



Piedmont Community News & Events



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March 2015



DUCK Week

(Doing Unselfish Charities for Kids)



Last year, \$110,000 was raised for DUCK Week. The goal is to exceed \$100,000 again this year. All of the Piedmont schools are involved in DUCK Week and you can help them reach their goal by looking at the DUCK Week events on the calendar on page 4 and taking part in as many of the activities as you can fit into your schedule.

For more information about DUCK Week, including the purpose, the history, and this year's recipients, visit the website at www.duckweek.org.

Have You Ever Dreamed . . .

of starting your own agriculture-related business? Maybe raising chickens and selling the eggs? Or you-pick-it produce, or honey, or horseback rides?

If you have, you'll want to attend the Chamber of Commerce luncheon on Thursday, March 5 at noon, and listen to the presentations by Lori Coats from Agri-tourism and Chester from Chester's Party Barn & Farm.

The event is free, and an optional lunch is available for \$8.

For more information, call Lisa at the Chamber office at 373-2234.

Somebody's Praying Me Through (a musical)

Sunday, March 22, 6:30 pm
First Baptist Church

Piedmont Round-Up Club

The Round Up Club's monthly meeting will be at Stone's Hardware on Monday, March 2 at 7:00 p.m. Those attending will need to bring a chair or something to sit on. You do not need to be a member to attend.

The Round Up Club is family-oriented and strives to keep youngsters involved and having fun with their horses. The club participates in parades and trail rides, and several members give riding lessons. The club usually has a Halloween event with a costume class for the horse and rider, and has at least one pot luck dinner during the year. Membership includes use of the arena and lights.

The Round Up Club's spring clean-up and membership drive will be at the Round Up Club arena on Saturday, March 28 from 10:00 - 2:00 p.m. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided. Bring gloves and be ready to work!

For more information, call Jill at 820-6728.



Celebrating National Wildlife Week With Your Child

The theme for this year's National Wildlife Week, which is March 9-15, is "Living with Wildlife." Creating a wildlife habitat in your backyard is a great way to not only celebrate National Wildlife Week, but to create something with your child that they can appreciate and enjoy for many years.



The one thing all wildlife in your backyard will need is water. A dog bowl will do, and even a young child can help keep it filled.

Wildlife also need shelter and a place to hide. You can create shelter with a small pile of scrap lumber or pieces of firewood. A second place for wildlife to seek cover can be made from a small pile of bricks or broken flower pots.

There are many simple plans on the internet for birdfeeders that can be made with a child. A bird-feeder to hold seeds, a plant that produces nectar, and one that attracts butterflies will provide three sources of food for wildlife in your backyard.

A birdhouse, either purchased or homemade, and milkweed plants for monarch butterflies to lay eggs on, will provide places for two kinds of wildlife to raise their young.

With one source of water, three sources of food, two places for cover, and two places where wildlife can raise their young, your backyard can become certified as a wildlife habitat through the National Wildlife Federation. The application even allows you to name your habitat. What would your child call it? Jordan's Jungle? Kaeley's Bug & Butterfly Farm? Wyatt's Wild Things?



For sources of milkweed, more ideas for food, cover and places to raise young, for a certified backyard habitat application, or other information, go to piedmont-ok.com/habitat.html.

By certifying your property, you will join over 100 families and businesses in Piedmont that have already certified their yards as a wildlife habitat and qualified Piedmont to become Oklahoma's first Community Wildlife Habitat.



March 6 - Deadline for Chisholm Trail Comments

If you have not yet submitted a comment to let the National Park Service know how designating the Chisholm Trail as a national historic trail will benefit our community, county and state, you have until March 6 to do so.

The easiest way to get to the NPS public comment webpage is to go to www.piedmont-ok.com and click on the link found in the community calendar section.



myfreetaxes.com

If your household income is \$60,000 or less, you can file your income taxes online for free, find a location offering free services in person, or receive free phone assistance from qualified tax preparers. The website is <http://myfreetaxes.com>

Piedmont Service Center

415 Piedmont Rd N
373-4022

The Service Center provides assistance to families in our community, including food and toiletry items.

Donations of cooking oil, mayonnaise, salad dressing, box cereal, and syrup are among the items they need most at this time.

The Service Center is open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9 - 4 pm.



Daylight Saving Time
Sunday, March 8

Change your clocks!

Change your smoke detector batteries!

There's a New Sidewalk in Town

A Safe Routes to School grant has funded Piedmont's second sidewalk which goes from Stout and Monroe east to Second Street, then north along Second Street to the middle school. At the middle school, elementary students can access a sidewalk to the elementary school. The Safe Routes to School program is committed to sidewalks and activities that enable and encourage students in kindergarten through 8th grade to safely walk and bicycle to school.

Reasons kids like to walk to school:

- Every day it's an adventure, with different things to find or notice along the way.
- There are kids from other grades and classes to talk to.
- It helps them develop a sense of 'place' and of belonging in the community.
- It gives them a sense of freedom, independence, and responsibility.
- It calms ADHD, heightens creativity, and improves their spelling, math and reading scores.

David Engwicht wrote in an article on creative communities, "Community life is constructed out of the informal and accidental interactions people have while walking the dog, shopping, or walking to school. The more people there are in public space, the more interesting the space becomes and the greater the opportunities for a rich community life."

Your child's life will be enriched by the people he or she comes in contact with on the walk to school, and your child and the community will benefit from the interaction.

Museum of Osteology

There are over 300 skeletons on display in America's only bone museum located at 10301 S. Sunnyslane Rd. in Oklahoma City. The skeletons range in size from that of a tiny Pribilof Island shrew to a 40-foot humpback whale.

Throughout the year, the museum holds murder mystery parties and other events for kids and adults, and special activities over spring break.

For more information, call 814-0006 or visit the website at www.museumofosteology.org

Things to Know About the Piedmont Farmers Market

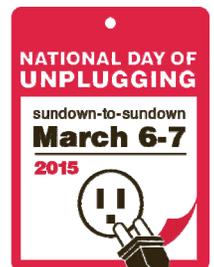
- It is expected to begin in late April or early May
- It will be at the Piedmont Service Center from 8-11 a.m. on Saturday mornings
- Rather than pay to participate, vendors donate produce to the Service Center
- It is an Oklahoma Grown Market so everything sold must have been grown in Oklahoma
- Contact Mike Best, 919-6406

National Day of Unplugging

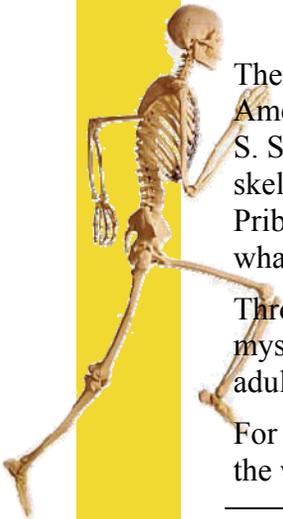
March 6 - 7, 2015

We increasingly miss out on the important moments of our lives as we pass the hours looking at our computers, tablets and smart phones, and chronicling every move on Facebook and Twitter.

The National Day of Unplugging is a 24-hour period that starts at sundown on the first Friday of March. The project is an adaption of our ancestors' ritual of carving out one day per week to unwind, unplug, relax, reflect, get outdoors, and connect with loved ones.



nationaldayofunplugging.com



March Community Calendar

Where friends meet!

- 3 (9:00-6:00 pm) - [Tamra States Chiropractic](#), all services \$45
- 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 (10:00 am) - [Preschool Story Time](#) for ages 2 & up, at the library, free, 373-9018
- 3 (6:00-8:00 pm) - [Elementary Skate Night](#) at Yukon on Wheels, \$5, parents must chaperone their own children
- 4 (10:00 am) - [Preschool Music and Movement](#) for ages 2 & up, at the library, free, 373-9018
- 4, 11, 25 (noon) - [Senior Adults lunch and fellowship](#) at the Methodist church, \$3, for reservations call 373-2905
- 4 (4:00-5:00 pm) - [Super Cool Cooking School](#) for all ages, at the library, free, 373-9018
- 5 (noon) - [Chamber of Commerce luncheon](#) at city hall, Lori Coats from Oklahoma Agritourism and Chester from Chester's Party Barn will speak, free, optional lunch \$8, 373-2234
- 5 (6:30 pm) - [Writer's Group](#) at the library, for all ages, free, 373-9018
- 5, 12, 19, 26 (7:30-8:30 pm) - [Zumba class](#) at city hall, \$3, 650-0229
- 6, 13, 20, 27 (10:00 am) - [Mother Goose on the Loose](#) for ages birth to 3, at the library, free, 373-9018
- 7 (7:00-11:00 am) - [Kiwaniis All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast](#) at Piedmont Elementary, adults \$6, 12 & under \$3
- 7 (9:00-11:00 am) - [Piedmont Recycling](#) at former co-op, 373-2905
- 7, 14, 21, 28 (10:00-noon) - [Craft for National Craft Month](#) at the library, all ages, come and go free, 373-9018
- 7, 14, 21, 28 (10:00-2:00 pm) - [Historical Society Museum](#) is open, free
- 7 (noon-4:00 pm) - [Piedmont Area Rocketry Club](#) model rocket launch at Rt 66 Park, 9901 NW 23, OKC, free, 593-9737
- 8 (10:30-4:00 pm) - [Junk Show](#) at the high school, adults \$3, students \$1, children's events extra, 80+ vendors and Chester's Party Barn, food vendors (Big Truck Tacos, Daddy Brad's, Sicilian Pizza, Roxy's Ice Cream, Snow S'More, Gigi's Cupcakes) will be selling lunch from 12:00-2:30 pm
- 8 (5:00 pm-close) - [Abel's Mexican Restaurant](#), 5822 NW 50th, OKC
- 9 (all day) - [Los Sabinos Mexican Restaurant](#), Piedmont
- 9 (5:30-7:30 pm) - [Kid-Zone](#) by National Honor Society at the high school, for grades 2-4, pizza, carnival games, b-ball, movie, arts & crafts, \$5
- 9 (6:00 pm) - [Intermediate \(5th & 6th grade\) Dodgeball Tournament](#) at Collett, adults \$5, students \$3
- 10 (all day) - [Subway](#), Piedmont & Surrey Hills locations
- 10 (6:00 pm) - [Dodgeball Tournament](#) at Collett, adults \$5, students \$3
- 11, 18, 25 (10:00-noon) - [Library Quilters](#) at the library, free, 919-0870
- 11 (4:00-9:15 pm) - [Sonic](#), teachers and principals will be carhopping for tips
- 12 (5:30-7:30 pm) - [Enchilada Dinner](#) at Collett, \$5 per plate
- 12 (5:30-8:00 pm) - [Silent Auction](#) at Collett
- 12 (7:00 pm) - [High School Talent Show](#) at Collett, adults \$5, students \$3
- 13 (6:00-9:00 pm) - [Stampin' Up Card Class](#) at city hall, \$12, bring double-sided tape, RSVP 535-8849
- 19 (12:00 pm) - [Readers Who Lunch](#) book club for adults, at the library, book: *The House of Sand and Fog* by Andre Dubus, free, 373-9018
- 22 (6:30 pm) - [Somebody's Praying Me Through](#) musical at Baptist church, free, 373-2420
- 24 (6:30-8:00 pm) - [LEGO Club](#) at the library, for all ages, come & go, free, 373-9018
- 26 (6:00-8:00 pm) - [Ladies' Night Paint 'n Palette](#) at the library, cost is \$5 or a snack, pre-registration is required, 373-9018

DUCK Week events - all or a portion of the proceeds from these events will be donated to DUCK Week (see www.duckweek.org)

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