



Piedmont Parks & Recreation News

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February 2014

5th Annual Chocolate Festival

The library's fifth annual chocolate festival for all ages will be on the 6th of February from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

Participants will create chocolate candies and a small gift box to put them in.

 The event is free. Call the library at 373-9018 for more information.

Stampin' Up Card Class

Make your valentine a special card in the Stampin' Up class that meets at city hall on February 7 from 6:30 to 9:30 pm.

Participants are asked to bring their own double-sided tape and supplies.

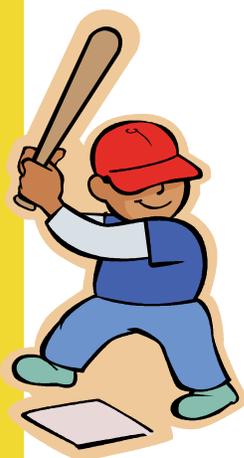
The class fee is \$12.00.

RSVP by calling Lisa at 535-8849.



Oklahoma Grown Farmers Market

Plans are underway to kick off a farmers market in Piedmont this spring. Vendors wanting to have a booth with 100% Oklahoma grown produce, or sell eggs in compliance with the Oklahoma Egg Law, should contact Mike Best at 919-6406 or mike-best@att.net for more information as soon as possible.



Piedmont Sports Association Little League Signups

When: Saturday, February 8, 10:00-2:00 pm

Where: at the Piedmont Civic Center

Cost: \$40

Ages: 4 years old (by April 30) to 12 years old

For More Information Call: Bill Bailey, 406-1553

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Create a Butterfly Garden

According to the OSU Extension Service's fact sheet, *Landscaping to Attract Butterflies, Moths, and Skippers*, these are the basic things you need in order to attract butterflies to your garden:

- a mixture of perennials and annuals, including native plants
- nectar plants (such as marigolds, petunias, and asters)
- plants for larvae (such as tomatoes and herbs)
- a sunny location
- shelter from the wind
- other features, such as mud puddles or fruit
- few insecticides and no bugzappers



The fact sheet describes the physical and behavioral characteristics of butterflies, skippers, and moths, tells how to plan your landscape, and lists eight pages of trees, shrubs, annuals, biennials, and perennials, along with all the information you will need about each plant to determine which are right for your garden.

Landscaping to Attract Butterflies, Moths, and Skippers is a 12-page fact sheet that can be downloaded for free from the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service's website. To find the publication, go to <http://osufacts.okstate.edu> and type the document number "HLA-6430" into the search box.

Once you have provided habitat for butterflies, moths and skippers, you will probably find that you have met all the requirements necessary to certify your backyard as a wildlife habitat. Go to <http://piedmontparksandrec.com/habitat.html> for more information.

Wild About Piedmont

Oklahoma's first Community Wildlife Habitat

For more information, go to piedmontparksandrec.com/habitat.html



LEGO Club

LEGO lovers of all ages are invited to the LEGO Club on Thursday, February 20, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm, at the library. LEGOs will be provided and participants will work together to build creative structures based on the monthly theme.

If you have LEGOs you want to donate, the library would gladly receive them.

Piedmont Round Up Club

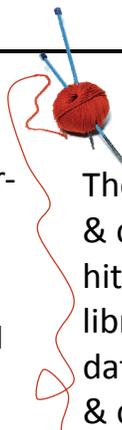
The Piedmont Round Up Club's annual membership drive and meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on February 3, at Hubbard Ranch Supply. Anyone interested in horses is welcome to attend.

There is no cost to attend the meetings. Annual dues are \$50.

For more information, contact Susan Decker at 627-7427.

Knit & Crochet

The library's first-ever knit & crochet workshop was a hit in January. Call the library at 373-9018 for dates and times of the knit & crochet workshop(s) in February.



18 Ways to Impress Your Valentine When Your Pockets are Empty

♥ Declare your love online - If your Valentine is always on Twitter, declare your love in a tweet. And encourage everyone to retweet it! ♥ Finger painting for adults - Who knew a bottle of red finger paint could be romantic? If you paint hearts on his windshield or his office window, he'll know you're thinking of him. ♥ More than a picnic - Anyone can put a picnic basket together, but the true romantic will scout out a deserted, scenic, romantic place to enjoy with his Valentine. And he'll also hide a small gift to be found later. ♥ A digital memory book - You and your Valentine have photos on Facebook, Pinterest, your cell phone, and dozens of other places. Collect the most romantic ones in a digital memory book or PowerPoint. Write a paragraph or two about the times you've felt extremely close. Add some favorite background music to make it even more romantic. ♥ Start early - Treat your Valentine to breakfast in bed. Heart-shaped pancakes or toast are easy to make. Add some OJ and strawberries for your sweetie. ♥ Partner swap - Well, not really. Instead swap houses with a friend for the evening. Their patio or fireplace will seem miles away from the one you have at home. The meal, music, or wine will be so much more romantic! ♥ A memory keepsake - What's the most romantic memory you share with your Valentine? Collect photos, music, or anything else that will remind her of that memory. Present them in a heart-shaped box. ♥ Looking for love - Find a place where the people watching is good. Try to identify couples who are really in love or have been in love for the longest. Hold hands while you watch. ♥ Moonlight vino and you - What's more romantic than sharing a bottle of wine under the stars? Too cold outside? Replace the moonlight with a fireplace, and you're still in the land of romance. ♥ If I were a rich man - Go window shopping with your Valentine. Pretend that you're very wealthy. You can share what you would buy for each other and why you would buy it. ♥ Let the whole world see - Supersize your Valentine card on a poster board. Place it in your front yard. Your mate and your neighbors will know exactly who your Valentine is. ♥ You're my treasure - Everyone loves a treasure hunt. Hide a series of love notes for your Valentine. Each one contains clues on where to find the next. Will the last one lead to a box of fancy chocolates or a scented bubble bath? You decide! ♥ Give dozens of Valentines - Draw or cut out hearts on note paper. On each, express a different reason you love your Valentine. Put them where they'll be found one at a time throughout their day. ♥ Time travel - Surprise your Valentine by celebrating on the 13th. They'll be the only one to get flowers at the office that day. ♥ Time travel (part two) - Agree with your Valentine to celebrate on February 16th. Not only will you find candy and flowers at a discount on the 15th, but it will be much easier to get into a restaurant! ♥ Share the love - Take a box of chocolates and some children's Valentine's cards to a local nursing home or hospital. Share your love with a stranger who would be alone if it weren't for you. ♥ Not just a day - Instead of giving your Valentine a dozen roses in one bouquet, deliver them one at a time during the next two days by placing them where they'll be found at an unexpected time. Add a love note to each rose for extra credit! ♥ You're my favorite - How well do you know your Valentine? Get her favorite candy bar, one of her favorite flowers, and one of her favorite drinks. See how many of her favorites you know. ♥ And, finally, remember that a loving relationship isn't built on one day each year. In healthy relationships it grows a little bit each day. - by Gary Foreman, Dollar Stretcher 1/27/14

Gary Foreman is the publisher of seven e-newsletters (*The Dollar Stretcher*, *The Dollar Stretcher Tips*, *The Dollar Stretcher for Parents*, *Financial Independence*, *The Computer Lady*, *Computer Lady Lessons*, and *Healthy Foods*) which are filled to the brim with information and reader tips, and can be subscribed to for free at www.stretcher.com/subscribe/subscribeSTT.cfm.

You will find as you look back upon your life that the moments when you have truly lived are the moments when you have done things in the spirit of love. *Henry Drummond*

February Community Calendar

Where friends meet!

- 1** (9:00-11:00 am) - **Piedmont Recycling** of glass, cardboard, tin and aluminum cans, plastic #1 & 2, and metal, at former co-op, 373-2905
- 1, 8, 15, 22** (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 & up, at the library, free, 373-9018
- 4, 11, 18, 25** (7:00 pm) - **Slim & Sassy competition** at the library, recipes, nutritional information and support for weight loss, free, 397-9211
- 5** (10:00 am) - **Preschool Music and Movement** for ages 2 & up, 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, speaker is Sharon Allen, founder of Piedmont-based Apples for Africa organization, free, optional lunch \$8, 373-2234
- 6** (6:00-8:00 pm) - **5th Annual Chocolate Festival** at the library, for all ages, create chocolate candies and a small gift box to put them in, free, 373-9018
- 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 3, at the library, free, 373-9018
- 7** (6:00-8:00 pm) - **Family Game Night** at the library, for all ages, free, 373-9018
- 7** (6:30-9:30 pm) - **Stampin' Up Card Class** at city hall, \$12, bring double-sided tape and supplies, RSVP 535-8849
- 12, 19, 26** (10:00-noon) - **Library Quilters** for anyone interested in quilting, at the library, free, 373-1662
- 13** (6:30 pm) - **Writer's Group** at the library for all ages with an interest in any form of the written word, free, 373-9018
- 20** (12:00 pm) - **Brown Bag Book Club** for adults, at the library, the book is *Witch's Get* by Diana Janopaul, free, 373-9018
- 20** (6:30-8:00 pm) - **LEGO Club** for all ages, at the library, free, 373-9018
- 27** (6:30 pm) - **Ladies' Night** at the library, craft, snacks, & conversation, for adults, free, 373-9018

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