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What's Happening in LG

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LG HELPING OUT . . . Nathan Willis of the Locust Grove Fire Department stands in a Locust Grove fire truck and surveys flood damage from Hurricane Harvey in Texas. Other Mayes County fire departments also sent members to assist in the rescue of stranded flood victims.

Friends of Library book sale set

The Friends of the Locust Grove Public Library, 715 E. Main Street, will have a book sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Oct. 14, as part of the Scenic 412 Cruise & Crawl, a 29 mile event. Also featured that day will be a citywide yard sale. In addition, the Free Will Baptist Church will be having its annual craft fair and show. For more information go to lgfwb.org.

Builders Supply plans celebration

The Builders Wholesale & Hardware Supply will be celebrating its 7th year in business with sales and prizes on Sept. 29-30.

On Saturday, face painting, balloon creations and a duct tape contest will be held from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. with judging at 2.

Cedar Creek, BWHS' lumber supplier, will be cooking hot dogs for lunch 11 .m.-1 p.m. both days.

Owners are Burll Ellis (also the manager), Yolanda Ellis, and Marsha and Clayt Evans. All are invited.



NEW LOOK . . . Members of the Locust Grove Arts Alliance provided a fresh look for the Wilma Cowan Building at 114 E. Main last week, thanks to a grant, Fresh Paint Days, from PSO for paint and supplies.

Fresh Paint Days give office new look

Alliance was chosen to receive paint and supplies to help beautify downtown in Public Service Company's Fresh Paint Days.

According to an email from Tracey Garrett, PSO customer service account representative, the paint was delivered in last August, and the painters had two weeks to complete the project. The LGAA members made quick work of the job, completing the painting in two days

Last year Chamber members painted parts of the In-N-Out Center and the front façade of the

The Locust Grove Arts Hometown Shirt Shack building. This year the LGAA chose to paint its new office on Main Street. which it shares with the Chamber.



ISABEL YATES likes putting balloon creations by Brian Jackson on her head during a fun night at Wonder City Coffee

LGAA plans photo contest, workshops

The upcoming Instant Camera Photo Art Show was discussed at the Aug. 9 meeting at Wonder City Coffee. The art show will be Oct. 14 and held in conjunction with the 412 Yard Sale and Cruise Night.

Cameras are available for loan if a photographer doesn't have one of the old or new instant cameras. See Roxann Yates or Shaun Perkins at Wonder City Coffee to check out a camera and buy film for your shots. Film is also available at Wal-Mart or online.

Contestants are asked to frame (no larger than 5 x 7) their shots, and pick up an entry form and more information at the coffee shop or online at lgartsalliance.com. Deadline is Oct. 7. While Wonder City is closed for vacation, Sept. 16-30, Just Justified will take entries in the *In An Instant Show*.

Thanks to the generosity of Bob Taylor, the LGAA has a new hanging system in the shared office with the chamber. This will be the first exhibit in the Wilma Cowan Building on Main Street, donated by Justin and Linda Cowan.

Ceiling tiles were handed out to members at the meeting to paint. The tiles will be hung in office. Any artist who would like to help with this project is invited to talk to the gals at the coffee shop for details. The tiles are to be completed and hung before Oct. 14.

Pam Quantie's art project workshop was a huge success with more than 40 in attendance. Another Quanitie workshop is planned Oct. 20 when those participating will paint a fall pumpkin scene. Sign up early because the room will fill quickly.

Final plans were made for the teachers' luncheon which was held Aug. 10. The LGAA and other groups provided more than 60 door prizes to the teachers.

The group was also apprised of the improvements being made to the office, including bathroom, storage area, and a new back door. Thanks to an award from PSO, the organization was provided with paint and supplies through a Fresh Paint Days grant. The office was painted a pale green with darker green accents, trimmed with charcoal.

Attending the August meeting were Jennifer Henson, Kelly Palmer, Marea Breedlove, Pam Quantie, Betty Perkins, Shelley Horton, Stuart Horton, Tristin Brunner, Virginia Bayless, Ray Grass, Calleigh Henson, Roxann Yates, Shaun Perkins and Theresa Mennecke. The next meetings of LGAA are Sept. 13 and Oct. 11, from 5:30-6:30 p.m., at the LGAA office. All interested people are invited to attend because everyone has a little bit of art in them.

CHURCH NEWS

Ballou Baptist to celebrate 91st

Ballou Baptist Church on Earbob Road will be celebrating its 91st birthday on Saturday, Sept. 23, with daylong activities.

Beginning at 10 a.m., a worship service will be led by a missionary from Malawi, Africa. Lunch will be served at noon, and gospel singing will be held throughout the day. Everyone is welcome.

Contact Joyce at 918-964-0564 for more information.

Food Pantry hours Tues., Thurs.

Food Pantry hours at the First United Methodist Church are from 9:30 - 11:30 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. While the food pantry is housed at the FUMC, it is sponsored by the Locust Grove Ministerial Alliance.

Office hours at FUMC are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday. New pastor Kathy Morris invites people to drop by and have a cup of coffee.

The United Methodist Women meet first Saturday mornings at 9:30.

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, or want to place an ad in the newsletter. As LGAA is a nonprofit organization and the newsletter is provided free to everyone, advertising must support the publication of this newsletter. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Sydney, friend work Dr. Pepper heist

On the day of move-in, after Baley, my best friend since forever, and I were settled in, we decided to explore the campus.

On move-in days, there is constant celebration going on for the new students; it's probably there to help soothe the reality that all of us are going into debt right out of high school.

The University of Oklahoma has an over-abundance of Dr. Pepper, and luckily for us, they were giving Dr. Peppers away by the dozen right outside of our dormitory center.

I noticed after a while that people were either

Freshman at OU

coming back in with 12 or 24 cans. While we were walking, I told Baley to act as if we had never met. We made it out alive with 4 dozen cans of soda, surviving on the lie that we were picking up 12 for ourselves, 12 for our absent roommates.

After reaching our dorm, we realized we would have to find a place to put 48 cans of Dr.Pepper in a 15x10



room. So, as our first independent decision ever made without the help of our

parents, we decided our mini fridge would suffice. There was no hesitation in stuffing the cans into our freezer section.

The next morning after our Dr.Pepper heist, we woke up with things to do. I had a newspaper meeting to get to at ten; Baley wanted to explore the campus with new friends. I watched Baley throw a banana in the fridge. Good question— why is she putting a banana in a fridge? I ignored her strange fruit practices and went about my morning.

Baley decided to help me with my hair, and as we were settled down in front of my desk, our dorm room exploded.

A can of Dr. Pepper literally shot out of the freezer, hung in mid-air for at least ten seconds, and hit the other side of the room, spraying the entire floor with brown slush.

The fridge rocked back, like a gun had gone off in our freezer. We both stared at each other in shock before we screamed from late reaction.

Before anyone sends a kid off to college, pin a letter to their shirt explaining that liquids expand when frozen.

--Sydney Schwichtenberg

*Editor's Note: We wanted to call the column "Freshwoman at OU," but the name wouldn't fit.



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Sarah Coday knows memories matter

Stories matter. Everyone has a story inside waiting to be spoken or written.

"I love documenting and celebrating the stories of our lives and capturing the memories through photography and scrapbooking," said Sarah Coday, longtime resident of Locust Grove, professional photographer and expert scrapbooker.

Even though she likes to travel to cities like New York, small-town life suits her too. Sarah Coday likes to have fun wherever she is.

"I like to laugh and have fun. I love to travel and see new places and things and, you know—have fun," she said.

Mother of John, a senior who plans on attending an art school to get a degree in animation and design, and wife of Mark, who works at ParFab and is pastor at Smith Chapel in Rose, Coday is a stay-athome mom.

"I've always had creative outlets. I had a photography studio and owned a scrapbook store in the past," Coday said.

As a new member of the Locust Grove Arts Alliance, Coday, will be creating a centerpiece for the In An Instant Photo Art Show, Oct. 14. She also hopes to help youth share their creative ideas in tangible ways.



"I believe God is the ultimate creator, and as His children, it's in us to create. I think when people hear the word "art" they only associate it with drawing. Art can be anything you create. Art is photography, scrapbooking, digital design, etc. And art should be appreciated," she said.

Coday would like to encourage youth in their artistic endeavors.

"I want to see young kids put down the social media and use their minds and hands to create. I want more art in our schools and in our future," Coday said.

When people use social media, they should take the opportunity to document memories.

"I've scrapbooked since

John was born. Time flies and I don't want to forget the little things. It's about the photos but more about the stories. Your story matters," said Coday.

"So many people take photos with their phones and I wonder what they do with them. Dropping photos from a phone to a premade book is creative and telling of a story. One day, you'll be glad you took the time to do it," she said.

Dessie Rogers and Coday will be hosting a card-making class at Wonder City Coffee on Nov. 3 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

"Sending handmade cards and kindness is such a blessing. We will be teaching those who attend how to make six simple cards. She and I have different styles and everyone will get to make three with her and three with me," Coday said.

Whether creating a card or book, one's history is confirmed. And as Coday says, "just have fun" while doing so.



TELLING A STORY . . . Mark and Sarah Coday and their son John escape from the clutches of a prehistoric mammal. Photo by Sarah's step-mother, and T-Rex is compliments of John's editing skills on the computer.

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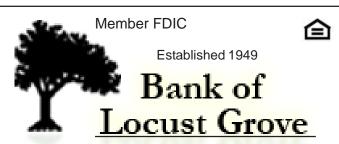


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These are just a few of the helpful links and sites you will find on your local public library's website. Stop by and have a look around.

--Marea Breedlove, librarian



TOTALLY INVOLVED... Jax Overbey, 6, has his headphones on, his electronic pen at the ready, and is fully interested in the book he is reading at the Locust Grove Public Library. Visit the children's section to learn more.

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MARRIED . . . Emily Potter and Martin Mwisaka were married July 14 in Hong Kong Park.

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Potter-Mwisaka wed

Emily Potter and Martin Mwisaka were married in a private ceremony on July 14, 2017 in Hong Kong Park, Hong Kong Island.

Emily is the daughter of Tina and Mike Hayden of Zena, Ok and Dan Potter of Locust Grove, OK.

She is the granddaughter of Bill and Brenda Loring of Locust Grove, Judy and the late Bill Ross of Crystal River, Florida, Shirley and the late Bob Warkentin of Newton, Kansas and Louis Potter of Hutchinson, Kansas.

Emily is a graduate of Locust Grove High School and USAO. She is currently employed with Shanghai Fushan Foreign Language Primary School in Shanghai, China.

Martin is the son of Nabifo Eva and Abigaba Aston of Kampala, Uganda and Wandeka David of Mbale, Uganda.

He is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. John and Jane Mubetse and the late Mr. and Mrs. Yowasi and Deborah Mabonga. Martin is a graduate of Crane High School-Kitintale and Mountains of the Moon University.

He is currently employed with Nyamango Technical Institution

The couple will make their home in Shanghai, China.

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PRIZE WINNER . . . Christal Henderliter, a teacher at the Early Learning Center won one of the door prizes, furnished by the Locust Grove Arts Alliance, the First United Methodist Church, and other local organizations.

Johnny and Carol Holman



"If there is a problem with things, Give us a ring." 479-5516

Door prize winners announced

Teachers feted with back-to-school feed

Approximately 150 school personnel were treated to lunch Aug. 6, at the First United Methodist Church.

The FUMC, the Free Will Baptist Church and the First Baptist Church provided a barbecue sandwich and baked bean lunch with homemade desserts.

Teachers from two school sites visited the church for lunch, followed by the other two sites.

Thirty-one lucky winners from the four school sites won door prizes.

Door prize winners from the early learning center and the upper elementary were Tina Hoggatt, Donna McFarland, Samantha Krager, Mark Hendrickson, Cindy Hubbard, Tanya Holman, Crystal Hinderliter, Ellie Cunningham, Shannon Hall, Claudia Biendl, Dolly Murphy, Janet Green, Melissa Hix, Jennifer Staples and Jill Underwood.

Door prize winners from the middle school and the high school were Amanda Bennett, Jennie Blair, Raye Torrey, Brandon Heath, Matt Hennesy, Sheri Weaver, Tammy Phillips, Chris King, Stacy Avery Hardaway, Lily Davis, Ladney Keener, Tommy Johnson, Laura Love, April Pierce, Rose Quinn and Glinda Knott.

Door prizes were provided by the Locust Grove Arts Alliance, the First United Methodist Church, the HCE group, the First Baptist Church and the Free Will Baptist Church.

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Arts festival set at Grove Sat.

The town of Grove is holding an arts festival in downtown Sept. 16.

The day will include music, dance, comedians, art displays, pottery, poetry and storytelling.

Information was provided by the state organization of storytellers, The Territory Tellers.

Lori Fullbright speaks at HCE meeting

Lori Fullbright is a fast talker. She can tell 37 stories in 60 minutes, and every one of them directly illustrates the message she wants to deliver.

The Channel 6 news coanchor and crime reporter was a guest speaker at the HCE County Council meeting Aug. 17 at the First United Methodist Church in Locust Grove.

As a crime reporter, she said she has done more than 6,000 interviews with perpetrators of crimes and the victims of those crimes.

"I've been shot at twice and hit in the jaw," she said. "I hit him back," she added.

She told the group of about 30 Home Community Education (HCE) members that victims, and people in general, are poor witnesses.



CHANNEL 6 news anchor Lori Fullbright gave women tips on being safe.

"We don't remember what the suspect looked like. We're all bad at this."

She went on to say that people should practice by checking out the people they see in the ordinary course of a day.

"As you come out of Wal-Mart or Walgreens, practice noticing the people you see. What do they look like; what are they wearing?" She also gave tips on how not to become a victim. Fullbright said the most important thing to do if attacked is to yell. "Scream, make some noise."

She added that keeping one's keys and cell phone somewhere other than in a purse is important. "Keep them on your person, in your pocket, around your neck," Fullbright said.

She said one of the biggest mistakes victims make

is not staying aware when shopping.

"A woman gets a grocery cart, drops her purse in the cart, and then proceeds to walk away from it.

"I stole 21 purses in an hour at Reasors," Fullbright said, adding that it was with the management's knowledge and agreement, and filmed for a news segment on Channel 6.

"I followed one woman (Continues on Page 9)





-Fullbright-

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all around the store for 20 minutes, and she never noticed her purse was gone. I finally had to hand it back to her."

She said that crime doesn't happen just at huge shopping malls or in front of ATM's.

"The number one place today to be attacked is coming out of grocery stores. You've got your groceries, you open the trunk, and you don't look around while you are placing your groceries in the trunk. Be vigilant," she told the group.

She also told them to trust their instincts. "If you feel like something is wrong, do something about it. Call 911, get the store manager. Don't be afraid to be wrong. Don't be embarrassed."

Fullbright said, "If it was your money, your purse, that they want, give it to them. It's just property."

One of the tips she gave

Arts Council announces artist show

Pryor Area Arts & Humanities Council will once again present its Northeast Oklahoma Area Artist Show Sept. 29 through Oct. 7.

Categories include painting, graphics (pen & ink prints, pastels, charcoal, etc.), sculpture/ceramics, and photography.

Three divisions will include professional, adult

for those 18 and older, and junior for those 6-17 years old.

Fees are \$35 for the professional division, \$25 for adult, and \$10 for junior division.

Cash awards include \$1000 for best of show and for first, second and third in each division: Professional: \$200, \$100, \$75; Adult: \$100, \$75, \$50; and

Junior: \$50, \$25, and \$15.

The Bill Rabbit Legacy Award is \$200 for the piece that best represents Rabbit's spirit.

Deadlines for entry are Sept. 29 from 3-7 p.m. and Sept. 30 from 8-11 a.m.

Registration forms must be filled out on all items, and must be picked up Oct. 6-7.

was to practice what to do if something bad happens. "Think it out, know your plan, practice it. Be prepared for that moment. Have a survival attitude."

Fullbright talked (fast) for a solid hour, relating story after story, and driving them home with tips on how to avoid becoming a crime statistic.





HCE PRESIDENTS...Four presidents of Mayes County's HCE clubs were on hand when Lori Fullbright spoke to the women about staying safe. From left, Jean Giesecke, Locust Grove; Lydia Troyer of Better Homes; Connie Guthrie of Pryor HCE; Janet Larson of Progressive club. At left are Carol Blackwell and Janice Forbes who provided tickets for a drawing during the Mayes County Fair.



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Everyone needs a little comfort food

By Sandy Pierce

Comfort food: Everyone loves it especially Southerners but it means something different to anyone who indulges in it.

About twenty years ago, my mother-in-law, June Pierce, gave me a recipe (she is KNOWN for her cooking) for the best comfort food ever, Oatmeal Cake.

It has an aroma that is out of this world. I have made this cake often for different occasions but two of them stand out in my mind.

My big sister, Doris Tramel, had applied for a job and felt very nervous about it. I called her the day she was to get the news of whether or not she was hired and told her I had an Oatmeal Cake baked.

As we anxiously awaited the news we cut a "test row" of bite size pieces and nibbled on them while downing a pot of coffee. It wasn't long until we realized we had eaten the entire cake, test row by test

She didn't get the job, but we had a great sister bonding experience and a good laugh out of it.

However, about five years ago, my Oatmeal Cake and I took on a somber journey. It was then that my little sister, Jan Ross, was diagnosed with throat cancer. We all know someone who has had cancer but when it hits home it takes on a whole new meaning complete with a range of emotions.

She had chemo and radiation which left her with taste buds that made everything taste yucky. The only thing she could really taste was Oatmeal Cake. She called me once late at night in distress and frustration that nothing tasted good and she felt like she was starving to death and needed an Oatmeal Cake, I told her to hold on and I'd make one.

Her response, "Ok, I will see you in the morning."

My reply was, "No, you'll see me in about thirty minutes."

All in all. I think I made her seven Oatmeal Cakes during the duration of her treatment and recovery. She even had an argument with her husband when he ate the icing off one because he didn't think she could eat it!

That's the best part! Yes, she is cancer free and we are so happy for that. She still has check-ups and nervousness sets in at each one but family is always there for her and each other.

Occasionally, I surprise her with an Oatmeal Cake just to let her know I'm still here for her any time she needs me. As I was making one for her recently, one of my grandladies (granddaughters) said, "Mimi, I know why Aunt Jan loves your cake. Because you always put a teaspoon of love in it just like you do when you make us cookies."

I made one today for another family occasion, a meet and greet for Jan's newest grandson, Everett Hobson. You might wonder what goes good with Oatmeal Cake? You might think coffee, tea, or cappuccino, but I say it is best served with family.

Just in case you need a little comfort food in your arsenal here's the recipe.

Oatmeal Cake

1 cup oatmeal (Quick 1 Minute)

2 tsp. baking powder ½ tsp. salt

1 cup sugar

1 ¼ cups boiling water 1 tsp. cinnamon

1 cup brown sugar ½ cup shortening

1 1/3 cups flour 2 eggs

1 tsp. soda 1 tsp. vanilla

Directions:

Boil the water and add the oatmeal. Set aside. Mix sugars, eggs, and shortening until fluffy. Stir in dry ingredients and oatmeal. Bake at 350 for 30-40 minutes.

Icing:

1 cup brown sugar

½ cup butter (the real stuff, not margarine)

3 TBS, milk

1 cup Baker's coconut 3/4 cup chopped pecans Directions:

In a saucepan combine sugar, butter, and milk until butter and sugar are melted and dissolved.

Remove from heat and add coconut and pecans. Spread icing on the cake while the cake is hot. Put the cake back in the hot oven until the icing bubbles. Enjoy!



Senior dance on first Saturday

The next senior citizens dance will be Oct. 7 at the Locust Grove Community Building. Each first Saturday dance also includes dinner.

Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. with the live music starting at 6 p.m. played by the Hole in the Wall Band.

Dessert is provided by the Lunch Ladies.

Cost of the dinner, dance is \$6. All ages are welcome.



COLORED LIGHTS & more featured at this dance.



AUGUST YARD of the month was that of Movita Turner. The yard features a varied of gardens with multiple decorations and flower beds like the wishing well and large rooster at right, and a water wheel. Movita said that her daughter Lynette Hawkins takes care of the beds, while her grandson, Brandon Hawkins, does all of the mowing.





NINTENDO WORLD EVENT . . . John Coday points to his name on the winners board at the Nintendo World Contest in Dallas recently. John finished 9th of a field of 350 participants. John's finish was in 1.16.684 and the winner, a 14-year-old boy from California, finished in 1:13.794. They played Mario Kart 7 on Nintendo DS, with the fastest through the course declared the winner. The Dallas location was one of 8 cities where the winner will advance to NYC for the championship.



SEPTEMBER Yard of the month belongs to Greg and Debbie Green. Their home is at the corner of Radcliff and Cherokee, where they have lived since 2005. Their granddaughter, Belle likes to help with the flowers. The couple is originally from Ft. Worth, Texas.



Upcoming Wonder City Coffee entertainment

There's always something to do in Locust Grove on a Friday night when Wonder City Coffee is open, though the coffee shop will be closed two Fridays in September. The entertainment for September and October includes a variety of opportunities.

On Sept. 15, WCC welcomes back Glen Harris, a musician from Tulsa who plays a variety of music for all ages, from 6-7:30 p.m. This is also the Yates Duo Birthday Party, as barista Roxann Yates and her husband Jerry have birthdays on Sept. 16 and Sept. 14.

The coffee shop will be closed from Sept. 22-30 for some refueling. We hear there is musical entertainment at Pipe Springs Park on those Friday nights though, so you might go check it out.

The next entertainment will be the very popular Open Mic on Oct. 6, from 6-7 p.m. Show off your talent in whatever area it might be—storytelling, music, magic, etc. All ages. Prizes are awarded.

On Oct. 13, local band Ragland makes a return appearance to play its great modern rock and red dirt music extravaganza. Come give them a listen so you can say you knew them when . . . The band plays from 6-7:30 p.m.

Also, another popular return engagement in October will be Painting with Pam, as Pam Quantie shows us how to paint another fun piece of art on Oct. 20. This time Pam will be showing how to paint a fall pumpkin scene.

The Locust Grove Arts Alliance sponsors this workshop and provides all the materials free of charge. Space is limited so sign up in advance to secure a spot. Call WCC at 918-479-2885 to put your name on the list. The workshop will run from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. on Oct. 20.

WCC entertainment is always free and open to the public. The coffee shop is located at 118 E. Main.



Like WCC on Facebook to see all drink specials, lunch menu and event details.



FALL ART... The picture above is one that participants of Pam Quantie's workshop will paint. Space limited.



HONEY HUSH's Heather Davis presented a workshop where a large group of participants created fans in the shape of a megaphone.



JUICE BOX JAMS on the second Monday of each month at 10:30 a.m. includes stories and music by Sarah Spurrier.