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Piedmont Freedom Fest

5:00 pm

booths, inflatables and other activities at Piedmont Elementary

6:30 pm

free-style motocross stunt performance just south of F & M Bank - another performance will take place following the parade

7:00 pm

parade along Piedmont Road

10:00 pm (approximately)

fireworks display

Parade entries and booth space are free. Contact Eric Anderson at 373-1600 or Cleve Wheeler at 767-8210 for more information.

Canadian County 4-H Clubs

4-H is a program for youth from nine years of age through high school graduation that helps youth develop a variety of skills to benefit them throughout life. 4-H'ers can choose from over 60 areas of interest, participate in activities, events and contests at the local and county level, and work toward medals, awards, and trips to places like Washington, D.C. Clubs meet monthly, include both boys and girls, and there is no cost to join.

There is a program for 5 to 8 year olds called Cloverbuds that is family-oriented and non-competitive.

Some 4-H clubs, like the CC Tuff Riders that meets at the Piedmont Library, focus on a particular project such as horses, although a child does not need to own a horse to join. For more information about the CC Tuff Riders club, contact Kate Kearby at 373-1387.

A traditional 4-H club called the Shamrockers meets at the Surrey Hills Baptist Church and youth can choose from a variety of projects from entomology and robotics to food and nutrition and photography. For more information, call Valerie Boudreaux at 203-7647.



Dr. Beanes and the Star-Spangled Banner

On August 24, 1814, in the War of 1812, British troops entered Washington, set fire to the United States Capitol, the President's Mansion, and other public buildings. The local militia fled, President James Madison and wife Dolly barely escaped, and the elderly Dr. William Beanes was arrested and imprisoned on a British warship. Dr. Beanes was the reason events unfolded as they did for Francis Scott Key.

With Washington in ruins, the British plotted a joint attack on Baltimore by land and by water in an attempt to split the nation in two. On September 12, troops landed at North Point, Maryland, and progressed toward the city. They soon encountered and were surprised by the strength of the American defenses. British forces camped on the battlefield and waited for nightfall, planning to attempt another attack under cover of darkness. Then, at 6:30 AM on September 13, Britain's naval force began a 25-hour bombardment of Fort McHenry.

Friends of Dr. Beanes had asked attorney Francis Scott Key to join John S. Skinner, a U.S. government agent, to help negotiate the release of Dr. Beanes. They were successful, but the British feared that Key and Skinner would divulge their plans for attacking Baltimore, so they had detained the two men for the duration of the battle, and that is how Key and Skinner came to watch the battle aboard a truce ship eight miles downstream.

Rockets whistled through the air and burst into flame wherever they struck. Mortars fired bombshells that exploded overhead in showers of fiery shrapnel. Major Armistead, commander of Fort McHenry and its defending force of one thousand troops, ordered his men to return fire, but their guns couldn't reach the enemy's ships. When British ships advanced on the afternoon of the 13th, however, American gunners badly damaged them, forcing them to pull back out of range. All through the night, with the fate of the city and the nation at stake, Armistead's men continued to hold the fort. At 7:30 on the morning of September 14, the British fleet withdrew

Because the British attack had coincided with a heavy rainstorm, Fort McHenry had flown its smaller storm flag throughout the battle, but as the British began to retreat, the flag was replaced with the great garrison flag. As they raised the flag, the troops fired their guns and played "Yankee Doodle" in the celebration of their victory. Waving proudly over the fort, the banner could be seen eight miles down the river where Francis Scott Key and John S. Skinner had spent an anxious night watching and hoping for a sign that the city - and the nation - might be saved.

When Key saw "by the dawn's early light" of September 14, 1814, that the American flag soared above the fort, he knew that Fort McHenry had not surrendered. Moved by the sight, he began to compose a poem on the back of a letter that he was carrying. On September 16, Key and his companions were taken back to Baltimore and released. Key took a room in the Indian Queen Hotel and spent the night revising and copying out the four verses he had written about America's victory.

The first stanza is the question that was on the minds of Key and Skinner the morning of September 14. The second stanza is the answer. The third stanza is a comment about the British, and the fourth is a hope for America.

Oh, say can you see by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars thru the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
Oh, say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

On the shore, dimly seen through the mists of the deep,
Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,
What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep,
As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses?
Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,
In full glory reflected now shines in the stream:
'Tis the star-spangled banner! Oh long may it wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

And where is that band who so vauntingly swore
That the havoc of war and the battle's confusion,
A home and a country should leave us no more!
Their blood has washed out their foul footsteps' pollution.
No refuge could save the hireling and slave
From the terror of flight, or the gloom of the grave:
And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

Oh! thus be it ever, when freemen shall stand
Between their loved home and the war's desolation!
Blest with victory and peace, may the heav'n rescued land
Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation.
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto: "In God is our trust."
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!



The Deadliest Holiday

Although the total number of people that die in motor vehicle accidents is greater over the 4-day Thanksgiving holiday, and there are more vehicle deaths due to drunk driving on New Year's Eve, Fourth of July is the day on which more people die in motor vehicle accidents than any other day of the year.

Source: www.nhtsa.gov

You significantly increase your odds of surviving a vehicle accident by wearing a seat belt.

Although cars are made a little differently now, this provides an idea of what happens in the first fatal second after a car going 55 miles per hour hits a solid object.

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In the first tenth of a second, the front bumper and grill collapse.

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The 2nd tenth of a second finds the hood crumpling, rising and striking the windshield as the spinning rear wheels lift off the ground. Simultaneously, fenders begin wrapping themselves around the solid object. Although the car's frame has been halted, the rest of the car is going 55 miles per hour. Instinct causes the driver to stiffen his or her legs, and they snap at the knee joint.

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During the 3rd tenth of a second, the steering wheel starts to disintegrate and the steering column aims for the driver's chest.

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The 4th tenth of a second finds two feet of the car's front end wrecked while the rear end still moves at 35 miles per hour. The driver's body is still moving at 55 miles per hour.

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In the 5th tenth of a second, the driver is impaled on the steering column and blood rushes into his or her lungs.

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The 6th tenth of a second finds the impact built up to the point where the driver's feet are ripped out of tightly laced shoes. The brake pedal breaks off. The car frame buckles in the middle. The driver's head smashes into the windshield, and the rear wheels, still spinning, fall back to earth.

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In the 7th tenth of a second, hinges rip loose, doors fly open and seats break free, striking the driver from behind. The seats striking from behind won't matter because the driver is already dead.

The last 3 tenths of a second will mean nothing to the driver.

Source: Oklahoma Highway Safety Office



In 1984, Pres. Ronald Reagan proclaimed July as National Ice Cream Month.

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Currently in the U.S., only 4% of elementary schools, 8% of middle schools, and 2% of high schools provide daily physical education.

July Community Calendar

- 1 (10:30 am) - God & Country Day service and lunch at Baptist church, free, 373-2420
- 1 (4:00 pm, 3:00 pm exhibitions) - Playday at Round-Up Club Arena, \$5 office charge, \$4 exhibition charge, \$2 per event, \$5 for open events, free to watch, 630-4009
- 3, 10, 17, 24 (10:00-2:00 pm) - Summer Reading Activities at the library, for all ages, come & go, free, 373-9018
- 4 - Freedom Fest Celebration - booths and inflatables at 5:00 pm, motocross performance before & after the parade, parade at 7:00 pm, fireworks at approximately 10:00 pm, at Piedmont Elementary, 373-1600
- 5, 12, 19, 26 (4:00-6:00 pm) - Teen Summer Reading Crafts for 5th grade & up, at library, free, 373-9018
- 5, 12, 19, 26 (7:30-8:30 pm) - Zumba class at city hall, beginners welcome, \$3, 650-0229
- 6, 13, 20, 27 (10:00 am) - Mother Goose on the Loose for ages birth to 2 years, at the library, free, 373-9018
- 7 (9:00-11:00 am) - Piedmont Recycling at the former co-op, 373-2905
- 7, 14, 21, 28 (10:00-2:00 pm) - Historical Society Museum is open, free, 823-1345
- 9-11 (6:00-8:30 pm) - Vacation Bible School at Soldier Creek Church of Christ, for Pre-K through 5th grade, free, register at 373-3550
- 11, 18, 25 (10:00-noon) - Library Quilters for anyone interested in quilting, at the library, free, 373-1662
- 11, 18, 25 (noon) - Senior Adults lunch and fellowship at the Methodist church, \$3, for reservations call 373-2905
- 12 (7:00-8:00 am) - Chamber of Commerce Legislative Breakfast at the civic center, presentation by Labor Commissioner Mark Costello, legislative updates by elected officials, free, 373-2234
- 12 (noon) - Chamber of Commerce luncheon at civic center, KSBI President Dr Vince Orza will present "The Guy on Top of the Mountain Didn't Fall There," free, optional lunch \$8, 373-2234
- 12 (6:30 pm) - Ladies Night at the library, water color painting with Dave, snacks & conversation, for adults, free, 373-9018
- 14 (1:00-4:00 pm) - Mini-Golf fundraiser for the library, in the library, for all ages, \$5, 373-9018
- 15 (8:30 & 11:00 am) - Bluegrass Sunday at the Methodist church, free, 373-2298
- 18 (10:00 am) - Preschool Music and Movement with Miss Bonnie at the library, children ages 2-5, free, 373-9018
- 19 (6:30 pm) - No-Experience-Necessary Writer's Group for adults, at the library, free, 373-3788
- 20 (6:30-8:30 pm) - Stampin' Up card class at civic center, \$7, bring your own supplies & double sided tape, RSVP 535-8849
- 21 (7:00 pm, 6:00 pm books open) - Oklahoma Arabian Horse Club All Breed Open Horse Show at Round-Up Club Arena, entry fees \$5 / class, \$10 / championship, free to watch, 826-4987
- 23-26 (6:00-8:30 pm) - Vacation Bible School at Methodist church, for ages 3 years through 5th grade, free, 373-2298

An expanded version of the calendar is online at
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