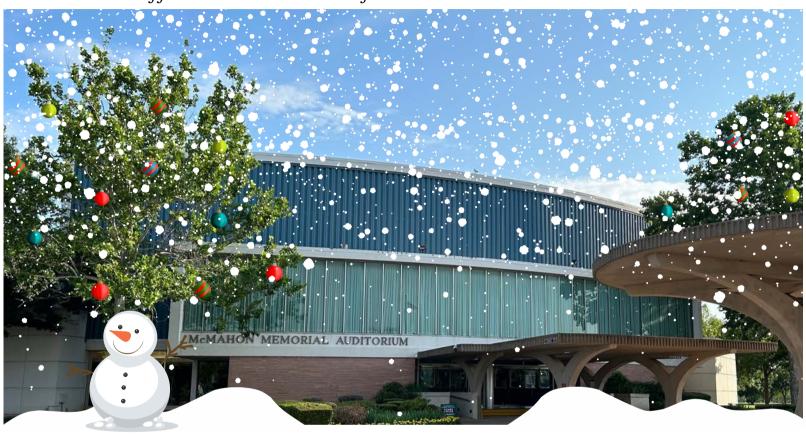
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To encourage and promote artistic expression and diversity in the City of Lawton.

OUR VISION

To create an enduring artistic and cultural community.

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Manuel Smith | PT Maintenance Tech

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Merry Christmas

ARTS & HUMANITIES OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED DECEMBER 25, 2023 & JANUARY 1, 2024



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FREE FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

PRESENTED BY FIDELITY COMMUNICATIONS HARRY POTTER AND THE PRISONER OF AZKABAN

MCMAHON MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM
DECEMBER 29 6:30 PM

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MCMAHON AUDITOIUM TECH UPDATE

McMahon Memorial Auditorium recently underwent a significant technological upgrade by transitioning from a 5000-lumen bulb projector, which had faithfully served for the past two and a half years, to a cutting-edge 10000-lumen laser projector. This upgrade marks a substantial improvement in brightness, clarity, and overall visual experience for the audience.

The new laser projector boasts double the brightness of its predecessor, ensuring vivid and sharp images even in well-lit environments. The transition to laser technology enhances the brightness and contributes to a longer lifespan, reduced maintenance costs, and improved energy efficiency. "This advancement aligns with the auditorium's commitment to staying at the forefront of audio-visual technology and providing our patrons with an immersive and top-notch viewing experience," said Nick Sasseen, the Theatrical Technical Coordinator.

The upgrade is expected to impact presentations, performances, and events positively. Now, free family movies are held in the auditorium, elevating the overall quality of visual content and fostering a more engaging and enjoyable audience experience.





FREE FAMILY MOVIE NIGHTS AT MCMAHON AUDITORIUM

Fidelity Communications partnered with the McMahon Auditorium Authority to bring Free Family Movie Nights to Lawton! Featuring the entire Harry Potter eight movie series, McMahon Auditorium will host each film the first Friday of every month, unless otherwise stated. We continue the series with Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban on December 29th at 6:30 PM. The first 50 to arrive will receive a free Butterbeer, and the first 15 will receive a free Chocolate Frog. Themed door prizes will also be available to win after the movie.

2024 LAWTON COMMUNITY THEATRE YOUTH THEARE SHOWCASE

As we approach the conclusion of McMahon Memorial Auditorium's inaugural four-show season, we're thrilled to share details about our grand finale. Join us on March 14th at McMahon Auditorium for a spectacular showcase featuring the budding talents of Lawton's youth in the Lawton Community Theatre Youth Theatre Showcase.

This special event is a collaboration between the McMahon Auditorium Authority, the City of Lawton, and Lawton Community Theatre. We are proud to celebrate the extraordinary capabilities of our young performers, emphasizing their acting, singing, and dancing skills in a mesmerizing production. This year's Youth Theatre Showcase promises to be a heartwarming and inspiring experience. Witness the passion and creativity of our talented young actors as they showcase their talents on the McMahon Auditorium stage.

Don't miss the chance to participate in this captivating youth theater celebration! Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more updates as we draw closer to this unforgettable evening. Although the show title has not been announced yet, for those interested in showcasing their talents, the student performance registration deadline is January 5th, 2024.

Thank you for your continued support of the arts in our community. We look forward to sharing this magical evening with you.











Black History Month Pop Up Art Show 2024

The Arts and Humanities Division is excited to host the Black History Month Pop-Up Art Show for the second year. Last year, we had an amazing turnout of around twenty talented local artists of all ages.



The opening ceremony fostered community connections and highlighted the musical talents of Helen Holden and retired General Jesse Cross and spoken word from Mary B. Gray. We hope you consider entering your artwork for display in the McMahon Auditorium Lobby or supporting your community artist at any time during February.

If you or someone you know is interested in participating in our art show, please visit our website, SWOKarts.com, and download, fill out, and submit the Art Submission form. Artwork must follow the guidelines provided.

