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THIS WEEK

The April 24, 2023 chapter meeting was called to order by Jenny Clement-Shaw. Larry Kindt led the group in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.



Roy Rodrick

Roy Rodrick, Superintendent for Lawton Animal Welfare, was the guest speaker. He has worked off and on for the department for 20 years and assumed the lead role in February of 2022. Rodrick said plans are currently in the works for the upgrades to the city's animal shelter. Architects are beginning to look at the existing facility to determine needs. He said it's part of a trend across the state due to an influx of homeless animals.

Rodrick said Lawton's shelter is considered full on a daily basis. Having a full-time veterinarian on staff has allowed the shelter to get animals ready for adoption sooner, with surgeries being performed daily. The vet also oversees medication and sanitation protocols to improve the health of the population.

A new organization, Friends of Lawton Animal Welfare, is in the process of being created to collect donations for the shelter. The mission will be to earmark funds for the animal and facility needs.

AMBUCS IN ACTION



CHAPTER NEWS

- The chapter will hold its next Orientation Social on Thursday, May 11 from 6 - 8 p.m. at the Cache Road Liquor Trophy Room. 12 members are due to be sworn in and officially welcomed to the chapter. The annual installation banquet is set for June 1 with more details to follow.
- Four AmTrykes are on their way to Lawton. That will bring the chapter's total to six that will need to be built soon.
- Kathleen Martin was recently asked by National AMBUCS to facilitate a booth at the Jim Thorp Rehabilitation Center Spinal Injury Conference. She worked alongside David Feisal to demonstrate an AmTryke and later helped the Oklahoma City chapter donate one. (See above) Kathleen has been invited to return to the center in July for another conference.
- Two ramp projects are still in the works, with the plan install them on the same day. The chapter was recently contacted about the need for another ramp, with the exact details still to be determined.
- Tanna Vu appeared to be on her way to winning the chapter's Spring Roundup membership recruitment campaign. It ends on April 30. Joe Elkins remained a close second in the point total.
- The Great Plains Region Conference is next Thursday through Saturday May 4 - 6 in Salina, Kansas. Director Gordon Shaw said about 150 people are scheduled to attend.
- The Freedom Fest Beverage Sales Committee planned to meet this week. Jeff Dunning announced that the chapter will be working two nights. Friday, June 30 will be limited to soda, water and non-alcoholic drinks. Saturday, July 1 will include those, beer and seltzers. It will take a lot of volunteers, so make plans to help.
- Dale Keese is working on organizing a group to sort through and organize flags for the chapter's delivery service on Armed Forces Day, May 20.

50/50

Barry Ezerski drew the 2 of Spades. The pot stood at \$490.

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Jimmy Roggenbuck had the ticket and his copy of AMBUNK.