

**Tourism Talk
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CLAREMORE
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CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU
Oklahoma's Cast of Legends

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***Cherokee Casino Will Rogers Downs and RCB Bank presents
"Patti Page Returns"***



Born Clara Ann Fowler, November 8, 1927, Patti Page returns to her hometown, Claremore, to participate in "Destination Claremore", April 23-May 1. While in Claremore, Ms. Page Will attend an ***"Evening Gala" in her honor at Will Rogers Downs***, from 7-9pm on April 28. Tickets go on sale March 22nd and will be available at Will Rogers Downs and the Claremore Convention & Visitors Bureau's office (Claremore Chamber office, 419 W. Will Rogers Blvd.). Tickets are \$20 and include a buffet dinner in the Turf Club; proceeds of tickets sales will go to the National Committee of Grandparents for Children's Rights.

On the morning of April 29, Ms. Page will participate in ***"Conversations"***, an assembly at the Robson PAC for area 6, 7, & 8th graders. Led by Dr. Hugh Foley of Rogers State University, the gathering will be a discussion of growing up in the area, becoming a highly popular female artist with a long standing career in the music industry, as well as her involvement with a variety of charitable organizations.

April 29 at the Robson PAC the evening starts with the ***Sounds of Music Orchestra***, out of Tulsa. Opening for Ms. Page at 6:30, this great ensemble will get things started with popular "Big Band Music". The main event is the return of Grammy Award Winning, ***"The Singing Rage...Miss Patti Page"***. Tickets will go on sale March 22 and are available online at www.myticketoffice.com; by calling the Robson PAC at 918-699-7390; or by calling the Tulsa PAC at 918-596-7111. Tickets are \$25, \$35 and \$45 per person (not including taxes and fees).

Destination Claremore, April 23-May 1

A weeklong celebration of our history, heritage and our legends. Plans are underway for the city wide celebration; events will be taking place all over the city.

23 & 24: Sheep to Shawl, Shepherd's Cross & Art on the Hill at RSU

24 & 25: Western Trading Days at Will Rogers Memorial and J.M. Davis Arms & Historical **26:** Claremore's night at the J.M. Davis Arms & Historical Museum

27: Family night at the Will Rogers Memorial Museum

28: Cherokee Casino Will Rogers Downs presents an evening gala in honor of Patti Page

29: "The Singing Rage, Miss Patti Page Returns" at the Robson PAC

30: Taste of Claremore...showcasing local favorite restaurants and caterers

May 1: Lilac Festival, Historic Downtown & Derby Day at Will Rogers Downs

March Featured Events:

12-13: **Green Country Ham Fest** at the Claremore Expo Center, 918-342-5357

14: Robson PAC presents, **“Route 66”**, a musical comedy. Ticket info at www.claremorepac.org or call the PAC at 918-699-7390.

17: **St. Pat’s on Main Street**, featuring Bangers & Mash; and the “Pot-O-Gold” giveaway, a combo of cash and downtown green bucks. Lunch tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased at participating merchants and at the Claremore Chamber office on that day. Claremore Main Street, 918-341-5881, www.downtownclaremore.org

19-20: **Green Country Classic Ranch Rodeo** returns to the Claremore Expo Center. For more information call the Expo Center at 918-342-5357

22: *Tickets go on sale for Patti Page events at Will Rogers Downs (April 28) & performance at the Robson PAC (April 29). Get yours early...they will go fast!*

26-28: **Rainbow Dance Competition** at the Robson PAC; www.claremorepac.org

27: Claremore Chamber & Claremore Main Street presents the **5th Annual Women’s Expo** at the Claremore Expo Center. For more info go to www.claremore.org or call 918-341-2818

27: **Green Country Antique Tractor Pulls** at the Claremore Expo Center for info call the Expo Center at 918-342-5357

27: Friends of the J.M. Davis present an **All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast**; from 7-10am at the Claremore Elks Lodge. Tickets are \$5 per person; for more information call the J.M. Davis Arms & Historical Museum at 918-341-5707.

Keep watching for more information on Destination Claremore!

Tourist season is upon us with lots of events happening this spring and summer. Be sure to let us know if you have any events that visitors might enjoy! Call us at 918-341-8688 or email to cvb@claremore.org. For a complete event listing go to www.visitclaremore.org.

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