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Auditions

What began as free acting classes at the Piedmont library has evolved into a group called The Ensemble Theatre with plans to perform *Steel Magnolias*.

Actresses of all experience levels to play women ages twenty to sixty are encouraged to audition on Saturday, March 1 at 2:00 p.m. at the Piedmont Public Library, 1129 Stout Dr NW. No prepared material is needed, but if you would like to look at the monologues and scenes you will be reading, or if you need more information, email Lia Oldham at piedmontensembletheatre@gmail.com and put 'Steel Magnolias Audition' in the subject line, or call Lia at 405-406-1984. A resume and headshot are not required, but are welcome if you have them.

Most of us would be upset if we were accused of being 'silly.' But the word 'silly' comes from the old English word *selig*, and its literal definition is "to be blessed, happy, healthy and prosperous."
- Zig Ziglar

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Knit & Crochet

Come to the library on Tuesday nights from 6:30 to 7:30 pm to learn how to knit or crochet (or both!), or bring a project you're working on and do it in the company of friends and lively conversation. There's a limited supply of needles, crochet hooks, and yarn that you can learn on at the library, or you can bring your own. Call Cheryl at 373-2018 for more Information.



Stampin' Up for Beginners

If you've ever wanted to take the Stampin' Up card class but thought it would be too complicated, here's your chance.

Lisa is doing a class geared toward beginners on Friday, March 28 from 6-9 pm at the library. She asks that you give her a call at 535-8849 and let her know you're coming, and that you bring one roll of double-sided tape and \$7 with you when you come.



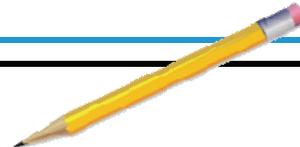
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DUCK (Doing Unselfish Charities for Kids) Week

Check the DUCK week website at <http://duckweek.org> for a list of all the school and community events taking place from Saturday, March 8 through Friday, March 14.

The website also provides information about the two women selected as this year's recipients - Mandy Lake and Shelly Norton. Both are mothers of Piedmont students.

Also available on the website is information about how you can make a donation.



$\frac{5}{3} = \frac{9}{30}$ Math Tutoring

Every Wednesday afternoon from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., math tutors are providing their services to Piedmont students in 5th grade and above at the Piedmont Church of the Nazarene, 2011 N. Piedmont Road. The tutoring is free. Call 373-2308 or email piedmontnaz@att.net for more information or to let them know your child will be participating.

March 2014						
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Canadian County Genealogical Society

Every Wednesday from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., several members of the Canadian County Genealogical Society gather in the archives room at the El Reno Carnegie Library, 215 E. Wade, to do genealogy research and provide assistance to people needing help finding their family's genealogy records.

The Canadian County Genealogical Society also has a meeting and program every other month and visitors are welcome to attend.

Some resources for exploring family history can be found on the library's website at www.elrenolibrary.okpls.org/genealogy.shtml. Copies of Piedmont's newspapers are available at the library.

For more information about the Canadian County Genealogical Society, their every-other-month meetings, research services they provide, or resources available at the library, email cancogen@aol.com, or call 262-2409.

Nagging as a National Policy

Although women had already voted in some colonies and early states, after 1807, no women could vote in the United States.

In 1848, a group of women and men, concerned with women's rights, held a convention and signed the Declaration of Sentiments. The Declaration was modeled after the Declaration of Independence and demanded rights for women, including the right to vote. However, suffragists faced a difficult road in their march toward equality, and even some women were opposed to giving women the right to vote.

Throughout the woman suffrage movement, over 150 suffragists were put in jail, mostly in Virginia and Washington, D.C. Life in the jails was tough and dirty, and the women weren't treated well. After they were let out of jail, the suffragists were given special "Jailed for Freedom" pins to show proudly that they had stayed in jail to help get the right to vote for women.



Despite their efforts, only nine states allowed women to vote. But on March 3, 1913, 5,000 women marched up Pennsylvania Avenue demanding the right to vote. Their "national procession," staged the day before Woodrow Wilson's presidential inauguration, was the first civil rights parade to use the nation's capital as a backdrop, underscoring the national importance of their cause and women's identity as American citizens. The event brought women from around the country to Washington in a show of strength and determination to obtain the ballot. The extravagant parade - and the near riot that almost destroyed it - kept woman suffrage in the newspapers for weeks.

On December 11, 1917, Alice H. Wadsworth, President of the National Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage, wrote a letter stating that the proposed suffrage amendment would be "an official endorsement of nagging as a national policy" and "it would give every radical woman the right to believe that she could get any law she wanted by pestering her City Council, her Legislature, her Congressman or her President."

It took many years for the woman suffrage movement to change the minds of lawmakers and the public; but finally, in August 1920, the United States Constitution was amended to protect women's right to vote.

sources: Smithsonian's National Museum of American History and National Archives and Records Administration

Upcoming Elections

If you want to exercise your right to vote for changes to the city charter on April 1, 2014, or for the county commissioner on June 24, 2014, you must be registered to vote in Piedmont. The registration deadline is March 7th for the April 1 election, and May 30th for the June 24 election.. Voter registration forms are available at Piedmont Tag Agency, and online at www.ok.gov/elections/Voter_Registration

You must be at least 18 to vote. However, you do not need to wait until your 18th birthday to register. If you will be 18 by election day, you can register up to 60 days before your birthday, but no less than 25 days before the election.

For more information, call the Canadian County Election Board at 422-2422.

March Community Calendar

Where friends meet!

- 1 (9:00-11:00 am) - Piedmont Recycling 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 at the library, ages 2 and up, free, 373-9018
- 4, 11, 18, 25 (6:30 pm) - Knit & Crochet for all ages, at the library, come learn or bring a project you're working on, free, 373-2018
- 5 (10:00 am) - Preschool Music and Movement at the library, ages 2 and up, free, 373-9018
- 5, 12, 26 (noon) - Senior Adults lunch and fellowship at the Methodist church, \$3, for reservations call 373-2905
- 6 (noon) - Chamber of Commerce luncheon at city hall, speaker is Dr. Greg Winters of Canadian Valley Technology Center, the topic is "Canadian Valley Strong," 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 3 years, at the library, free, 373-9018
- 8 (7:00-11:00 pm) - Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast at Piedmont Elementary, DUCK Week fundraiser
- 9 (11:30-6:30 pm) - 1st Annual DW Junk Show & Craft Fair at Piedmont Elementary, food truck vendors serving lunch from 11:30-2:00, DUCK Week fundraiser
- 10 (all day) - Los Sabinos will donate a portion of the proceeds to DUCK Week
- 11 (all day) - Subway at Piedmont and Surrey Hills locations will donate a portion of the proceeds to DUCK Week
- 11 (9:00-6:00 pm) - Dr Tamara States is providing services for \$45 and will donate the proceeds from all client visits to DUCK Week
- 11, 20 (6:30 pm) - Canadian County Tuff Riders 4-H equine program for 9-18 year olds, no horse required, at the library, free, 373-1387
- 12, 19, 26 (10:00-noon) - Library Quilters for anyone interested in quilting, at the library, free, 373-1662
- 12 (4:00-9:00 pm) - Sonic car hops will be teachers and principals from Piedmont schools, all tips will be donated to DUCK Week
- 13 (5:30-7:00 pm) - Enchilada Dinner and Silent Auction at Collett Fieldhouse, \$5 per plate, DUCK Week fundraiser
- 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
- 13 (7:00 pm) - Talent Show at Collett Fieldhouse, \$3 for students, \$5 for adults, DUCK Week fundraiser
- 14 (6:00-9:00 pm) - Stampin' Up Card Class at city hall, \$12, bring double-sided tape, RSVP 535-8849
- 18 (6:30 pm) - LEGO Club for all ages, at the library, free, 373-9018
- 19 (1:00-3:00 pm) - Book Wars at the library, defend your favorite book, for all ages, free, 373-9018
- 20 (12:00 pm) - Brown Bag Book Club for adults, at the library, book: *The Butler: A Witness to History* by Haygood, free, 373-9018
- 20 (6:30 pm) - Family Game Night at the library, free, 373-9018
- 25 (6:30 pm) - Introduction to Essential Oils at the library, free, 343-1919
- 27 (6:30 pm) - Ladies Night at the library, for adults, free, 373-9018
- 28 (6:00-9:00 pm) - Stampin' Up Card Class for beginners, at city hall, \$7, bring double-sided tape, RSVP 535-8849

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