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# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN LG

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## LG MEETINGS

Nov. 12: LG Town Council, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.  
Nov. 12: LG School Board, Admin. Bldg., 6:30 p.m.  
Nov. 14: LGAA, 114 E. Main, 5:30 p.m.  
Nov. 20: LG Chamber, 114 E. Main, 6 p.m.

## Christmas celebration Dec. 4

The LG OK Area Chamber of Commerce is once again hosting a Christmas Celebration downtown this year. The event will start at 5:30, with the parade at 7:00 p.m. on Dec. 4, Tuesday.

Activities include pictures with Santa Claus, the lighting of the town tree, vendors, entertainment and the parade. This year's theme is O Holy Night, and the Chamber has issued a challenge to all area churches to enter a float or participate in some way in the parade.



*Mrs Claus will appear at 2 p.m. Dec. 4, at Wonder City Coffee to read her book, "Mrs Claus's Night Before Christmas." She will also be available for photos from 4-7 p.m.*

In addition to the festivities taking place outside, Hometown Shirt Shack will have a Christmas at the Shack event starting at 4:00 p.m. The business will have special sales, prize giveaways and treats for the kids and adults. There will also be a Christmas tree, and everyone is invited to bring an ornament to add to it.

At Wonder City Coffee, Mrs. Claus will appear to read her book *Mrs. Claus's Night Before Christmas* to  
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*Fish Dreams by local artist Demos Glass*

## LG native to speak about art projects

Locust Grove native Demos Glass will present an artist talk at Wonder City Coffee on Nov. 9 from 5:30-6:30 p.m., when he will share photographs and describe his past and future projects.

Demos was born in Tahlequah and raised in rural Locust Grove. He graduated from Locust Grove High School and went on to graduate from Southern Illinois University which he attended on a wrestling scholarship. It was there that he entered a fine arts program.

"It wasn't hard for me to find my place once I saw

what was happening at the art department, and I couldn't stay away," Demos said in an article for the Native Arts of American website.

Demos also graduated from the North East Oklahoma Training Center where he chose the study of welding. That talent has contributed to his art as well as to projects which he has worked on with his father, Bill Glass. Both are noted Cherokee artists, and both have received the honor of being named a Cherokee National Treasure.

Demos has used his experience  
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## Kingfisher to highlight Tellabration

Choogie Kingfisher will celebrate the history of oral storytelling when he comes to help celebrate a national event, Tellabration, on Nov. 16 from 6-7 p.m. at Wonder City Coffee.

Starting locally in 2006 at the Rural Oklahoma Museum of Poetry when stories were told around a campfire at the country museum, the event has moved to Wonder City Coffee in recent years.

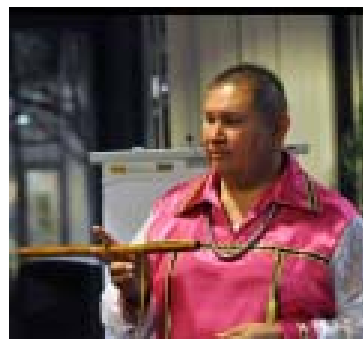
Traditionally celebrated the first weekend before

Thanksgiving, Tellabration is a worldwide evening of story telling.

The celebration began in 1988, when originator J.G. Pinkerton envisioned this international event as a means of building community support for storytelling.

Kingfisher is not only a storyteller, but he is also a musician, playing the flute, a powwow singer and dancer, as well as a powwow emcee.

He has appeared in the Trail of Tears production at



*Choogie Kingfisher*

Tahlequah, and in 2002 was voted Favorite Local Actor in the Tahlequah Daily Press's Best of the Best Issue.

Proud of his Cherokee heritage, Choogie stands out.



**VFW DONATION . . .** Members of the local VFW have donated a check for \$300 to the family of Ladena Cobler who recently lost her home to fire. From left to right: Steve Garrison, Grant Mennecke, Robert Henson, Josh Butler, Ladena Cobler and her grandchildren, Jerrod Estes, Stephen Bell, Dugie Phillips, Steve Cole and Elwood Purcell.

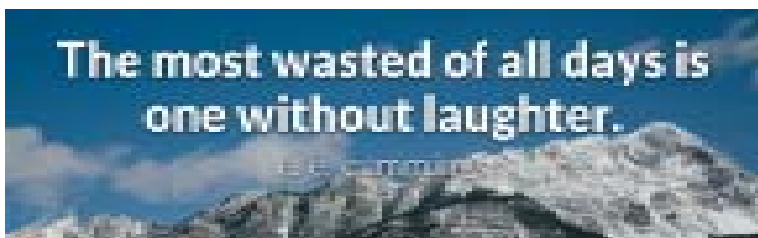
## VFW responds to need after fire that destroys home

Recently a devastating Locust Grove house fire left the daughter of a veteran and her grandchildren homeless.

The Locust Grove VFW Post 3573 donated \$300 to Ladena Cobler to pay for food and clothes; plus, they also donated three bicycles to the children.

“Steve Garrison, our veteran’s service officer, was quick to respond to a family of a veteran in their time of need,” said Stephen Bell, VFW Post Commander.

Ladena’s father, Melvin Cobler was a WWII veteran serving with the Army. He was also a former member of the local VFW unit.



# ONCE UPON A TIME



**HISTORIC LG BUILDING . .** The George and Margaret McMullen family stand in front of the home and business which they constructed in 1912 to serve as an overnight inn for travelers from the new railroad which was being directed through the middle of town. The house still stands today, but it is empty, following the relocation of the Locust Grove Funeral Home to different quarters. It is on the corner of Ross and North Wyandotte. At one time the building was also converted to separate apartments which were rented out.

## New deadline set for publication

A new deadline for getting stories and advertising into “What’s Happening in LG” is the third of each month.

A new printer for the newsletter has shifted the deadline to a more firm date each month.

Most have probably noticed a new look in the publication as it shifted to newsprint paper when the move was made to the Muskogee Phoenix.

## 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 Halloween winners, new scanner available

By Marea Breedlove  
Locust Grove Librarian

More than 70 people filed into the library for the annual Halloween costume contest sponsored by the Friends of the Locust Grove Public Library on Oct. 31.

Ribbons and cash prizes were awarded for the scariest, most adorable, most creative and best overall costume.

Thank you to everyone who braved the weather and endured the cramped quarters of the library.

Ordinarily, the contest is held outside, but Mother Nature had other plans. Also, a huge shout out to our judges



and the ladies of the Friends of the Library. We appreciate you!

**In other news...** The library has a new self-service scanner. The HP Sprout Pro is an overhead scanner that scans open books, single documents, loose photos, flat art work and more.

Scans can be saved as a searchable PDF, JPEG, PNG, Rich Text and MP3 Audio.

**COSTUME WINNERS . . .** Callyn Connor, front center, was the overall winner at the Locust Grove Public Library Halloween Costume Contest with her chicken costume. Others pictured are, in back, Dani Cook, Sophie Rutherford, Graisyn Floyd and Dierk Walker, and in front, Brielle Beavers, Connor, and Isaac Baker.

The software allows patrons to save items to a flash drive, a device such as a laptop, phone or tablet, create a QR code or print to a wireless black and white printer.

Loose photos can be turned into photo pages on a colorful background com-

plete with emojis and borders if desired.

Every time I sit down to use it I find something new. Come in to the library and ask to see a demonstration. We would love to help you learn how to use it.

This project is funded through the Oklahoma Dept.

of Libraries with funds from the Library Services and Technology Act. (LSTA), a Federal source of library funding provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

The scanner is available to the public free of charge.



**OVERALL WINNER. .** Taking first place in the LG Library Halloween Costume Contest was Callyn Connor, in her chicken costume.




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# Finding mysteries in the margins

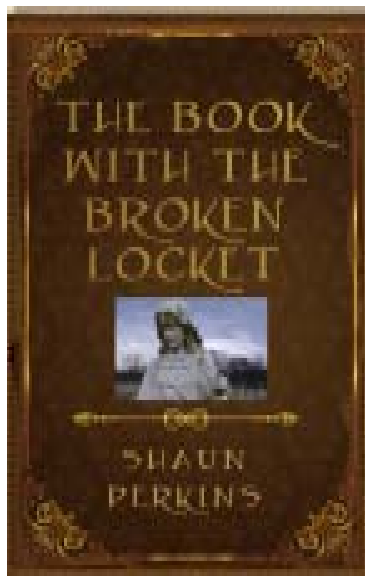
By Shaun Perkins

For many years, my grandmother (Gangy or Ruby Wilkinson) and I wrote letters to one another. In one she told me the story of a relative from the 1930's who died in a way that I could never get out of my head.

Over the years I wrote poems, stories, a play, and even based a novel manuscript on this girl's life and death. It is one of those stories that writers say haunt them until they have finally written about it enough that the ghost goes away.

I'm not sure the ghost has gone away, but the girl's story has once again found its way into a book of mine, my latest detective story in verse "The Book with the Broken Locket." I changed the girl's name and fictionalized parts of the story, but I included everything I have been able to learn about her in the story, also.

This book is the second in an ongoing series called The



Book With, and next year, the third book will be coming out: "The Book with the Good Intentions," which is also based on a true story, although the story of total strangers. Let me explain.

I am a book-lover. I am a lover of old books. I am particularly a lover of old books that people have written in. The main character in my series is a used book store owner who is fascinated with books people have written in. Sometimes she finds intriguing

mysteries in that marginalia, and she wants to solve them.

In "The Book with the Broken Locket," the mystery is how (and to a lesser extent—why) the girl died. This girl, who is my first cousin two times removed, is buried in Hogan Cemetery west of town. Her gravestone merely says her name, birth and death dates and the phrase "Our Darling." She was fourteen when she died.

The fictional town in these books is called Shatubby and is an amalgam of Locust Grove and Tahlequah, so you might see people or places

that seem familiar to you in them. Of course, names have always been changed.



"Good Intentions" is a story that grew out of the fascination with an old Ogden Nash book of poetry I found in a Lawton thrift store. A woman had written her full name and those of her boyfriend and their children from previous marriages in it. She also wrote in red ink through the whole book, pleading love messages to the boyfriend, who was a drug addict, as she also became, which I easily discovered with a few Internet searches.

The first book in this se-

ries was not based on a true crime but on marginalia found in an old English text-book. "The Book with the Beacon Lights" came out in 2017. I intend to publish one book a year in this series until I get tired of it. I am continually on the lookout for books that people have written in so bring one by the coffee shop if you have one to donate!

Both of my books make great Christmas gifts and are illustrated by Ray Grass and Betty Perkins. They are on sale at the coffee shop or at the website: TheBookWith.com.

*"It is one of those stories that writers say haunt them until they have finally written about it enough that the ghost goes away."*


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# LGAA meeting highlights plans

Locust Grove High School art teacher Shaney O'Dell introduced one of her students, Makenzie Newton, who is the featured artist currently in the Locust Grove Arts Alliance's gallery on Main Street, when the LGAA met Oct. 10.

A reception for Newton's opening was held following the meeting. The exhibit will be on show until Nov. 13.

The group discussed the Christmas window decorating contest which the LGAA has sponsored for three years. Shaun Perkins, who is heading up this project again this year, suggested that business owners be allowed to decorate their windows in any fashion they wish, including the painting that has been done previously.

After the loss of the town's historical mural in the Aug. 27 fire, a discussion was held on another possible spot to

begin anew. Ray Grass, who refurbished the original mural a couple of years ago, said that he is willing to paint one. Some discussion was held about the east side of Foreman's Parts which is just across Broadway from where the previous mural was located.

It is hoped that the high school art students and alternative education students will be able to take part in this new mural, as the latter group did in the past.

LGAA member Linda Stone Callery said that the Willard Stone family is working on reopening the museum in a downtown area. The Stone Museum was located east of Locust Grove at the home where Willard and his wife, Sophie, lived.

Callery indicated that the historic old bank building on the corner of Broadway and Ross, is available, and that

the family was looking into possibly purchasing it for the museum.

"That is great news for the town of Locust Grove," said LGAA vice president Marea Breedlove.

In other news, LGAA president Jennifer Henson said she and Marcia Weaver Payne are teaming up to provide a Thanksgiving dinner for those in need or those who do not have a family to enjoy the day with. LGAA voted to donate \$100 to help defray the cost of the meal.

The next meeting of the group will be Nov. 14 and will coincide with the opening of Adele Collette's art exhibit in the LGAA Gallery. A reception will follow the meeting.

LGAA's meetings are open to the public, and all artists and those who love art are invited to attend.



## New art exhibit opens

Join the LGAA for the opening of the new exhibit Artistic Creations by Adele Collette on Nov. 14, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the LGAA Gallery at 114 E. Main. Adele will be displaying a wide variety of artwork in the gallery. You can meet the artist and enjoy free treats.

"I have been a crafter and hobbyist my whole life with a great desire for painting. I will paint on whatever is available at the time, whether it be wood, furniture, saws, tin or canvas. I do not consider myself an artist, but an artistic crafter I am," she said.

Adele, an LGAA member and the LG Chamber President, is an active citizen in promoting Locust Grove and helping the town grow. She owned Junk Justified in downtown LG and now runs her craft business from home and also does videos and workshop instruction.

See Junk Justified Crafty Creations on Facebook to learn more about her. Her show will run from Nov. 14-Dec. 7. You can visit anytime the gallery is open or if it is not open, see someone at Wonder City Coffee to let you in.



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# ROMP awards poetry winners

To celebrate Halloween and the opening of the new Rural Oklahoma Museum of Poetry (ROMP) exhibit *In the Bones*, the museum recently had two poetry contests. The winners received cash prizes and ROMP pins at the awards event Dark & Scary at Wonder City Coffee on Oct. 26.

The epitaph poem contest required poets to write about a real or imaginary person who is speaking from the grave or being described after death. Two categories were 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade and adult.

The winners in the 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade category were Reece Wilson, 1st; Alexis Copeland, 2nd; and Rylie Wagner, 3rd. The winners in

the adult category were Tia Stein, 1st; Angela Loyd, 2nd, and Tristin Brunner, 3rd. All of these winners were from Locust Grove.

For the Halloween limerick competition, poets wrote a 5-line limerick on a Halloween theme. The winners in the K-5<sup>th</sup> grade category were Natalie Van Horn, 1st, Adeline Yates, 2nd, and Holley Brown, 3rd. The winners in the 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade category were Abigail Cotner, 1st, Erin Bendabout, 2nd and Rylee Estes and Emma Leigh Bailey, tie for 3rd. All winners were from Locust Grove, except Holley Brown, Edmond.

The adult winners in the Halloween limerick contest

were Kaitlyn Bendabout, 1st, Locust Grove, Buddy Stacy, 2nd, Tahlequah, and Tia Stein, Locust Grove, tie for second, and Nancy Thornton, Locust Grove, third.

Three special awards were given for the best performance of a Halloween poem. These winners were Buddy Stacy, 1st, Emma Leigh Bailey, 2nd and Adeline, Eleanor and Isabelle Yates, 3rd, all from Locust Grove.

Visitors to the museum can see the epitaph poem winners and other entries in that contest, as they are displayed there. The *In the Bones* exhibit will run through 2019, and the museum is open daily from dawn to dusk.



**HALLOWEEN PARTY...** An early Halloween party was held at the Senior Citizens Center on Oct. 6. Jim and Jane Rogers were just two of the group who dressed to fit the occasion. The group also enjoyed "ghoulash" with a salad and roll and home-made desserts by the Locust Ladies. The group just celebrated Thanksgiving with a dinner and dance with music by the Hole in the Wall Band. The next dinner dance will be Dec. 1, and cost of the meal and entertainment is \$6. The dance is held the first Saturday of each month.

# Festival of Trees planned at First United Methodist

The First United Methodist Women (UMW) of Locust Grove is hosting its annual "Festival of Trees" Nov. 30 through Dec. 2, at the church located on Highway 82 north.

The festival offers an op-

portunity for the community to shop locally for unique Christmas decorations and gifts. Many items are hand-made and include theme decorated Christmas trees, wreaths, floral arrangements

and other gifts.

Several items will be sold in a silent auction that will end on Sunday. Many other items will be ready to purchase and take away. Proceeds from the festival sup-

port the UMW's mission projects.

Cider and cookies will be served. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30, and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 1.

In other UMW news: Locust Grove's UMW will be hosting area UMW groups at the cluster meeting on Saturday, Dec. 1, at 9:30 a.m.

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## LG Upper Elementary hosts 'Mummy & Me'

*LEFT: Matt Tatum and his daughter Jessie Fields dressed up for the Oct. 25 Mummy & Me Dance at the Locust Grove Upper Elementary School. ABOVE: Kathy Stephens, LGUE librarian, and Nicole Oldham, third grade teacher, worked the concession stand at the dance. The dance is a fundraiser for the school, and the dance provided nearly \$1,400 this year. TOP RIGHT: first grader Ginny Roach and her dad Gerrad were dressed as super heroes for the event. BOTTOM RIGHT: Nevaeh Maher and her mother Laura also attended the yearly costume dance.*

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**CLEAN UP CREW . . .** Members of the VFW and its auxiliary plus Methodist Church volunteers who took part in the clean up at the VFW Hall were Sharon and Chuck Allen, Stephen Bell, Steve Cole (kneeling), Elwood Purcell, Gerald Lacy and Paula Duncan.

## VFW field day clean up held

On Nov. 3, VFW members and relatives, plus volunteers from the First United Methodist Church, participated in a Field Day Clean-Up at the VFW Hall on Broadway.

Post Commander Stephen Bell hopes to begin some

renovations at the VFW Hall soon and to invite the community back for events in the near future.

## —Demos—

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rience in welding to combine wood and metal in several pieces, one of which is “Fish Dreams,” shown with this article.

In the same online article, Demos says that both wood and metal offer different challenges, but when properly combined, “the outcome can be something that is quite unique.”

# Speaker suggests solutions to town flooding problems

Less mowing and more cleanup are needed to help flooding problems in town

Assistant Director with the Oklahoma Water Survey-OU Jeri Fleming (an LGHS graduate) gave a talk with photos at the Oct. 18 LG Chamber meeting. Fleming spoke about the challenges of town stream management.

The main problem that many towns encounter is that development causes flooding. The increasing use of concrete surfaces and the reduction of natural grasses and trees both lead to water problems.

Fleming pointed out some of the places in town where the Crutchfield Relief, which

runs throughout town and eventually empties into the Grand River, has been handled successfully and places where improvements need to be made.

One of the first things she said that the town could do is to encourage less mowing along the ditches at the Little League fields and a return to

more natural grasses there. Also, if trash was routinely kept out of the relief, that would help with water flow.

More thought about green infrastructure needs to go into future property changes anywhere in the town because they can affect the whole town during times of heavy rainfall.

## —Mrs. Claus—

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pre-school kids at 2:00 p.m. that day and will also read it again and be available to meet and take photos from 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Also the coffee shop is hosting a Christmas Extravaganza Pop-Up Shop with items from local artists, crafters and vendors for sale. Everyone can find a perfect Christmas present here, while shopping local and supporting area small businesspeople. Items for sale include soaps, bath

bombs, jewelry, books, Avon and much more.

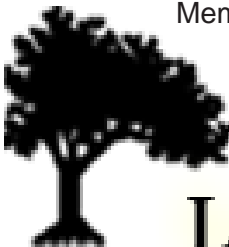
More details and an updated schedule for the event will be coming soon to the Chamber website at [LocustGroveOklahoma.com](http://LocustGroveOklahoma.com). To become a vendor or to participate in the parade, fill out the forms at the Chamber website. The forms can also be picked up at the Chamber office or Wonder City Coffee.

For more information, contact Chamber President Adele Collette at 918-530-8132.

## Church offers Thanksgiving meal

The LG Lighthouse Assembly of God will have its 6<sup>th</sup> annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner on Nov. 22, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The meal will consist of turkey, ham, dressing, dessert and all the fixings.

Donations will be accepted but the meal is free of charge. For directions or more information, call 598-3972 or 316-3252 and ask for Serina.




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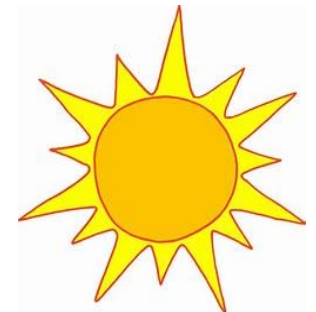
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## Painting with coffee

*Thirty-two people participated in an art class led by Alysha Little on painting with instant coffee Nov. 2 at Wonder City Coffee. Using only coffee and water, those taking part in the class created unique paintings. This free Locust Grove Arts Alliance workshop produced a wealth of creative paintings from people of all ages. Pictures shown were done by Lee Breshear, top left, who didn't want to be pictured, but who produced a unique painting of a bumble bee and a sunflower; Rylee Rogers, top right, who produced an abstract drawing; Nacole Rogers with a farm barn; and Tia Stein with a stylistic seahorse.*



*"Some painters transform the sun into a yellow spot; others transform a yellow spot into the sun."*

*--Pablo Picasso*

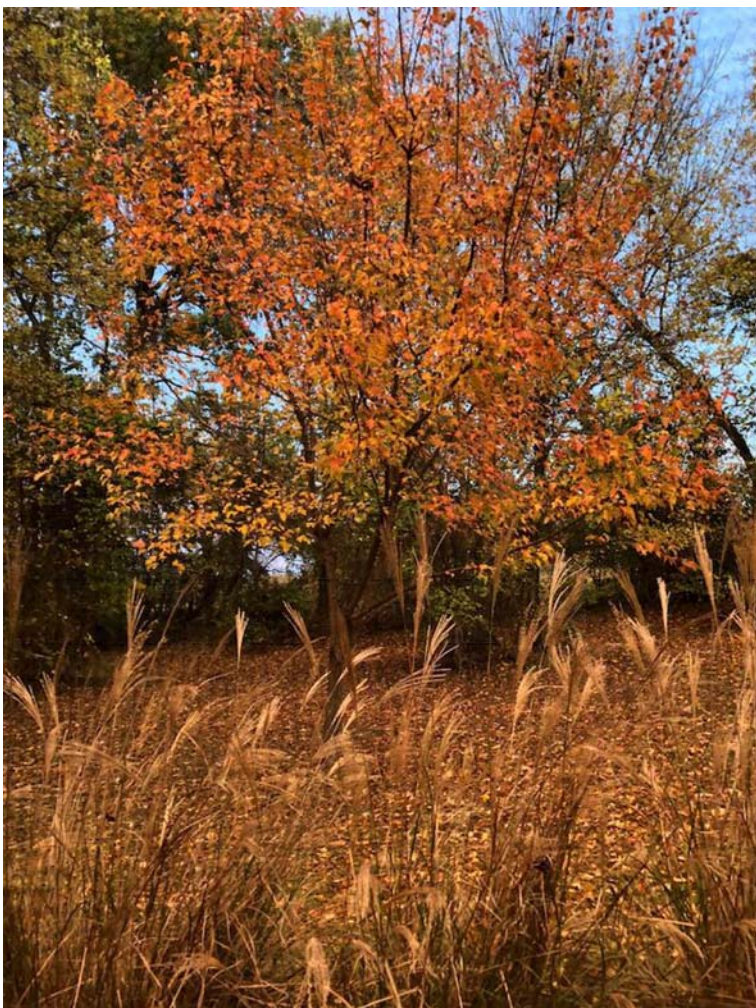


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**KELLY'S TREE...** *The turning of the leaves makes for a beautiful sight this time of year. Kelly Palmar took this picture in her yard.. Poet Lynne Howard describes this time of year this way: "Changing of the season/ A wonder to perceive/ Nature in its splendour/ The turning of the leaves. Poet Robert Frost reminds us that "Nothing gold can stay" and that this time of year is the one that is most fleeting. "Nature's first green is gold,/ Her hardest hue to hold./ Her early leaf's a flower,/ But only so an hour./ Then leaf subsides to leaf,/ So Eden sank to grief,/ So dawn goes down to day/ Nothing gold can stay."*

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# Thanksgiving dishes way to honor family

*By Roxann Perkins Yates*

Clean it, pat it, dry it, dress it; handle it with care because it's the symbol and centerpiece of the foodiest holiday of the year. But it's not the only favorite.

The towns of Turkey, TX and Turkey, NC established their name in honor of the big bird, but people all over the US enjoy this day of good eats and good company.

"I am the bread maker for my family. I use my great-grandma's recipe. This is the BEST bread, hot rolls, and cinnamon rolls. I have made bread that could win a prize, but there were a couple of years that the rolls were scorched or rather hard! But regardless, this is the food that the entire family asks for from me," said retired Chouteau high school teacher Debbie Evans.

Families and companions for the first Thanksgiving celebrated with a three-day festival of eating and hunting

and honoring after the harvest. In 1621 the Pilgrims and Native Americans chowed down on venison—not turkey, no pumpkin pie or cranberry sauce. Potatoes were foreign to their palates, according to History.com.

More than two centuries ago, George Washington made Thanksgiving an official national holiday in 1789. It didn't become an annual tradition until Sarah Josepha Hale campaigned relentlessly from 1827-1857 for its place in America's history, and Abraham Lincoln declared it so in 1863. Hale is best known for composing the poem/childhood nursery rhyme "Mary Had a Little Lamb."

Speaking of little things, no pun intended, mutton makes a scrumptious side dish. The mutton (red meat) side dish recipe at food.com includes cinnamon, fennel, ginger, garlic, *(Continues on Page 11)*

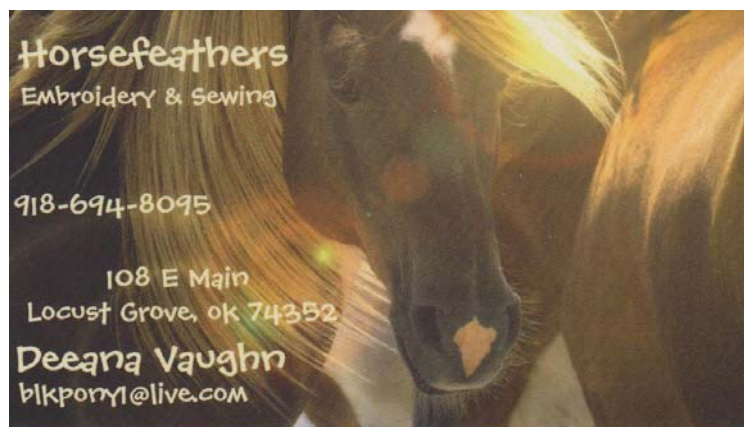
## ROMP opens 'In the Bones'



**OPENS NEW EXHIBIT...** *A spooky skeleton is illuminated inside a box at the "In the Bones" exhibit new at the museum which is located on County Road 438, two miles west and 1/2 mile north of the high school. Many opportunities to interact with poetry are provided. The museum is open dawn to dusk.*



**OPENING DAY...** *Adele Collette reads some poetry while visiting the new interactive exhibit at ROMP during the opening ceremony of "In the Bones."*





# –Thanksgiving dishes –

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and mutton. Spread it on a homemade roll and munch.

Whether it's on a platter, plate or in a loaf pan, a Thanksgiving dish can be anything rewarding to create—especially if it's requested in any other month of the year.

“Sweet potato casserole is the dish I'm expected to make every year. The coconut, pecan, oats, and brown sugar topping is so good. My husband always asks why we don't have it on other days. He says Thanksgiving isn't enough,” said Sommer Reider, journalist.

Try other vegetable recipes. A vegetable wellington loaf consists of olive oil, spinach, bell peppers, goat cheese, among other delights, wrapped in a pastry. It adds color and the wow-factor to a holiday feast. The recipe is found at

vegetariantimes.com.

But it doesn't have to look delectable to be delicious.

“My most anticipated dish was always my Grandma Yates's slimy white bread dressing. It's unlike any other dressing I've ever eaten in my life, but it was and still is my favorite Thanksgiving dish. My mom has since taken over the duty of making it and does a superb job. My dad would always say it reminded him of snot. He was raised on cornbread dressing. It's one of a kind dressing, and it's perfect,” said Joni Fleming, home business owner.

My sister Kelly has assumed the responsibility of making Grandmother Perkins' recipe of egg noodles, not because she likes to, but because they evoke favorite memories of family.

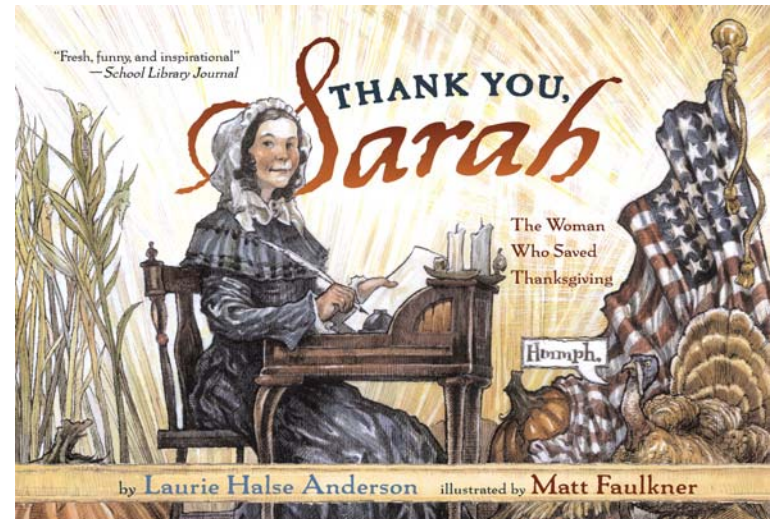
“In my family, we all look forward to the homemade egg noodles. It is a tradition

stemming from as far back as Grandma Simpson's grandmother. So when I make them, I can't help but hope my grandchildren will continue the tradition. My granddaughter Zoey loves the noodles,” said self-employed Donna Carter.

For the sake of the 12 percent of Americans who don't eat turkey with their egg noodles on this holiday, they can be thankful for the recent tradition of US presidents, beginning with George H. W. Bush in 1989, of pardoning a turkey or two from the main course every November.

But if you still prefer to clean it, pat it, dry it and dress it, turkey with stuffing/dressing is a favorite for the table.

“I love to make dressing. It's so time consuming, but once it's skillet-browned and then baked, it's hard to beat! I'm hungry for it now! Yummy!” said auction employee Cindy Chupp.



**THANKSGIVING ADVOCATE.** . . *Sarah Josepha Hale campaigned for 30 years to have Thanksgiving become an official holiday. Finally in 1863, Abraham Lincoln declared it so. It was not until 1989 that President H.W. Bush pardoned the first turkey, but it didn't keep turkey off the Thanksgiving table.*

## Crock Pot Dressing Recipe

My simple crock pot blessing of a dressing recipe follows:

One 8" pan of cornbread (I cook in an iron skillet.)

8 slices of any kind of bread (Use what you prefer to eat. I use wheat.)

4 large eggs

2 cups of chicken broth

2 cans of cream of chicken or mushroom soup or one of

each

1 tsp. of sage

1 tsp. of ground black pepper

2 chopped stalks of celery

1 large onion chopped

1 stick of butter

Mix all ingredients, except butter. Put in a greased crock pot. Dot the top with butter. Cook on high 2 hours and on low 4 hours. If you want it creamier, add more broth or soup.



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# Juice Box Jams returns to Wonder City Coffee

WCC Entertainment Schedule

Nov. 9, 5:30 p.m.: Artist talk w/Demos Glass

Nov. 12, 10:30 a.m.: Juice Box Jams

Nov. 16, 6 p.m.: Wonder City Tellabration

Dec. 4, 2 p.m.: Mrs. Claus for Preschool Kids

Dec. 4, 4-7 p.m.: Christmas Pop-Up Shop

• Locust Grove's own Demos Glass, a Cherokee National Treasure, will give an artist talk at the coffee

shop on Nov. 9, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Glass will be sharing photos and describing past and future projects.

Glass is known for his contemporary art and use of mixed media, along with welded steel structures and collaborations with his father Bill Glass, Jr., also a Cherokee National Treasure. They have a studio east of town where they do most of their work.

• Another noted Cherokee citizen Choogie Kingfisher, a



Kituwah-Cherokee storyteller, will once again be the main teller at this year's Wonder City Tellabration Nov. 16, from 6-7 p.m. Tellabration is an annual international celebration of oral storytelling that takes place the weekend before Thanksgiving in most places.

A Tellabration has been staged in Locust Grove ev-

ery year since 2006. Kingfisher will tell stories old and new, mythic and real. This is a free celebration of the art and joy of telling stories and is suitable for all ages.

• On Nov. 12, Sarah Spurrier will be back to lead preschool kids in another fun Juice Box Jams. Sarah has taken a break from the Jams to have twins, and now that both she and they are doing well, she is eager to be back at 10:30 a.m. with songs and story fun.

• On Dec. 4, the coffee shop will feature a Christmas Extravanaganza, a pop-up shop with items from local artists, craftspeople, and vendors, so you can do Christ-

mas shopping and buy local. Items include soaps, bath bombs, Avon, books, jewelry, artwork and much more. The pop-up shop will run from 4-7 p.m.

• Also, at 2 p.m. that day, for the preschool kids, Mrs. Claus will be at the coffee shop reading her book *Mrs. Claus's Night Before Christmas*. Mrs. Claus will also read her book again sometime during the 4-7 p.m. time slot for other children.

The book will be for sale, and kids can get the chance to meet Mrs. Claus and take a photo with her.

For more information check out the Wonder City Coffee Facebook page.



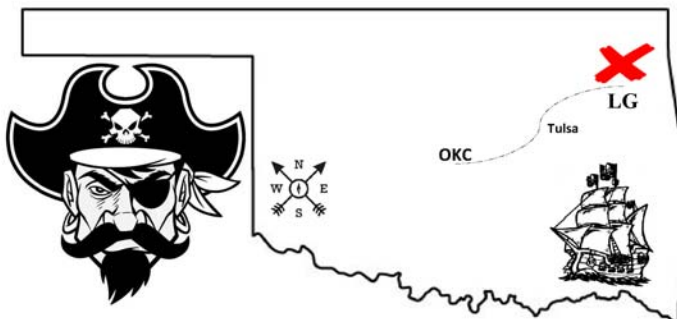
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