



NEWSLETTER



Looking Forward to a Big Year!

Carver Charitable Foundation Donates \$10,000 to OLT

The Carver Foundation has been supporting the efforts of the OLT for three years now. Through the generous support of the foundation OLT has been able to install a new stage lighting system and remodel the upstairs for better storage and better use of space. A Lobby renovation will be the third in the projects it has supported.

Fund raising for the theatre lobby concession area remodel got a big boost this December. Not only the funds provided by the Carver Foundation grant but also the original benefit show, "Saturday Night Live in Mena," contributed to the assurance of the project's success. At the last meeting the OLT Board voted to embark on the project to renovate the lobby. Planned changes include are a new floor and a more organized and cleaner looking concession area. The lobby will get a more 1920's Art-Deco look using color, lighting, and furniture. The board is following the recommendations of a consultant from the Main Street Mena Project. A multi phase program to get all the work done is being developed. The first of the building phases will focus on fixing the floor, in the meantime, OLT will continue to sponsor numerous fund raising projects.



**The Next OLT Production
to Open
Valentine's Day
Feb. 14 2019
as dinner theatre at
Mena Mountain Resort**
**The show continues on the OLT stage
for the next two weekends**

Director Scotty Jenkins describes the show as a “madcap comedy in the style of ‘Southern Hospitality’, ‘Christmas Belles’, and ‘Dixie Swim Club’.”

The production will open on February 14 at the Mena Mountain Resort as a Valentine’s Day dinner show. All other performances will be at the OLT on February 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, and 24. This play will be performed by many of the “Just 4 Fun Players”, an offshoot of Ouachita Little Theatre.

Cast:

- Nancy Land: Wanelle Wilburn
- Tim Hesse: D.Gene Wilburn
- Tara Cornelius: Jenna Sealy
- Maxie Wilburn Suggs: Janelle Barnes
- Carmine DeLuca: Mike Moe
- Ty Wilburn: Paul Miner
- Lola Barbosa: Jackie Biard
- Sonny Barbosa: Will Hose
- Roxanne Thorne: Beth Coogan
- Director: Scotty Jenkins
- Assistant Director: Amanda Baker



It’s a Wonderful life, directed by Linda Johnson, was a big hit with the audiences. The

show helped everyone get into the Christmas Spirit by reminding us that the tradition of helping our fellow man and not money is the center of a fulfilled life. As folks left the theatre they were all listening for the ringing of bells to see if any angels got their wings that evening.



Fundraiser was a Big Success

A big thanks goes to the cast and crew of "Saturday Live in Mena." These folks helped raise over \$1000 to help with the lobby remodel project. Not only did the admissions and concessions provide great funding, efforts on the part of Beth and Justin yielded additional sponsorships from businesses in town. If that was not enough, the cast and crew also wrote all the original material presented Saturday, December 22.

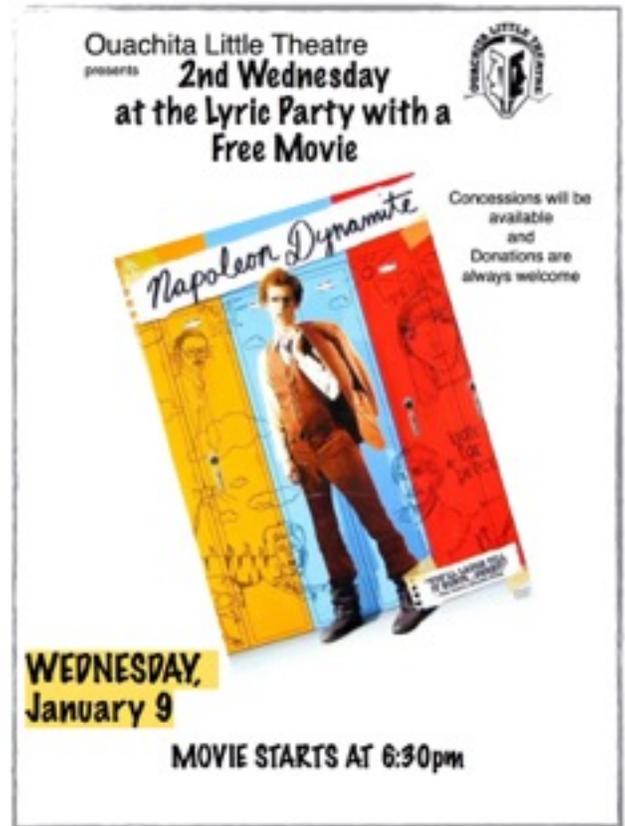
Cast

Amanda Baker
 Annie Baker
 Ian Cameron
 Mitchell Clark
 Joel Garrido
 Linda Johnson
 Caroline Morgan
 Drew Philpot
 Kara O'Donnal
 Elizabeth Richmond
 Morgan Richmond
 Logan Sweeten
 Heather Wilson

Crew

Director: Beth Coogan
 Assistant Director:
 Justin Richmond
 Lights Abbie Baker
 Sound Brendon Green
 Stage Crew
 MaKayla Kenyon-Ortiz
 Angel Moe
 Tia Moe

Second Wednesday Movie Jan. 9



Movie starts at 6:30
FREE!!

JOLT to Hold Lock-in

JOLT is sponsoring a Lock-in for JOLT member who have appeared in any of OLT's productions in the past year. Adult supervision will be provided throughout the evening and night. Games and movies will be available. If you are interested in helping the adults or just want to attend, contact Judy Kropp or Brad Storey

"Always Patsy Cline" on OLT Schedule



Lana Gail Coogan has agreed to perform as Patsy Cline in **Always Patsy Cline**. It is more than a tribute to the legendary country singer who died tragically in a plane crash in 1963. The **show** is based on a true story about

Cline's friendship with Houston fan Louise Seger who befriended the star in 1961, and continued a correspondence with **Cline** until her death. The show will be performed in August of 2019.

**New Business
Located at the OLT
Sweet Emporium**



**Coming to the
OLT**

May 2019



**A script will be available at the Polk County
Library after Jan 1 for those interested in
auditioning.**

**2019 WILL BE THE YEAR FOR THE
BIANNUAL BENSON AWARDS**

Scotty Jenkins will be the chairman for the Benson Awards this year. Plans call for a gala event open to the entire community as shows and actors from the past two years are honored. OLT members will be asked to vote for their favorites and the results of their votes will be made public at the ceremony. Members are reminded that clips from all our shows are online at our website, OLTMENA.COM, to help refresh their memories of the performances from the past two years.

MEMBERSHIP

Our theatre is an all volunteer organization. We depend on donations, memberships, and season ticket sales to keep us going. A show like Annie costs us \$2500 just for royalties. On top of that we have all our other show expenses. Our memberships are for a year and require renewal each year. We have been sending out email reminders that memberships are expiring. Some folks have replied and rejoined. Thank you. A substantial number have not. Please check your emails for renewal notices. You can pay online, by mail, or in person at our office. Help OLT to continue and grow. Join or renew. Membership categories are online at oltmena.com, and in our show programs. While online you can join by following the screen prompts.

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Putting them on DVD**

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