalize the recipe. Wonder City Coffee (WCC) baristas discovered recipes inside purchased vintage boxes that included: Asheville salad written in lovely cursive and ending with the words, "Fine on a hot day." Fine names like Topaz Treasures and Calico Bean Salad, Carrot Jam, and Pfeffernusse were found in the vintage recipe boxes.

For a portion of the Wordfest celebration on April 15 at WCC, we've created a festival of words on recipes cards and filled vintage recipe boxes with 100 of our recipes and some of the finds from boxes purchased.

For every WCC box bought, customers will enter a drawing for a cutting board hand crafted of exotic hardwoods by Jerry Yates and valued at \$150.

Buy a cookbook box. Participate in the other events of the day. Take home a think-in-the-box. Stain a recipe with love, and cherish the story the meal creates.

--Roxann Yates

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Saturday night live at Wonder City Coffee

In April, Wonder City Coffee, 118 E. Main, will have another fun-filled variety of entertainment options for visitors.

• On April 1, come for the 1st Saturday Story Hour, a very popular hour of storytelling from pros and amateurs and anyone who just wants to tell a story.

In honor of LGHS's April 1 Prom Night, the special theme for this storytelling will be PROM.

Come with a prom photo from your past, and you will get a drink discount or come in prom dress to get a discount, also. Stories do not have to be prom-re-

lated, but they are encouraged. The fun is from 7-8 p.m.

• Ukulele player Sarah Spurrier will entertain on April 8 from 6-8 p.m. Sarah says she will bring "a dose of happiness" to anyone who needs it while she plays and sings.

"There will be original new songs and some of your favorites, too," said Spurrier. "This show will be kid friendly and perfect for a family date night."

For more on Sarah, find her by her first and last name on her You Tube channel or visit her website at sarahspurrier.com.

• As the ending event of



UKE PLAYER Sarah Spurrier will be the featured entertainment on April 8 from 6-8 p.m.

Wonder City Wordfest on April 15, come out to see a one-of-a-kind one-woman show POEM LIFE. The 90-minute show is an interactive, multimedia experience describing poetry in 7 crimes.

The show, starring Rural Oklahoma Museum of Poetry director Shaun Perkins, starts at 7 p.m., and is best for teens and adults.

• April 22 marks the return engagement of very popular paranormal investigator Ken Storch, who will be talking about paranormal activity in Okla-

homa with a focus on Sasquatch.



Storch, a retired Colorado homicide detective, has spent decades researching paranormal events and is an investigator with the Oklahoma UFO Paranormal Team. Storch will talk from 7-8 p.m.

• The first ever Wonder City Coffee Open Mic will be held on the last Saturday of the month, April 29, from 7-8 p.m.

Come with a song, a story, a poem or anything else that is entertaining and appropriate for all ages. Sign up by 6:50 p.m.

All Saturday night events are always free and open to the public. Like Wonder City Coffee on Facebook to keep up-to-date on all events. Call the coffee shop at 918-479-2885 for more information.

Ken Storch to talk about Sasquatch April 22 at Wonder City Coffee Shop



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