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Piedmont Parent Network

If you are a parent needing information, ideas or resources for a child that is struggling with any issue at school - from bullying to accommodations for special learning needs - you can find help and support from the Piedmont Parent Network.

Meetings are generally held on the second Thursday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Piedmont United Methodist Church, 2525 Piedmont Rd N.

For more information, call Heather Waller at 514-9248.



Founder's Day
Saturday, September 8

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Oklahoma State Fair
September 13 - 23, 2012

Labor Day Legislation—Through Congress In Just Six Days!

In 1882, Matthew Maguire, a machinist and secretary of the Central Labor Union of New York, suggested a holiday dedicated to American workers and their accomplishments. The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union. Oregon was the first state to make it a holiday in 1887, and within the next few years, 30 states officially celebrated Labor Day. But it was the Pullman Strike that led to Labor Day becoming a national holiday in 1894.

The Pullman Strike was a nationwide conflict between labor unions and railroads that began in the town of Pullman, Illinois, on May 11, 1894, when nearly 4,000 employees of the Pullman Palace Car Company began a wildcat strike, bringing traffic west of Chicago to a halt. At its peak, it involved 250,000 workers in 27 states, and it resulted in the deaths of a number of workers when the U.S. military and U.S. Marshals were sent to end the strike. Fearing further conflict, President Grover Cleveland and Congress made conciliation of organized labor a top priority, rushing legislation into law a mere six days after the strike ended, making Labor Day a national holiday.



Labor Day is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. You've worked hard for it. Enjoy your holiday on Monday, September 3rd.

Oklahoma Wildlife Expo

The state's largest indoor and outdoor recreation event - the Oklahoma Wildlife Expo - will take place at the Lazy E Arena, located just south of Guthrie, on September 29 and 30, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The Wildlife Expo celebrates Oklahoma's natural diversity and recreational opportunities and offers over 100 hands-on exhibits, skill activities, and demonstrations such as camping, fishing, shooting sports, bird watching and feeding, kayaking, Oklahoma's native plants and wildlife, search and rescue techniques, cast iron Dutch oven cooking (with free samples of wild game soups and stews), fly fishing, basket weaving, tracking wildlife, archery, snakes, insects, tying knots, feather painting, bats, camo face painting, mountain biking, and much more.

You can get your hunter education certificate at the Wildlife Expo by attending the most unique hunter education classes ever offered in Oklahoma. Complete the hunter education home study workbook or the online version of the home study class, and bring the book or internet printouts to the Hunter Education booth on Saturday, September 29, at 8:00 a.m. Pre-registration is required and can be done by calling 521-3855. Go to www.wildlifedepartment.com/wildlifeexpo/hunteredclass.htm for more information.

Admission, parking, and all activities are completely free. Outside food cannot be brought into the event, but food and drinks can be purchased at the Expo, water is free, and there will be free samples of wild game at "The Taste of the Wild" booth.

For more information, visit the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation at www.wildlifedepartment.com/wildlifeexpo/wildlifeexpo.htm for more information.

Don't forget to take your camera!

Get Tech Ready



September is National Preparedness Month, and one way to prepare for a disaster is to get "tech ready."

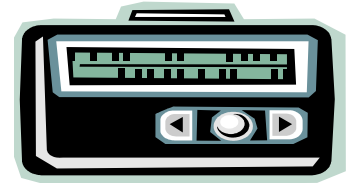
According to the American Red Cross, the internet—including online news sites and social media platforms—is the third most popular way for Americans to gather emergency information and let their loved ones know they are safe. With some planning, it is possible to take advantage of technology before, during and after a crisis.

Before an emergency:

- Keep your contacts updated across all of your channels, including phone, email and social media. This will make it easy to reach out to the right people quickly to get information and supply updates. Consider creating a group listserv of your top contacts.
- Learn how to send updates via text and internet from your mobile phone to your contacts and social channels in case voice communications are not available. Text messages and the internet often have the ability to work even in the event of a phone service disruption.

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- Keep extra batteries for your phone in a safe place or purchase a solar-powered or hand crank charger. These chargers are good emergency tools to keep your laptop and other small electronics working in the event of a power outage. Purchase a phone charger for your car so you can charge your phone if you lose power at your home.
- Program “In Case of Emergency” (ICE) contacts into your cell phone so emergency personnel can contact those people for you if you are unable to use your phone. Let your ICE contacts know that they are programmed into your phone and inform them of any medical issues or other special needs you may have.
- If you have a traditional landline (non-broadband or VOIP) phone, keep at least one non-cordless receiver in your home because it will work even if you lose power.
- If you are evacuated and have call-forwarding on your home phone, forward your home phone number to your cell phone number.
- If you do not have a cell phone, keep a prepaid phone card to use if needed during or after a disaster.
- Prepare a family contact sheet. This should include at least one out-of-town contact that may be better able to reach family members in an emergency.
- Have a battery-powered or hand-cranked radio or television available (with spare batteries).



During or after a disaster:

- Keep all phone calls brief. If you need to use a phone, try to convey only vital information to emergency personnel and/or family.
- If you are unsuccessful in completing a call using your cell phone, wait ten seconds before redialing to help reduce network congestion.
- Unless you need to use the phone, conserve your cell phone battery by reducing the brightness of your screen, placing your phone in airplane mode, and closing apps you are not using that draw power.
- If you lose power, you can charge your cell phone in your car. You can also listen to your car radio for important news alerts.
- Immediately following a disaster, resist using your mobile device to watch streaming videos, download music or videos, or play video games, all of which can add to network congestion. Limiting use of these services can help potentially life-saving emergency calls get through to 9-1-1.
- For non-emergency communications, use text messaging, e-mail, or social media instead of making voice calls on your cell phone to avoid tying up voice networks. Data-based services like texts and emails are less likely to experience network congestion. You can also use social media to post your status to let family and friends know you are okay. In addition to Facebook and Twitter, you can use resources such as the American Red Cross’s Safe and Well Program at www.redcross.org/safeandwell.

FAST FACT

In a survey of 60,000 people, 88% said that a neighborhood that’s walkable was more important to them than spacious rooms or an acreage.

September Community Calendar

1 (9:00-11:00 am) - **Piedmont Recycling** at the former co-op, Girl Scout Troop #576 will be there to help, 373-2905

1, 8, 15, 22, 29 (10:00-2:00 pm) - **Historical Society Museum** is open, free, 823-1345

4, 11, 18, 25 (10:00 am) - **Preschool Story Time** for ages 2-5, at the library, free, 373-9018

5 (10:00 am) - **Music and Movement with Miss Bonnie** for ages 2-5, at the library, free, 373-9018

5, 12, 19, 26 (noon) - **Senior Adults lunch and fellowship** at the Methodist church, \$3, for reservations call 373-2905

6 (noon) - **Chamber of Commerce luncheon** at civic center, Angela Mills, Curriculum Director for Piedmont Schools, will present "Preparing Today's Students to be Tomorrow's Problem Solvers," free, optional lunch \$8, 373-2234

6, 13, 20, 27 (7:30-8:30 pm) - **Zumba class** at city hall, beginners welcome, \$3, 650-0229

7, 14, 21, 28 (10:00 am) - **Mother Goose on the Loose** for ages birth to 2 years, at the library, free, 373-9018

8 (7:30 am 5K run, 10:00 am parade, 10:00-3:00 pm activities) - **Founders Day** - arts & crafts, inflatables, face painting, pie shop, food, quilt raffle, entertainment, and more, 373-0072

9 (5:00 pm, 3:30 pm exhibitions) - **Playday** at Round-Up Club Arena, \$5 office fee, classes \$2, open events \$5, free to watch, 627-7437

12, 19, 26 (10:00-noon) - **Library Quilters** for anyone interested in quilting, at the library, free, 373-1662

13 (noon) - **Brown Bag Luncheon** at Chamber office, Dave Shirley from Blue Cross/Blue Shield will present on Chamber Choice and Insure Oklahoma insurance programs, bring your own lunch, free, 373-2234

13 (6:30 pm) - **Ladies Night** at the library, enjoy a Bingo Party and snacks, for adults, free, 373-9018

13 (6:30 - 8:30 pm) - **Piedmont Parent Network** at Methodist church, free, 514-9248

14 (6:30-8:30 pm) - **Stampin' Up** card class at civic center, \$7, bring your own supplies & double sided tape, RSVP 535-8849

20 (6:30 pm) - **No-Experience-Necessary Writer's Group** for adults, at the library, free, 373-3788

22 (5:30 pm dinner, 6:30 pm show) - **He Haw** at Express Ranch Show Barn, 2202 N 11th in Yukon, dinner tickets \$10 in advance from Piedmont Tag Agency or Service Center, no dinner tickets at the door, show is free, 373-4022

An expanded version of the calendar is online at PiedmontParksAndRec.com
A Piedmont map of community event locations is online at PiedmontParksAndRec.com/map.pdf