




# NEWSLETTER




## MOVIE NIGHT RETURNS TO OLT

Ouachita Little Theatre  
presents  
**Free Movie Night**  
at the  
**Lyric**



WEDNESDAY,  
AUGUST 9,  
6:30 PM

Concessions will be available  
and  
Donations are always welcome



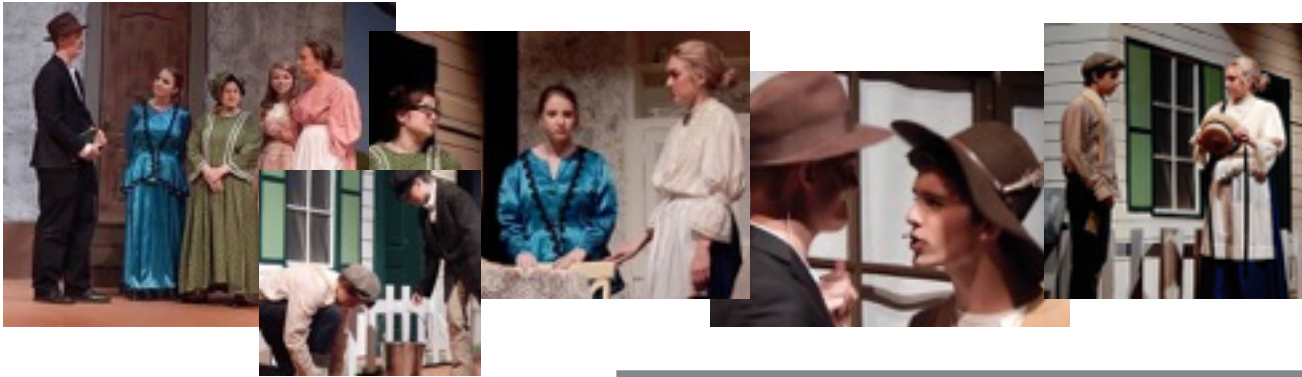
By Julie Ulmer:

Ouachita Little Theatre is reviving the free Wednesday night at the movies on August 9, 2017 at 6:30 PM at the Lyric Theatre on Main Street. As part of OLT's dedication to enrichment of the arts for the community, this is a great time for the people of Polk County to either introduce or reacquaint themselves with great films of past decades. The first production will be "Singin' in the Rain" starring Gene Kelly and Debbie Reynolds. This 1951 film was the inspiration for "LaLa Land," a movie that was nominated for Best Picture and won several academy awards in 2016. The director and producers of "LaLa Land" openly paid homage to this popular musical of the past. "Singin' in the Rain" is clever, funny, and full of some of the best song and dance routines ever put on film. Those familiar with Rotten Tomatoes critical reviews will agree that the rare 100% this film receives proves that it is still one of the most beloved movies of all time. Don't miss a free evening of entertainment with the family and see a great classic film in the theatre the way it was meant to be seen. Be sure to bring the kids and grandkids! Concession stand will be open and donations are welcome. OLT is planning more free movie nights on the second Wednesday of each month.

### BOARD MEETS AND SELECTS COMMITTEE CHAIRS

The OLT Board met July 20 in the business office of the theatre. The office was previously referred to as suite B but has been remodeled with new cabinets and counters. While more work remains the office will soon be a professional space for OLT business. There are plans to keep the office open with regular hours so that tickets for shows will always be available by stopping in the office. Many new ideas were discussed at the meeting with positive attitudes demonstrated by the board members. Committee chairs were selected with the following results: Box office — Justin Fenwick, Concessions — Bill Hays, Publicity — Julie Ulmer, Play Selection — Lamar Austin and Jessica Kropp, House — Brad Storey and Robby Burt, Costumes — Jane Buttermilk, Programs — Beth McMillen, Finance — Linda Johnson, Membership — Barry Mickelson, Social and Outreach — Amanda Baker and Andy Arnold, JOLT Advisor — Judy Kropp

# JOLT's Tom Sawyer is a Winner



“Tom Sawyer’s” popularity was demonstrated by the fact that the audiences kept getting bigger and bigger with over 125 enjoying the show on the last Sunday. On Tuesday after the last show the cast’s dedication was further demonstrated by most of them helping to strike the set so that the stage would be ready for our next show, “Hamlet”. Directors, Scotty Jenkins and Alexa Night admitted after the show that without the help of folks like Judy Kropp, Andy Arnold, Allison Austin, Sharon Hose, Linda G. Johnson, and Jackie Biard this show would not have been possible. Most importantly it would also not happen without the support from the community. The cast and crew thank all of our community members that made the show possible. A clip from the show is available online at [oltmena.com](http://oltmena.com)

### OLT to provide video duplicating service

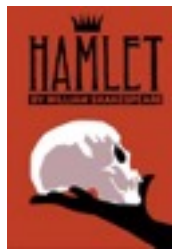
Equipment needed to transfer VHS tapes to DVD or other digital media has been ordered. Soon folks will be able to bring in their family VHS tapes and, for a reasonable fee, have them transferred by OLT staff members manning the new OLT office. When all is in place, any media will be able to be copied, even old 8mm movie film. The hope is that this will draw enough interest to support a part time employee to keep the office open for regular hours. In addition to transferring media, the attendant will also be able to sell season tickets, OLT memberships, and reserved tickets for the whatever the next show is. Watch for the announcement for the start of the service.

## COMING ATTRACTIONS

### Ouachita Little Theatre

Directed by Brad Storey and Becky Norris  
October Oct 20, 2017

**The Tragedy of Hamlet, Prince of Denmark**, often shortened to **Hamlet** (*/'hæmlɪt/*), is a **tragedy** written by **William Shakespeare** at an uncertain date between 1599 and 1602. Set in the **Kingdom of Denmark**, the play dramatizes the revenge **Prince Hamlet** is called to wreak upon his uncle, **Claudius**, by the ghost of Hamlet's father, **King Hamlet**. Claudius had murdered his own brother and seized the throne, also marrying his deceased brother's widow.



### 2018 Season

Sandy, the four-times-married-three-times-divorced owner of a wedding chapel in Las Vegas, has certainly seen her fair share of matrimonies! In the hilarious **Four Weddings and an Elvis**, we witness four of her funniest. However, the final wedding should be the funniest of all. Sandy's fifth and final wedding reveals an hilarious twist!



At the behest of John the Baptist young men and women forsake their jobs and take up the mantle of Jesus Christ -- becoming his disciples -- in a musical retelling of the Gospel of Matthew set in modern-day.



Blind and deaf after suffering a terrible fever as a baby, young Helen Keller has spent years unable to communicate, leaving her frustrated and occasionally violent. As a last chance before she is institutionalized, her parents contact a school for the blind, which sends half-blind Annie Sullivan to teach Helen. Helen is initially resistant, but Annie gradually forms a bond with her and shows Helen ways of reaching others.

