Happenings.

July 2012

NORTH LITTLE ROCK VISITORS BUREAU

Now - July 21: The White House Garden, will be on display at the Laman Library Main Branch. Call 501-758-1720 or visit www.LamanLibrary.org.

Now - July 27: Laman Library Summer Reading Program, Participants will get the chance to experience many activities during the program, among the following: storytelling performances, magic shows, yoga, music and dance workshops and much more. But don't think it's all just for kids. There is also a summer reading program for teens and adults with their own special programming! Free and open to the public, registration is available online at www.LamanLibrary.org or at either branches of the Laman Library, call 501-758-1720 for details.

June 29 - July 1: The AR Travelers VS Midland Rockhounds at Dickey-Stephens Park. Fri. & Sat. games begin for 7:10 p.m.; Sun. game at 6 p.m. Tickets available at www.Travs.com or call 501-664-1555.

June 29 - July 1: Big Bass Bonanza, the Nation's largest amateur fishing tournament takes place on the Arkansas River. The tournament will have five different pools to fish and will have \$100,000 in guaranteed cash prizes. For more information and to register visit www.ArkansasBigBass.com or call 501-376-2323.

<u>June 30 - July 1</u>: 3V3 Live Soccer Tour hosted by the Lakewood Futbol Club at the Burns Park Soccer Complex. For details or to register a team call 501-753-4937 or visit <u>www.LakewoodPOA.com</u>.

<u>July 1</u>: New Edition 30th Reunion Tour featuring After 7 at Verizon Arena. Ticket Prices; \$48 - \$68. Tickets available at the Arena Box Office, 501-975-9000 or through TicketMaster locations, 800-745-3000, visit www.TicketMaster.com.

<u>July 2 - 4</u>: AR Travelers VS Frisco RoughRiders at Dickey-Stephens Park. Mon. & Tues. games begin at 7:10 p.m.; Wed. game for 5:30 p.m. Tickets available at www.Travs.com or call 501-664-1555.

July 2 - 12: Thea's Art Class, a summer art camp designed to utilize arts-infused education. Session 1, July 2 - 3, 5 - 6, & 9 - 12. Times: 3rd - 6th graders (entering): 9 - 11 a.m.; 7 - 9th graders (entering): 2 - 4 p.m. Fee \$75/student for 8 classes, class limit 15 students. Contact Elaine Akin, 501-379-9512, elaine@theafoundation.org or visit www.THEAFoundation.org.

<u>July 2 - 19</u>: 6th Annual FASCATS Camp for male and female student athletes in 4th - 9th grade. Cost: \$80. Coaches spend time helping students develop their speed, quickness, power and explosion. Contact Coach Bolding at 501-771-8142 or email boldingb@nlrsd.org to sign up.

<u>July 3 - 31</u>: Tales from the South, a live taping of the radio series, is held weekly on Tuesdays at Starving Artist Cafe'. Cost: \$5 admission plus dinner. Dinner begins at 5 p.m.; taping begins at 7 p.m. Seating is limited. For details, call 501-372-7976 or visit www.TalesFromTheSouth.com.

<u>July 4</u>: 29th Annual Pops on the River, presented by the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, is the state's largest Fourth of July celebration and is FREE to the public. Festivities being at noon. The Arkansas Symphony Orchestra performs and the fireworks finale will begin at 9:30 p.m. Visit www.Showtime.ArkansasOnline.com.

July 4: Enjoy the fireworks show atop the USS Razorback submarine. Join us for hamburgers and hot dogs, live music, silent auction and a donation bar (benefits AIMM). Cost: \$25, event proceeds benefit WAND. Call Jean Gordon at 501-225-1323 for tickets.

July 4: Join us for the Fireworks Dinner Cruise aboard the Arkansas Queen Riverboat. Boarding for 6:30 p.m., the cruise returns just in time for the fireworks display. For reservations, please call 501-372-5777 or visit www.ArkansasQueen.com.

July 4 - 25: Singles Mingle at Cregeen's Irish Pub, Join us every Wednesday for games, drink specials and great company. Call 501-376-7468 or visit www.Cregeens.com

<u>July 4 - 25</u>: The Joint Venture is an improv comedy act performed Wednesdays at The Joint in downtown North Little Rock for 8 p.m. There is a \$5 cover charge.

Visit www.TheJointInLittleRock.com call 501-372-0205.

<u>July 5 - 28</u>: Painting With A Twist, Uncork your inner artist! Bring a friend or two, a snack and your favorite beverage. They supply everything needed to complete your masterpiece, including instruction from a talented local artist. Call 501-352-1366 or visit <u>www.PaintingWithATwist.com</u>.

July 6 - 28: Enjoy a Lunch or Dinner Cruise aboard the Arkansas Queen Riverboat. Dinner Cruises Fri. and Sat. for 6:30 p.m.; Lunch Cruises on Sat. for 11:30 a.m. Call 501-372-5777 or visit www.ArkansasQueen.com.

<u>July 6 - 27</u>: Carousel Argenta Walking Club meets every Friday from 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. at the Carousel Fit-4-Life Wellness Center in downtown NLR. Cost \$10 per month - first visit FREE! Call 501-372-3348 or visit www.CarouselFit-4-Life.org.

<u>July 6 - 28</u>: Little Rock and A Hard Place at The Joint showing Fridays at 8:00 p.m. and Saturdays for 8 p.m. & 10:15 p.m. Tickets are \$20. Call 501-372-0205 or visit www.TheJointlnLittleRock.com for details or tickets.

<u>July 7 & 21</u>: THEA's Foundation and Reel Arkansas Wokshops from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the THEA Foundation. July 7 - Creative Writing with Jess Carson; July 21 - Intro to Photography with Ariel Bisbess. Cost is \$50 per workshop. Call 501-379-9512 for details.

<u>July 7 - 28</u>: Certified Arkansas Farmers Market at 6th and Main Streets from 7 a.m. - NOON on Saturdays. On the River Rail Trolley route with FREE parking. For details visit www.ArgentaArtsDistrict.org.

<u>July 7 - 28</u>: Brandon's Rock Town Distillery Tour in LR! Tour Arkansas' 1st legal distillery and taste the award winning spirits on Saturdays at 1:30 p.m. & 3 p.m. Cost: \$7pp Call 501-907-5244 or visit www.DrinkBrandons.com.

July 10 & 17: Meet the Author Series at Laman Library, Main Branch Auditorium for 6 p.m. On July 10 - hear from renowned health expert, Dr. David Lipschitz who will discuss his latest book, "Dr. David's First Health Book of MORE (Not Less); July 17 - the 2012 Laman Library Fellow, Mara Leveritt will discuss her work in progress, "Justice Knot," the follow-up to her highly acclaimed true crime book, "Devil's Knot." For more information call 501-758-1720, www.LamanLibrary.org.

July 12: Live at Laman, held monthly every 2nd Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Laman Library Plaza. This month's performance will be by The Amy Garland Band.

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July 12: Safe Sitter Basic Class at Baptist Health Medical Center - NLR (Conference Room 1) from 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Safe Sitter Basic is a 6.5 hours curriculum designed for today's busy schedules. The medically accurate class teaches boys and girls 12 - 14 years of age to handle emergencies when caring for children. Cost is \$35 per child and a box lunch will be provided. To register visit www.Baptist-Health.com or call 501-227-8478.

<u>July 12 - 15</u>: The AR Travelers VS Tulsa Drillers at Dickey-Stephens Park. The Thurs. - Sat. games begin at 7:10 p.m.; Sun. game for 6 p.m. For tickets visit www.Travs.com or call 501-664-1555.

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<u>July 13 - 14</u>: Arkansas Boathouse Club Discover Rowing is an introduction to sweep rowing for adults in 4 person or 8 person boats. Visit <u>www.ArkansasBoathouseClub.org</u> or email DiscoverRowing@ARBoathouse.org.

July 19: NLR Chamber Business After Hours, Luau & Leis at the Wyndham Riverfront Hotel from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. Live music, food, beverage, networking and lots of great door prizes. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. RSVP to 501-372-5959.

July 20: Argenta ArtWalk held the 3rd Friday of each month from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. "Art In Unexpected Places" can be found inside and out of the galleries and businesses along Main Street. For details or to display your artwork, please call 501-993-1234 or visit www.Facebook.com/ArgentaArtWalk.

July 20 - 23: The AR Travelers VS Tulsa Drillers at Dickey-Stephens Park. The Fri., Sat., & Mon. games begin at 7:10 p.m.; the Sun. game for 6 p.m. Tickets available at www.Travs.com or by calling 501-664-1555.

July 21: Morning Star Baptist Church Community Health Fair and Picnic from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at 105 N. Smother in NLR. This event is FREE and open to the public. For details call Danny Bryant at 501-246-0968.

<u>July 21</u>: WWE Presents RAW WORLD TOUR at Verizon Arena for 7:30 p.m. Ticket Prices: \$17 - \$97. Tickets available at the ArenaBox Office, 501-975-9000 or through TicketMaster locations, 800-745-3000, www.TicketMaster.com.

July 21: Riverside Classic Mountain Bike Race takes place in Burns Park at Victory Lake. The course is a 10 mile single track loop with sections that are tight and twisty, and others that are a big chain ring. For details visit www.DLTMultiSport.com.

July 22: Riverside Duathlon takes place in Burns Park at Victory Lake. The race will be a 12.5 mile bike ride and a 2.5 mile run with both utilizing roads and trails inside the park. For details visit www.DLTMultiSport.com.

<u>July 23 - 27</u>: Children's Pottery Classes at Claytime Pottery Studio/Gallery from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Cost: \$150. Classes are limited to 7 kids, ages 6 - 12. Call 501-374-3515 or email lp@aristotle.net.

<u>July 25 - 28</u>: Cabaret at the Argenta Community Theater, their first community production. For details and tickets visit www.ArgentaCommunityTheater.com or call 501-353-1571.

<u>July 26 - 29</u>: Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey present Barnum Bash at Verizon Arena. Show times include - 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. Ticket prices: \$20.75* - \$50.75, * Kids 2 - 12 \$10.75. Tickets available at the Arena Box Office, 501-975-9000, or through TicketMaster locations, 800-745-3000, visit www.TicketMaster.com.

<u>July 28 - 30</u>: The AR Junior Closed Tennis Tournament will take place at the Burns Park Tennis Center. Details at www.ArkTennis.com, call 501-791-8585.

<u>July 28 - August 20</u>: FREE Immunizations in central Arkansas by Baptist Health. For details on specific locations and times, call B-A-P-T-I-S-T (501-227-8478).

<u>July 31 - August 2</u>: The AR Travelers VS Springfield Cardinals at Dickey-Stephens Park. All games for 7 p.m. Tickets available at www.Travs.com, call 501-664-1555.

Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame Museum: Located on the west side of Verizon Arena. Open Monday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Call 501-663-4328 or visit www.ArkSportsHallOfFame.com for more information.

The U.S.S. Razorback Submarine: Visit the USS Razorback (SS 394), a BALAO Class Fleet Submarine located at the Arkansas Inland Maritime Museum. Ask about Birthday Parties and Group Overnight Stays!

Summer Hours: Wednesday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.;

Sundays 1 p.m. - 6 p.m. CLOSED Monday & Tuesday.

Visit www.AIMM.museum for details. To schedule a group tour call 501-371-8320 or e-mail: info@AIMM.Museum.

The Beacon of Peace and Hope and surrounding Peace Garden presents a special welcome to visitors. Women's Action for New Directions (WAND) worked with the City of NLR and the submariners to build this monument for peace and reconciliation.

North Little Rock Animal Shelter's Mobile Adoption Unit: Lakewood Village Friday from 1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Call 501-791-8577 for details.

North Little Rock Parks and Recreation:

Call 501-791-8543 (8545), visit www.NLRPR.org for details on events. To rent pavilions or the Hospitality House, call 501-791-8537. Burns Park Baseball call 501-753-0012, or visit www.BurnsParkBaseball.com. Bonzai BMX Track visit www.BonzaiBMX.com, call 501-753-6989. Burns Park Campgrounds call 501-771-0702. Burns Park Golf Course call 501-758-5800. Burns Park Soccer 501-791-8540. Burns Park Softball call 501-350-5630. Burns Park Tennis Center visit www.ArkTennis.com, call 501-791-8585. Funland call 501-753-7307. Open Sat. & Sun Easter Weekend - Labor Day Weekend. Riverview Skateboard Park call 501-791-8540. NLR Colts American Legion Baseball call Jeral Howard 501-951-8800.

The Big Dam Bridge: Spanning the Arkansas River with 4,226 linear feet of bridge at 90 feet above the river it connects the two cities and the AR River Trail. Directions: Take I-40 to Exit #148, head south on Crystal Hill Rd. At the red light turn left onto North Shore Dr. At the fourway intersection turn right onto Cook's Landing Rd. For details or events, visit www.BigDamBridge.org or www.RiverTrail.org.

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