



# Piedmont Community News & Events



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July 2015

## 4-H Fundraiser - Trailer Wash



The CC Tuff Riders 4-H Club will be washing trailers at the Methodist Church, 2525 Piedmont Rd N, on July 18, 8:30 to 3:00 p.m., to raise money for camp, honor guard and clinics. The cost starts at \$10 for a standard 2-horse exterior-only wash, or \$20 for a 2-horse trailer and truck. An interior horse or livestock trailer starts at \$10, or \$20 if poop removal is required. Call 373-1387 to know the cost of cleaning your trailer and/or truck, and to set a time for cleaning.

Although the CC Tuff Riders 4-H Club focuses on horse and vet science, the members work on projects like pets, shooting sports, citizenship, leadership, public speaking, photography, sewing, and many other subjects in the 4-H Youth Development programs, and there are frequent field trips, activities and barn days. The club meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the library, 1129 Stout N. 4-H is for youth 9 to 19 years old, and there is a Cloverbud program for those 5 to 8 years old. For more information, call Kate at 373-1387.

### Bluegrass Sunday

Enjoy the music of Kyle Dillingham at the Methodist church, 2525 Piedmont Rd N, on Sunday, July 12 at both the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship service.

For more information, call 373-2298.

### Quarterly Legislative Breakfast

Corporation Commissioner Dana Murphy will speak on the changing dynamics of Oklahoma oil and gas development at the legislative breakfast at city hall on July 9 at 7:00 a.m. There will also be legislative updates from our state and federal elected officials, and a free hot breakfast will be served.

Co-hosts of the event are Piedmont Chamber of Commerce and Piedmont Public Schools Board of Education.

Everyone is invited to attend.



### Freedom Festival Saturday, July 4th

5:00 - Booths & Activities

5:30 - Rocket Launch

7:00 - Parade

Dark - Fireworks

Food Trucks

Face Painting

Inflatables

Pony Rides

Snow Cones

Vendor Booths

Entertainment  
and more!

For booth or parade entry forms,  
contact city hall at 373-2621.

## If your child needs a backpack and school supplies . . .

You can visit the Piedmont Service Center between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. on a Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday beginning July 13th to fill out the required paperwork. The backpacks are filled with the supplies necessary for the child's grade level. The Service Center is located at 415 Piedmont Rd N.



## Baptist Church VBS

Vacation Bible School will be held July 26 - 30, from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Baptist Church, 15 Jackson Ave NW. Children 3 1/2 years old to youth that have completed the 6th grade are invited to attend. There is no charge. Call 373-2420 for more information.

### **What:** UW Sports Camp

**Where:** Piedmont Baptist Church

**When:** July 6 - 10, 9:00 to 12:15 p.m.

**Who:** 3 1/2 yrs old to finished 6th grade

**Cost:** \$60

**Call:** 373-2420 for more information

**Why:** your child will have fun while learning key sports skills

## Take a Bus Tour with Canadian County United Way

If you're unfamiliar with what United Way does in Canadian county, or just want to see firsthand the life-saving impact that contributions have on our community, sign up for one of the two bus tours taking place in July.

The first bus tour will take place on Friday, July 10 from 9:00 a.m. to noon, and the second tour will take place on Tuesday, July 28 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Both tours leave from Yukon Middle School, 801 Garth Brooks, in Yukon.

You can register by calling 236-8441, or by sending an email to [uwcevents@unitedwayokc.org](mailto:uwcevents@unitedwayokc.org). The deadline for registering is July 6 for the July 10th tour, and July 23 for the July 28th tour. Space is limited, so register as soon as possible. There is no charge to take the bus tour.

## Piedmont Gardening Club

The first meeting of the gardening club was a brainstorming session on possible topics for future meetings. Composting, building a greenhouse, saving seeds, companion plants, winterizing the garden, beneficial insects, plants for sun and for shade, and plant propagation were some of the suggestions.

Gardeners gathered at the library for the second meeting to hear a presentation on container gardens.



A local garden will be the site of the meeting on Saturday, July 11 at 9:00 a.m. Call the library for details about the exact location. The topic will be easy and no maintenance plants, and plants that are native to Oklahoma.

Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, call the library at 373-9018.

## Chamber Luncheon

July 2 at noon  
at City Hall

The Chamber luncheon will be held at city hall on July 2 at noon. The speaker will be Major, U.S. Army (Ret.) Edward Pulido, Sr. VP Events and Military Affairs, Folds of Honor organization, and author of the book "Warrior for Freedom." His presentation is "Folds of Honor."

Everyone is welcome at the monthly luncheons and there is no cost to attend. An optional lunch is available for \$5. Questions? Call Lisa at 373-2234.

# America the Beautiful

(almost our national anthem)

In 1893, Katharine Lee Bates, an English teacher from Massachusetts, agreed to take a summer teaching position at Colorado College in Colorado Springs. One of the perks of the position was a carriage ride up Pikes Peak. Six miles from the top of Pikes Peak, the horse-drawn carriage could go up no further so they switched to burros for the remainder of the trip.

On the trip back down from the summit, Katherine Bates wrote in her diary, "...we stood at last on that Gate-of-Heaven summit...and gazed in wordless rapture over the far expanse of mountain ranges and the sea-like sweep of plain."

After she returned to her hotel room that night, she remarked to friends that countries such as England had failed because, while they may have been "great," they had not been "good," and that "unless we are willing to crown our greatness with goodness, and our bounty with brotherhood, our beloved America may go the same way."

Based on her experiences on that trip, she later wrote a poem which has now become our classic anthem "America the Beautiful." The original four stanzas were printed on July 4, 1895, in an issue of *The Congregationalist* newspaper. After several revisions, the final poem was published in the *Boston Evening Transcript* nine years later.

Samuel Ward's hymn, "Materna," was selected as the music behind the lyrics. However, Ward died in 1903 and never knew how popular Bates' lyrics and his music would become.

A strong push was made to adopt the hymn as the national anthem in 1926. However, President Hoover chose the "Star-Spangled Banner" instead.



Based on information from the website [pikespeak.us.com/Learn/america-the-beautiful.html](http://pikespeak.us.com/Learn/america-the-beautiful.html) and used with permission.

## Summer Clothes Too Tight?

Zumba meets every Thursday night at 7:30 at city hall. Each class is just \$3. Beginners are always welcome. For more information, call Krista at 650-0229.

### America, the Beautiful

O beautiful, for spacious skies,  
For amber waves of grain,  
For purple mountain majesties  
Above the fruited plain!  
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood, from sea to shining sea.

O beautiful, for pilgrim feet  
Whose stern, impassioned stress  
A thoroughfare for freedom beat  
Across the wilderness!  
America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw;  
Confirm thy soul in self control, thy liberty in law!

O beautiful, for heroes proved  
In liberating strife,  
Who more than self their country loved  
And mercy more than life!  
America! America! May God thy gold refine,  
Till all success be nobleness, and ev'ry gain divine!

O beautiful, for patriot dream  
That sees beyond the years,  
Thine alabaster cities gleam  
Undimmed by human tears!  
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood, from sea to shining sea!

## Did You Know?

More pets go missing on July 4th than any other day of the year. If your pet is afraid of fireworks, keep a close eye on him and make sure he has an ID tag. To increase the odds that your pet will be returned to you if lost, get your pet microchipped. Both animal clinics in Piedmont do microchipping which involves inserting a small chip about the size of a grain of rice under the skin.

### Piedmont Veterinary Clinic

373-1909  
101 Monroe Ave NE

### Piedmont Animal Health Services

373-3777  
709 Piedmont Rd N



# July Community Calendar

*Where friends meet!*

- 1 (10:00 am) - Preschool Music and Movement for ages 2 & up, at the library, free, 373-9018
- 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 (noon) - Senior Adults lunch and fellowship at the Methodist church, \$3, for reservations call 373-2905
- 1 (4:00-5:00 pm) - Super Cool Cooking School at the library, for all ages, free, 373-9018
- 2 (noon) - Chamber of Commerce luncheon at city hall, speaker is Major, U.S. Army (Ret.) Edward Pulido, optional lunch \$5, 373-2234
- 2, 9, 16, 23 (6:30-8:00 pm) - Summer Reading Family Night at the library, activities for family participation, at the library, free, 373-9018
- 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 (7:30-8:30 pm) - Zumba class at city hall, beginners welcome, \$3, 650-0229
- 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 (10:00 am) - Mother Goose on the Loose for ages birth to 3, at the library, free, 373-9018
- 4, 11, 18, 25 (8:00-11:00 am) - Farmers Market at the Service Center, 919-6406
- 4 (9:00-11:00 am) - Recycling, 115 Piedmont Rd N, free, 373-2905
- 4, 11, 18, 25 (10:00-2:00 pm) - Historical Society Museum is open, free, 373-2905
- 4 (5:00 pm) - Freedom Fest at Piedmont Elementary, rocket launch at 5:30 pm, parade at 7:00 pm, fireworks at dark, 373-2621
- 7, 14, 21 (10:00-2:00 pm) - Come & Go Crafts and activities for kids of all ages at the library, free, 373-9018
- 8, 15, 22, 29 (10:00-noon) - Library Quilters for anyone interested in quilting, at the library, free, 919-0870
- 9 (7:00 am) - Quarterly Legislative Breakfast at city hall, Corporation Commissioner Dana Murphy will speak, state and federal elected officials will provide legislative updates, free hot breakfast, 373-2234
- 11 (9:00 am) - Gardening Club, topic is native Oklahoma plants, call for location, free, 373-9018
- 12 (8:30 am & 11:00 am) - Bluegrass Sunday with Kyle Dillingham at Methodist church, free, 373-2298
- 14 (6:30-8:00 pm) - Writer's Group, no experience necessary, for all ages, at the library, free, 373-9018
- 16 (noon) - Readers Who Lunch book club at library, skype with Elizabeth L. Silver, author of *The Execution of Noa P. Singleton*, free, bring your lunch, 373-9018
- 17 (6:00-9:00 pm) - Stampin' Up Card Class at city hall, \$12, bring adhesive, RSVP 535-8849
- 18 (8:30-3:00 pm) - Trailer Wash fundraiser for CC Tuff Riders 4-H club at Methodist church parking lot, cost varies by size, for cost and appointment call 373-1387
- 25 (2:00-4:00 pm) - Stampin' Up Card Class for the Troops at city hall, bring adhesive, free, RSVP 535-8849 to ensure enough supplies
- 26-30 (6:00-8:30 pm) - Vacation Bible School at the Baptist church for kids 3 1/2 yrs to finished with 6th grade, free, 373-2420
- 28 (6:00-8:00 pm) - LEGO night at the library, free, 373-9018

An expanded version of the calendar is online at [piedmont-ok.com](http://piedmont-ok.com)  
A Piedmont map of community events is online at [piedmont-ok.com/map.pdf](http://piedmont-ok.com/map.pdf)