

Lawton Arts REVIEW

The Official Newsletter of the Arts & Humanities Division



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OUR MISSION

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

OUR VISION

To create an enduring artistic and cultural community.

WHO WE ARE

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March

EVENTS



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DISNEY'S FROZEN JR.

PRESENTED BY LAWTON COMMUNITY THEATRE &
MCMAHON MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM
MCMAHON MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM 6:30PM



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LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

CAMERON UNIVERSITY LIBRARY 6:00PM



22 & 23

THE GREAT BARBERSHOP BAKE OFF

PRESENTED BY THE SOUTHWEST PRIDE
BARBERSHOP CHORUS

MCMAHON MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM
7:00PM & 2:00PM

DOING THE UNTHINKABLE

In a remarkable conclusion to Black History Month, the Lawton Fort Sill Chamber of Commerce and McMahon Memorial Auditorium hosted "Doing the Unthinkable," an enlightening panel discussion featuring African American local business leaders. Moderated by Brandi Sims, CEO of Brandinc, the panel offered invaluable insights and perspectives on entrepreneurship and success in today's business landscape.

Following this engaging discussion, attendees were treated to a mesmerizing performance by the Dallas Black Dance Theatre. Comprising 14 exceptionally talented dancers, many of whom trained at the prestigious Alvin Ailey School in New York, the troupe showcased their artistry and skill on the McMahon Auditorium stage.

Led by rehearsal director Hana DeLong, the Dallas Black Dance Theatre captivated the audience with their dynamic choreography and powerful performances. Their ability to connect with the audience on a profound level transformed the evening into a shared experience of beauty, culture, and artistry.

It was an unforgettable night that celebrated the rich heritage and contributions of African Americans to our community and beyond.



ALWAYS PATSY CLINE



Lawton Community Theatre's recent production of "Always...Patsy Cline" transported audiences back in time for a captivating journey through the life and music of the legendary country singer. From March 7th to 9th, the McMahon Auditorium stage was filled with the soulful melodies and timeless classics that made Patsy Cline an icon. With heartfelt performances and toe-tapping tunes, the cast and crew delivered a memorable experience that left the audience singing along and reminiscing about the golden era of country music. It was truly a night to remember!

LAWTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS ART SHOW



Throughout the month of March, City Hall will be adorned with the vibrant and imaginative artworks created by our talented LPS students.

This annual Children's Art Show celebrates the creativity and talent of our young artists, showcasing a diverse range of artworks across various mediums and styles. From colorful paintings to intricate drawings and sculptures, each piece represents the unique perspectives and artistic expression of our students.

We invite you to visit City Hall anytime during the month of March to explore the wonderful world of art created by our LPS students.

SOUTHWEST PRIDE BARBERSHOP CHORUS

Get ready for a harmonious blend of music and laughter as the Southwest Pride Barbershop Chorus presents their 60th annual barbershop show! Join us on March 22nd at 7:30 PM and March 23rd at 2:00 PM for a musical comedy extravaganza that promises to delight audiences of all ages.

In this uproarious production, titled "The Great Barbershop Bake-Off" prepare to be whisked away on a hilarious journey where baking brilliance meets barbershop buffoonery!

Don't miss your chance to be the judge and witness the magic of the Southwest Pride Barbershop Chorus as they showcase their musical talents in this entertaining and unforgettable performance. Mark your calendars and join us for an evening of fun, laughter, and outstanding music!



FREEDOM FESTIVAL VENDOR APPLICATIONS

Get ready for the 2024 Lawton Fort Sill Freedom Festival! The vendor application is now open and available on the City of Lawton's website. You can also find the application link on the Freedom Festival Facebook page. Be sure to like and follow the page to stay updated with all the latest information and announcements.

We're thrilled to bring you an amazing Freedom Festival this year, complete with new and exciting attractions that we can't wait to reveal. Whether you're interested in showcasing your products or services or want to join in on the fun as a food vendor, we invite you to apply now to become a part of this unforgettable event.

If you're interested in applying to be a vendor, email Arts@lawtonok.gov for more information and to receive the vendor application. Don't miss your chance to be a part of this celebration of freedom, community, and fun!



INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL LUAU FUNDRAISER

Join us for an unforgettable evening at the International Festival Luau Fundraiser on May 17th at the Lawton Farmer's Market! Your ticket purchase directly supports our community's annual International Festival in September, where we celebrate diversity and culture. Tickets are \$50 each, or you can reserve a sponsorship table for \$400, which includes wine and hors d'oeuvres. For tickets and sponsorships contact Arts@lawtonok.gov or visit SWOKarts.com

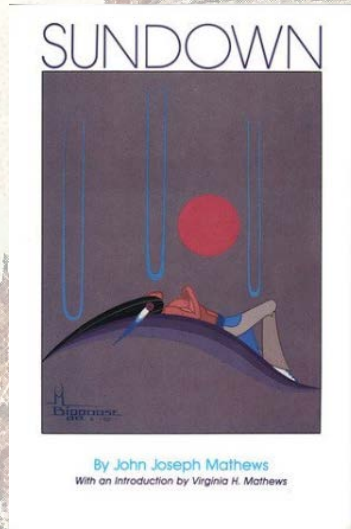


The Oklahoma Experience: Looking for Home



A PROGRAM OF OKLAHOMA HUMANITIES

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

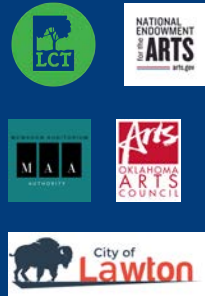


The McMahon Auditorium Authority, in collaboration with the City of Lawton Arts and Humanities Division, The City of Lawton, and Cameron University, is excited to announce the launch of the new series theme of Let's Talk About It, "The Oklahoma Experience: Looking For Home."

Let's Talk About It is a four-part scholar-led discussion group that brings books to life and encourages thought-provoking discussions. This series is made possible through funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities and aims to explore the literary response to the social changes of that era.

The series continues on Thursday, March 21, with the reading of Sundown by John Joseph Mathews with the discussion led by former Cameron University professor Dr. Judy Neale at the Patterson Center, located at 4 NE Arlington Drive at 6:00 p.m.

Copies of the books are available for check out at the City of Lawton Arts and Humanities Office - 801 NW Ferris Ave, (580) 581- 3470



This week is all about magic and music as Lawton Community Theatre presents Disney's Frozen Jr.! Join us on Thursday, March 14th at 6:30 PM for an enchanting performance that will transport you to the whimsical world of Arendelle. Tickets are only \$5, so bring your family and friends for a night of Frozen fun!

NEXT AT A GLANCE

MONTH



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STEPHEN FITE
MELODY HOUSE MUSIC
MCMAHON MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM 12:15PM



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FREE FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT
PRESENTED BY FIDELITY COMMUNICATIONS
HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS PT. 1
MCMAHON MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM 6:30PM



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LAWTON FORT-SILL TRASH OFF
MCMAHON MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM PARKING LOT
8:00 AM - 2:00PM



12 - 14

RENT
PRESENTED BY LAWTON COMMUNITY THEATRE
MCMAHON MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM 7:30PM & 2:00PM



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CHOREOGRAPHY CONCERT
PRESENTED BY LAWTON BALLET THEATRE
MCMAHON MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM



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EMOTIONAL MASTERPIECES
PRESENTED BY LAWTON PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA
MCMAHON MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM 7:30 PM



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LPS STUDENT SHOWCASE
PRESENTED BY LAWTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MCMAHON MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM