

FRIDAY, APRIL 25

Registration 12:30 PM

1:30-2:45 PM

Memorial Hall
Ed Stivender and Priscilla Howe

3:00-3:45 PM

Memorial Hall
Michael D. McCarty - "Around the World and Back Again"

Depot (Workshop)
Paul Strickland - "The Craft of Humor in Storytelling"

Christian Church
Pippa White - "Voices from Ellis Island"

4:00-4:45 PM

Memorial Hall (Legends)
Major William F. Downs, Railroad
Miss Jones, School Teacher
Native American Legend

Depot (Workshop)
Priscilla Howe - "Starting Small: Telling Stories to Young Children"

Christian Church
Ed Stivender - "Once Upon a Planet"

5:00-6:30 PM

Senior Center
Supper with the Storytellers (additional admission)

7:00-9:15 PM

Memorial Hall (Tall Tales Contest)
Greg McGlynn, Peter Browning, Rich White, and Larry Temple vie for the Shovel Olio of Featured Tellers and Legends
Admission with All Performance button or \$5.

9:30-10:15 PM

Memorial Hall (Ghost Stories)
Paul Strickland

The Ghost Stories will begin after the conclusion of the Olios. Time may vary.

SATURDAY, APRIL 26

GOOD MORNING!

8:00 AM

United Methodist Church
Breakfast "Good Morning! Good Food!" (additional admission)

10:00-10:45 AM

Memorial Hall
Pippa White - "Stories from the Suffragists"

Depot (Workshop)
Ed Stivender - "Storylab: 5 Fool Proof Rules for Success"

Christian Church
Priscilla Howe - "Mildly Grimm: Folktales of the Brothers Grimm"

Senior Center
Paul Strickland - "90 Lies an Hour: Funny Fictions"

11:00-11:45 AM

Memorial Hall (Legends)
Major William F. Downs, Railroad
Miss Jones, School Teacher
Native American Legend

Depot
Paul Strickland - "Once Upon a Lie: Reupholstered Folk and Fairytales"

Christian Church
Michael D. McCarty - "My People My People: Stories of the struggles and triumphs of African and African-American men, women and children"

Senior Center
Priscilla Howe - "The Trickster Show Rascals, Tricky Foxes and Clever Fools!"

NOON HOUR

Explore the history and present-day flavors of this railroad town. Enjoy food, visiting and sharing your own stories. Our downtown businesses welcome you!



2:00-2:45 PM

Memorial Hall
Priscilla Howe - "Did that really happen? Stories from a preacher's kid"

Depot (Workshop)
Pippa White - "Mining the Gold in the History Books"

Christian Church
Ed Stivender - "Myth America" Classic American stories told with the help of harmonica & banjo

Senior Center
Michael D. McCarty - "Get Up, Stand Up"

3:00-3:45 PM

Memorial Hall (Master Storytellers)
Sam Seymore, Mike Nyhoff, Kenneth Lee, Allen DeBey, and Keyta Kelly improvise on your ideas

Depot (Workshop)
Michael D. McCarty - "Tantalizing Tactics to Teach Tale Telling"

Christian Church
Paul Strickland - "UnTrueBadour!"

Senior Center
Pippa White - "Memories from the Titanic?"

4:00-4:45 PM

Memorial Hall (Swappin Ground)
An open-mic opportunity for you to tell your story.

5:00-6:30 PM

Senior Center
Supper with the Storytellers (additional admission)

7:00 PM - GRAND FINALE

Memorial Hall
Ed Stivender, Pippa White and Michael D. McCarty
Admission with All Performance button or \$10.

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westlake.holidayfuture.com

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Cawker City, KS..... 785-545-6877
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wacondaspringsguesthouse.com

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Glen Elder, KS..... 785-545-3345

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Adults

Friday and Saturday \$25
Saturday Only \$20
Friday Only \$15
Single Performance \$5

Student Ages 10-17 (under 10 Free)

Friday and Saturday \$10
Saturday Only \$8
Friday Only \$5
Single Performance \$3

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