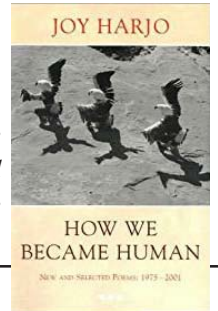


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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN LG

*'What's Happening' is a Free Newsletter
Provided by the Locust Grove Arts Alliance*

How We Became Human is the book to be read by the community for the Big Read program. Free books are available for those who wish to participate in the activities.



LGAA wins grant from famed Washington, D.C. institute in 2019

Smithsonian exhibit coming to LG

The Locust Grove Arts Alliance is proud to announce that it has been awarded a grant from the Oklahoma Humanities Council that will allow the LGAA to be the host of the traveling Smithsonian exhibit called Water/Ways in 2019.

The grant was co-written by Marsha Whalen Downum and Shaun Perkins.

Locust Grove was chosen as one of five towns in Oklahoma for this opportunity.

The exhibit, on display for six weeks from Oct. 21 to Dec. 8, 2019, will be housed at Ingram's Custom Rods at the corner of Water and Main. Supplementary activities, such as a Wonder City Wonders Chautauqua, lectures, contests, and more will take place at the exhibit site, Wonder City Coffee and the LGAA gallery.

The LGAA encourages everyone, especially school groups, to experience the free exhibit and the activities

associated with it.

Smithsonian's Water/Ways exhibition dives into water—an essential component of life on our planet, environmentally, culturally, and historically.

In societies across the globe, water serves as a source of peace and contemplation. Many faiths revere water as a sacred symbol. Authors and artists are inspired by the complex character of water – a substance

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WATERWAYS EXHIBIT . . . A visitor to the Smithsonian's Water/Ways Exhibit takes part in an interactive activity at a visit of the exhibit to an earlier location.

'Real Imagined' showing at LGAA Gallery in Aug.

Local artist Alysha Little has a collection of her artwork on display during the month of August at the Locust Grove Arts Alliance Gallery at 114 E. Main Street in the downtown area.

The exhibit, called "Real Imagined," showcases a collection of artwork, ranging from traditional to quirky and featuring both realistic and imaginative pieces in both black and white and color.

The pieces are a variety of portraits and sketches, some made with coffee. A portrait which Little did of Wilma Cowan already hangs in the building given her name.

See the exhibit any time the gallery is open or stop by Wonder City Coffee if the gallery is closed, as someone there can let you in. For more information, visit LGArtsAlliance.com.



LITTLE ART . . . One of the portraits in the current exhibit at the LG Arts Alliance Gallery is this rendering of Marlene Dietrich by Alysha Little. The exhibit runs through August.

Big Read books free

In June, the LGAA learned it was the recipient of a \$14,475 grant from the NEA Big Read. The LGAA is one of 79 nonprofit organizations (and the only one in Oklahoma) to receive an NEA Big Read grant to host a community reading program between September 2018 and June 2019.

The NEA Big Read in Locust Grove will focus on "How We Became Human" by Joy Harjo. Activities will take place during the month



ART WORKS. MIDWEST
of April 2019, and will conclude with a visit from Harjo on April 26 and 27, 2019.

While events are a year away, planning has already *(Continues on Page 2)*

ONCE UPON A TIME



GIRLS BB TEAM OF 1926. . . In Front: Vernice Smith, unidentified, Carmen Smith. In Back: Unidentified, Edna Reed, unidentified, unidentified.



BOYS TEAM 1930-31. . . From left: Johnnie Wells, Earl Gravitt, Bruce Housley, Lawrence Gore, Walter Reed, Raymond Smith and Coach Rabon Bewley. --Both photos provided by Linda Smith

-Water/Ways Exhibit-

(Continued from Page 1) that is seemingly soft and graceful that is yet a powerful and nearly unstoppable force.

Water also plays a practical role in American society. The availability of water affected settlement and migration patterns. Access to water and control of water resources have long been a central part of political and economic planning. Human creativity and resourcefulness provide new ways of protecting water resources and renewing respect for the natural environment.

If you would like to get involved with this exhibit in any capacity, please contact LGAA President & Water/Ways project director Jennifer Henson, jenniferh@rae-corp.com, 918-530-1902, or Water/Ways site manager Shaun Perkins, okiestoryteller@gmail.com, 918-864-9152. For more information, visit LGArtsAlliance.com.

Water/Ways has been made possible in Locust Grove by Oklahoma Humanities.

Water/Ways is part of Museum on Main Street, a collaboration between the Smithsonian Institution and State Humanities Councils nationwide. Support for Museum on Main Street has been provided by the United States Congress.

Water/Ways was adapted from an exhibition organized by the American Museum of Natural History,

New York (www.amnh.org), and the Science Museum of Minnesota, St. Paul (www.smm.org), in collaboration with Great Lakes Science Center, Cleveland; The Field Museum, Chicago; Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto, Canada; San Diego Natural History Museum; and Science Centre Singapore with PUB Singapore.

-Big Read-

(Continued from Page 1) begun. If you would like to get involved, including getting a free copy of Harjo's book, stop by the LGAA office or email President Jennifer Henson at jenniferh@rae-corp.com or call her at 530-1902.

For more about the Big Read and the activities being

planned in Locust Grove, visit LGArtsAlliance.com.

A national initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest, the NEA Big Read broadens our understanding of our world, our communities, and ourselves through the joy of sharing a good book.

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.

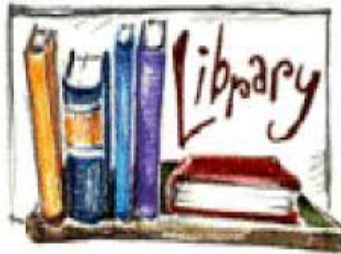
If you have news on LG events, places, or people, or want to place an ad in the newsletter, please contact Betty Perkins at blperkins@sstelco.com or 918-479-5617 (leave a message if no answer). The newsletter can also be viewed at lgartsalliance.com. As LGAA is a nonprofit organization and the newsletter is provided free to everyone, advertising must support the publication of this newsletter. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Library receives two new grants to enrich communication skills

Exciting things are happening at the Locust Grove Public Library. The library was recently awarded two grants to further enrich the lives of our patrons and the community.

One of the grants paid for the library to become part of the OK Virtual Library consortium, powered by OverDrive, a free service that allows patrons to borrow digital content (like eBooks, audiobooks and videos) anytime, anywhere.

All a library user needs



to get started with free digital content from the library is an internet connection and a library card.

Call the library at 918-479-6585 for more information or go to OverDrive.com and sign up.

The second grant is for a self-service scanner for the

library's patrons.

With this scanner patrons will have the ability to scan anything from books to photos. Items can be scanned to a flash drive or to a device via a smart dock.

An announcement will be made and an open house is planned as soon as we have the equipment up and running.

Financial assistance for these special projects was made possible with Federal funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services administered through the Oklahoma Department of Libraries.

Library hours are Tuesday, 12 p.m. – 7 p.m., Wednesday – Friday, 9 am – 5 p.m.. Closed Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Access the library's catalog through www.locustgrovelibrary.okpls.org. --Marea Breedlove, Librarian



STORY TIME AT THE LIBRARY . . . *Locust Grove's Early Learning Center's principal Shane Holman huddles up with a group of youngsters at the library Aug. 2. Holman led story time and visited with the little ones before he headed back to school Aug. 9.*

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THIS PAINTING by Anna Sahlsten is called "Three Grandmas Drinking Coffee from a Saucer."

Grandma's coffee drunk from saucer

By Wanda Key

George Washington was well-known to pour his coffee into a saucer and drink it from that. It was a very social thing to do. Sometimes a person would put a sugar cube between their teeth and slurp the coffee from the saucer.

Years ago when Grandma would come to visit, she had a special place to sit where she would look out the window to a beautiful hillside. It didn't matter the season, for breakfast she always had a biscuit and two slices of bacon.

She always saucered the coffee and blew on it and never spilled a drop. Eventually she would put half a biscuit in the saucer. She called it a "soak" biscuit then. It was amazing how she would hold the saucer with her little finger stuck out as if she was holding a fancy tea cup.

My other grandma loved to tell your fortune with coffee grinds. She always boiled her coffee in a big metal pot, and after she had saucered the coffee and drunk it, she turned the cup upside down on the saucer. She swirled the grinds three times and then took a toothpick and moved the grinds around.

She would stand by the window so she could see good and she always told you what you wanted to hear. One thing she told me was that I would marry a handsome man who was in the service. I did.

Improvements underway at Bank of LG

Downtown continues to improve its looks, and the Bank of Locust Grove is adding to that appeal.

Recently the bank's drive-thru was painted, and plans are underway to repair and roof the storage building on the same site.

"We also plan to rework the parking lot to get rid of

holes," Bank President Jeff Kerr noted. "Hopefully that will make it more useful for events downtown as well. Then we will move to the main bank and do some painting on the outside and remodel on the inside."

Kerr added, "We are trying to do our part to keep downtown Locust Grove a

nice place to come and do business."

"We appreciate all the Chamber and the Arts Alliance have done and are continuing to do. They are making a difference in our town. We are glad to be a part of the revitalization," Kerr added.

Scholarship fund renamed to honor Trixie Pendergraft at 1st Methodist

The Locust Grove United Methodist Women Scholarship Fund has renamed its annual funding in honor of Trixie Pendergraft, who worked with high school students during the many years she was in the principal's office at the high school.

The first fundraiser for the fund was held in March. Donations can be made in her honor at the church.



FACELIFT. . . The Bank of Locust Grove's drive through facility is looking clean and fresh thanks to a new paint job and roof. "We are trying to do our part to keep downtown Locust Grove a nice place to come and do business," said Jeff Kerr, Bank President. They also plan to make repairs to the large parking lot that is often used for downtown events.

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LG Chamber to publish new business directory for 2019-20

In 2016, the Locust Grove OK Area Chamber of Commerce published a town directory for 2017-18, and now it's time to make a 2019-20 one.

This directory will be like the last one, professionally designed and printed and will provide information

about the town's businesses, churches, schools, services and organizations. It will be available in December 2018.

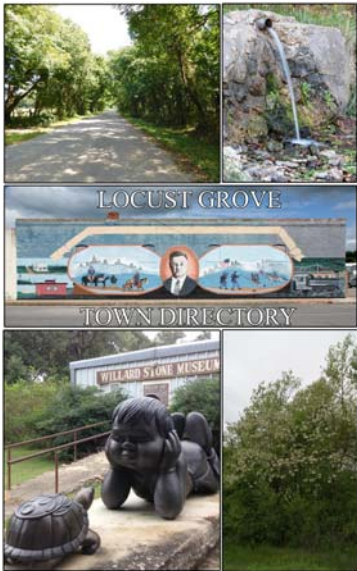
It will contain town information, a map, photographs, and advertising. It will be an ideal booklet to help people know what businesses, churches, services, and organizations are in town and how to find them. It will also be a great asset for tourism and people wanting to move to the area.

Booklet details and ad price information are both

available at the Chamber office or at LocustGroveOklahoma.com.

Ads can be built for the customer or pre-made ones can be submitted. Copies of the 2017-18 booklet are still available in the Chamber office if you would like to look at one.

The deadline for ad copy and payment is Oct. 19, 2018. For more information, purchase an ad or send ad copy, contact Shaun Perkins at okiestoryteller@gmail.com.



2017-18 Town Directory

Mystery & Poetry becomes permanent exhibit

In April 2018, the LGAA celebrated National Poetry Month with a month-long exhibit Mystery and Poetry, based on the work of Rural Oklahoma Museum of Poetry director Shaun

Perkins.

The exhibit focused on Perkins's 2017 detective story in verse *The Book with the Beacon Lights*, published by Indian University Press. The book is a mystery writ-



FIREFIGHTERS GET FIREWORKS DONATION... Amanda Walsh from Mike's Wholesale presents a check to Ray Vaughan, Locust Grove Fire Chief. The donation was provided by a fireworks stand which was placed in front of the building materials store on Highway 412 West before the holiday.

ten in poetry and illustrated with photography from Betty Perkins and drawings by Ray Grass.

The exhibit ran during April, 2018, at the Gallery. It is currently a permanent exhibit inside the ROMP Rummage Store, 105 E. Main. The store is open Wed-Sat, 10-4 p.m.

Shoppers and visitors can also participate in the poetry scavenger hunt that was part of the exhibit. Those who complete the hunt and figure out the puzzle get \$5 merchandise coupons from the store.

Don't miss the haunted bathroom/museum annex when you visit the store, too.



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Yard of the Month

DORIS RABLE HAS YARD OF MONTH. . .A few of the many small bright spots in a yard full of them made Doris Rable's front lawn the Yard of the Month. Located at 211 N. Wyandotte, the lawn is full of small pockets of plants and colorful flowers. Drive by for a look. Honk if you see her sitting on her front porch, a favorite morning spot for her.



BAYLESSART . . . Four of the paintings from last month's art exhibit at the Locust Grove Arts Alliance Gallery show the versatility of local artist Virginia Bayless. Her exhibit included painting and crafts, all products of her imagination. Visit the gallery this month to see the work of Alysha Little.

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WORLD SHOT . . . Matthew Monroe represented LG and Oklahoma in the World All Star archery event in July.

Monroe competes in World event after finishing at 13th in nationals

More than 55,000 students from 650 schools were involved in the Oklahoma Archery in the Schools program this past year, and Locust Grove's Matthew Monroe was one of 16 of the team selected to compete against the world's best in the NASP World All-Star Championships in July in Calgary, Alberta.

Monroe, a senior, is coached by Ladney Keener,

and earned his way to the World with a 13th place finish at the national competition in May. He also placed 14th of all boys, and 26th in all of 14,319 students.

Described as an all-around kid who participates in football, agriculture, trapshooting, makes good grades and holds down a job, his coach says, "Hard work pays off, and this boy did nothing but work."

Mason Fine leads Mean Green with All Conference honors

North Texas University received a huge gift when they recruited Locust Grove's Mason Fine two years ago to lead its Mean Green Team.

In his second year with the team, Fine threw for 4,052 yards and 31 touchdowns. These stats set new records for a single season in the program. Fine was named to the first team All-Conference USA, while his team won the West Division of Conference USA.

Justen Kirby named Top Shot

Justen Kirby, an 8th grader at Locust Grove Middle School, won the Top Shot Male at the Locust Grove Invitational Archery Competition held in March.

Coach of the middle school team is Brad Cowan.

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FAMILY TREE . . . LGHS art teacher Shaney O'Dell will lead a workshop where participants will paint a tree similar to the one above. It can be made into an actual family tree or it can just be a cool acrylic painting on canvas. Call 479-2885 to reserve a spot in this workshop on Aug. 17.

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August 10, 17, 24, 25

Family tree workshops set at Wonder City Coffee

In August, the Rural Oklahoma Museum of Poetry (ROMP), the Locust Grove Arts Alliance and Wonder City Coffee are sponsoring genealogy workshops designed to help people research and design their family trees.

The creative results of any of the workshops could become a part of ROMP's next exhibit *In the Bones*, coming in the fall of 2018. Each workshop is free and open to the public and takes place at Wonder City Coffee. The painting workshop requires sign-up in advance.

On Aug. 10, Roxann Yates held a workshop on researching one's family tree. The second workshop is taking place Aug. 17, from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

In this workshop, LGHS art teacher Shaney O'Dell will guide participants in making an acrylic paint tree on canvas. You can

choose to make it into an actual family tree or you can simply make a cool tree!

The workshop is free and all materials are provided. Class size is limited to 40, so sign-up is necessary. Please call the coffee shop at 479-2885 or message WCC on Facebook to ensure your spot. If the workshop fills up fast, a second one may be offered so everyone can participate.

On Aug. 25, at either 10:00-11:30 a.m. or 5:30-7:00 p.m., you can attend a free Phone Photo Basics class.

Professional photographer Sarah Coday will show participants how to take great photos with your phone, including how to best use your phone camera, how to take

photos of old photos, and more.

Learn how to use the features on your phone, including lighting, editing, organization and other simple tricks. The class will be taught using an iPhone, but if you have a different phone, some functions may be the same.

A special part of the workshop will explain how to take the best pictures of your old photos with your phone. If you participated in the other Family Tree workshops this month, this workshop can help you make photos for your family tree.

On Aug. 25, from noon-3 p.m., ROMP director Shaun Perkins will be on hand in this come-and-go workshop to help you craft



poetry about your family or about the general theme of *In the Bones*. She will also have free materials available for making buttons or magnets

with family photos or poetry.

For more information about any of the workshops: ROMPoetry.com or call 918-479-2885.

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