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National Wildlife Week



Did you know . . .

- that owls have a poor sense of smell and a special eyelid that protects them from skunks' strong musk, so they are about the only animal that will regularly eat skunks.
- that Oklahoma has 16 wildlife species that are federally listed as threatened or endangered. Of those 16, two threatened species (Piping Plover and Arkansas River Shiner) and three endangered species (Whooping Crane, Interior Least Tern, and Black-capped Vireo) are native to, or pass through, Canadian county.
- that in a typical week, only 6% of children ages 9-13 play outside on their own.



This year marks the 75th anniversary of National Wildlife Week which is from March 18th to the 24th in 2013. Here are 10 things to do during National Wildlife Week:

1. Submit a photo in the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation's photo contest. (See article on the next page for more information.)
2. Purchase native plants and trees. Native plants typically require less water and maintenance, and they provide food and shelter for birds and insects native to Oklahoma.
3. Plant a tree, shrub or other plant that will offer food such as pollen, nectar, nuts, cones, berries, or seeds for wildlife.
4. Put up a birdfeeder outside your favorite window.
5. Provide water for wildlife with a small pond, a birdbath, a shallow dish or flower pot saucer on a tree stump, or a garbage can lid turned upside down on a section of drainage or flue pipe.
6. Plan a garden to attract butterflies and moths.
7. Create protective cover for wildlife by planting densely branched shrubs. If space and the location of your property allows, provide protective cover with a hollow log, or a small rock or brush pile. Vines planted nearby will cover the pile and create additional cover for wildlife.
8. Build or buy a birdhouse.
9. Go to National Wildlife Federation's website at www.nwf.org/National-Wildlife-Week/Educators.aspx for lots of activities to help kids learn about and enjoy nature.
10. Sign up to receive WildSide, the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife's free monthly e-newsletter about wildlife. Go to www.wildlifedepartment.com/wildlifemgmt/wildside.htm, then click on 'To Sign-up for the WildSide' and follow the prompts.





Basic Sewing Class

Do you have a sewing machine but don't know how to sew? Do you want a sewing machine but don't know what to look for when purchasing one? Do you have a machine and know how to sew, but want to learn more? Do you just want to spend some time with others that enjoy sewing and share a little of what you already know?

Piedmont Parks & Recreation is sponsoring a basic sewing class that will meet in March on the 7th and the 14th from 7:00-9:00 pm at the Nazarene church. The class is free. Bring your sewing machine, if you have one.

To ensure enough supplies, please call Judy at 373-1662 to RSVP.



Day Trips

Piedmont Parks & Recreation would like to offer occasional day trips to places of interest. We expect the seats to fill rapidly, and sometimes there might only be a few days advance notice. Rather than sending information to everyone on the newsletter list, we're creating a contact list of people that are often home on weekdays and interested in outings. If you'd like to be on the list, send an email to PiedmontParksRec@aol.com with your name, phone number(s), and mailing address. If you have a suggestion about a place to visit, include that information also. Please put "Day Trips" in the subject line.

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Wildlife Photo Contest



The Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation is accepting photographs for their annual photo contest.

Participants whose photos are selected will have their photos published in the July/August issue of *Outdoor Oklahoma* magazine and see their work posted throughout the year on the Department's Twitter feed, @OKWildlifeDept, and on its Facebook page at facebook.com/wildlifedepartment.

Photos can be of landscapes, wildlife, sportsmen in action, sunsets, storms, or other snapshots of nature.

Participants may submit up to five original digital images. Each submission must include a description of the photo, location taken, name and hometown of the photographer, and what it took for the photographer to get the right shot. Photos should be in sharp focus, and images should be at least 300 dpi (dots per inch). The canvas size should be about 8 inches by 11 inches.

All submissions must be digital. Slides and print images will not be accepted. The actual image will remain the property of the photographer, but if the photos are submitted on a disc or other storage device, the disc or device will not be returned.

Submissions are accepted through March 31, 2013. Photographers can email their entries to photoshowcase@odwc.state.ok.us or mail a CD or other external storage device to: Outdoor Oklahoma Magazine, Oklahoma Dept of Wildlife Conservation, P.O. Box 53465, Oklahoma City OK 73152.

?? QUESTION ??

What event made it possible for a man to circumvent the Vietnam War draft, spared the lives of two busloads of people but took the lives of three West Bank terrorists instead, and made a baby girl older than her twin brother even though she was born 34 minutes later? (answer on page 3)



Annual Egg Scramble

The egg scramble sponsored by Piedmont Parks & Recreation for kids from 2 to 10 years of age will be on Saturday, March 30, at 10:00 am on the ballfields at city hall. In addition to inflatables, facepainting, and a KidCo Theatre performance, the Easter bunny will make an appearance. For more information, call 202-3984.

Every Drop Counts

The average American family can waste an average of 11,000 gallons of water every year due to running toilets, dripping faucets, and other household leaks.

It takes a considerable amount of energy to treat and deliver the water you use every day, and homes with electric water heaters spend approximately one-quarter of their electric bill just to heat water, including water lost through leaks in a hot water pipe.

March 18-24 is Fix a Leak Week.

When one tugs at a single thing in nature, he finds it attached to the rest of the world. - John Muir

Kids Fest

MetroFamily's Kids Fest will be Saturday, March 23, 2013, from 10 am to 4 pm in the Oklahoma Expo Building at the Oklahoma State Fairgrounds. Admission is \$5 for adults, and children 18 and under get in free.

The Kids Fest expo will include hands-on art and learning activities for kids, inflatables, an entertainment stage, roaming costumed characters (take your camera!), petting zoo, face painting, booths featuring family resources, and door prizes.

There's more information on the website, www.metrofamilymagazine.com/kids-fest, including a discount coupon, directions about entering the fairgrounds, the stage schedule, and concessions.

Myriad Gardens

In celebration of the 25-year anniversary of the opening of the Myriad Botanical Gardens, admission to the Crystal Bridge Tropical Conservatory is free on the 25th day of each month through 2013, except December.

Many workshops and other activities are offered at the Myriad Gardens for both children and adults. To get notices, subscribe to their weekly e-newsletter at www.myriadgardens.org/event-calendar.



ANSWER: Daylight Saving Time

A man born just after 12:00 a.m. DST, argued that because standard time was the official time for recording births when he was born, he was actually born on the previous day - a day which had a much higher draft lottery number - and he was able to avoid the draft.

When Israel switched back to standard time, the terrorist's bomb exploded one hour early.

Although Peter was born at 1:32 a.m. in November 2007 and his sister was born 34 minutes later, Daylight Saving Time reverted to Standard Time at 2:00 a.m. so Allison was born at 1:06 a.m.

Source: www.webexhibits.org/daylightsaving/k.html



Don't forget that time springs forward at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 10th, 2013.

March Community Calendar

- 1, 8, 15, 22, 29** (10:00 am) - Mother Goose on the Loose for ages birth to 3 years, at the library, free, 373-9018
- 1** (7:00 pm) - Becoming Dr. Mom: healing with essential oils, sponsored by Piedmont Parks & Rec, at the Nazarene church, free, 397-9211
- 2** (9:00-11:00 am) - Piedmont Recycling at the former co-op, 373-2905
- 2, 9, 16, 23, 30** (10:00-2:00 pm) - Historical Society Museum is open, free, 823-1345
- 2** (1:00-3:00 pm) - Piedmont Area Rocketry Club for all ages, at city hall, free, 720-1805
- 3** (3:00 pm, 1:45 pm exhibitions) - Playday at Round-Up Club Arena, office charge \$5, exhibitions \$5, lead line \$2, events \$4, open events \$10, free to watch, 445-9245
- 5, 12, 19, 26** (10:00 am) - Preschool Story Time at the Library, ages 2 and up, free, 373-9018
- 6** (10:00 am) - Preschool Music and Movement at the Library, children ages 2-5, free, 373-9018
- 6, 13, 27** (noon) - Senior Adults lunch and fellowship at the Methodist church, \$3, for reservations call 373-2905
- 7, 14, 21, 28** (10:30 am) - Tutu Cute! at the library, pre-ballet for ages 2 and up, free, 373-9018
- 7** (noon) - Chamber of Commerce luncheon at civic center, City Manager Jim Crosby and Mayor Valerie Thomerson will speak about the proposed general obligation bond, free, optional lunch is \$8, 373-2234
- 7, 14, 21, 28** (7:30-8:30 pm) - Zumba class at city hall, sponsored by Piedmont Parks & Rec, beginners welcome, \$3, 650-0229
- 9** (7:00-11:00 am) - Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast at Piedmont Elementary, DUCK Week fundraiser
- 10** (7:00 pm) - Jase & Missy Robertson from A&E's Duck Dynasty at Yukon High School, DUCK Week fundraiser
- 11** (all day) - Los Sabinos will donate a portion of the proceeds to DUCK Week
- 12** (all day) - Subway at Piedmont and Surrey Hills locations will donate a portion of the proceeds to DUCK Week
- 12** (6:00 pm) - Dodgeball at Collett Fieldhouse, adults \$5 / students \$3, Duck Week fundraiser
- 13, 20, 27** (10:00-noon) - Library Quilters for anyone interested in quilting, at the library, free, 373-1662
- 13** (4:00-9:00 pm) - Sonic carhopping by Piedmont teachers and principals, all tips donated to DUCK Week
- 13** (5:30 pm) - FCA Volleyball at Piedmont Intermediate School, DUCK Week fundraiser
- 14** (11:00-7:00 pm) - Cup o' Cake will donate a portion of the proceeds to DUCK Week
- 14** (5:30-7:30 pm) - Enchilada Dinner at Collett Fieldhouse, DUCK Week fundraiser
- 14** (5:30 pm auction; 7:00 pm show) - Silent Auction & Talent Show at Collett Fieldhouse, adults \$5 / students \$3, DUCK Week fundraiser
- 14** (6:00 pm) - Ladies Night at the library, learn to use essential oils, for adults, free, 373-9018
- 15** (6:00-9:00 pm) - Stampin' Up card class at city hall, sponsored by Piedmont Parks & Rec, \$9 includes all supplies, RSVP 535-8849
- 20** (1:00-4:00 pm) - Fake Spill craft at the library, for all ages, free, 373-9018
- 21** (6:30 pm) - No Experience Necessary adult writing class, at the library, free, 373-3788
- 22** (9:30-3:30 pm) - Movie Making Workshop by KidCo, for kids 5th grade and up, at the library, free, 373-9018
- 28** (7:00 pm) - Holy Thursday Worship at the Methodist church, 373-2298
- 29** (7:00 pm) - Good Friday Worship at the Methodist church, 373-2298
- 30** (10:00 am) - Egg Scramble at city hall, sponsored by Piedmont Parks & Rec, Easter bunny, inflatables, face painting, KidCo Theatre, free, 202-3984
- 30** (2:00 pm) - Easter Egg Hunt at Windmill Park pavilion, sponsored by the Nazarene church, free, 373-2308
- 31** (7:00 am) - Easter Sunrise Service at the Methodist church, 373-2298
- 31** (8:00 am & 10:30 am) - Easter Sunday Worship Service at the Baptist church, 373-2420
- 31** (8:30 am, 9:45 am, 11:00 am) - Easter Worship Services at the Methodist church, 373-2298