



# Piedmont Community News & Events



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May 2015

## 16th Annual Brisket at the Barn

On Thursday, May 14, from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m., F&M Bank will hold their annual community appreciation cookout. The fun includes Chester the Clown, face painting, a caricature artist, and Jolly Trolley snow cones. The event is free and will take place rain or shine.

The barn is located behind the bank at 1216 Piedmont Rd N. Questions? Call 373-1600.



The Historical Society's annual sidewalk sale will be held at the museum on Saturday, May 9th from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The museum is located at 101 Monroe Ave N.W.

Items to donate can be taken to the museum between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 2nd.

For more information, contact Evelyn at 373-2905.

## Country Craft Fair & 1st Annual Okie Sampler

Find information about businesses, communities, and tourist attractions across Oklahoma that will help you plan your Oklahoma road trip or summer vacation during the Okie Sampler at Chester's Party Barn and Farm on Saturday, May 30, and Sunday, May 31, from 9 to 5 p.m.

The Country Craft Fair will be taking place at Chester's at the same time and will include several craft and food vendors.

Admission on May 30 & 31 is \$6.00 for ages 2 to 64, and is free for those under 2 and over 64. Admission includes a petting zoo, unlimited pony rides, entertainers, inflatables, games, and more.

For more information, call 373-1595, or visit [www.chesterspartybarn.com](http://www.chesterspartybarn.com).

## Mother's Day Stampin' Up Card Class

Make a Mother's Day card at the Stampin' Up card class on May 2 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at city hall. The cost is \$12. Bring your own adhesive. RSVP at 535-8849.

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Plants can improve mental health. Horticultural therapy is used today in community-based programs, geriatrics programs, prisons, developmental disabilities programs, and special education.

## 59th Annual Youth Forestry Camp

The application deadline for teens ages 13 - 15 wanting to attend the Youth Forestry Camp is May 8, 2015. The Oklahoma Youth Forestry Camp will be held June 1st - 6th at Beavers Bend State Park in southeastern Oklahoma. Space fills up quickly.

Not only will teens learn about Oklahoma's forests, wildlife management, stream ecology, and natural resource management, but there will be time for swimming, hiking, canoeing, and other outdoor recreation.

The fee is \$175 which covers all costs including lodging, meals, transportation while at camp, field trips, and workshops. A limited number of partial scholarships are available.

More information, pictures from previous years, and a registration form are online at [www.forestry.ok.gov/forestrycamp](http://www.forestry.ok.gov/forestrycamp). Information can also be obtained by contacting camp director Jeri Irby at 522-6160 or [jeri.irby@ag.ok.gov](mailto:jeri.irby@ag.ok.gov).

Camp staff positions are also available.

## Chamber Luncheon

Kari Watkins, Executive Director of the Oklahoma National Memorial and Museum, will be the guest speaker at the Chamber's luncheon at noon on Thursday, May 7. Her presentation is "Our National Memorial - 20 Years Later."

All Chamber luncheons are held at city hall, are free, and everyone is welcome. You do not have to be a Chamber member to attend. An optional lunch is available for \$8.

Questions? Call Lisa at 373-2234.

## Plant Swap

Looking for something new for your flower garden or yard?

Bring plants, bulbs, or seeds to the library on Saturday, May 2 between 11:00 and 1:00 p.m. to trade with other gardeners.

For more information, contact the library at 373-9018.



## Discover Aviation & Air Show Spectacular

Sundance Flight Academy's 2015 air show and aviation event will be held on May 23rd and 24th at Sundance Airport, 13000 N. Sara Rd., from 9:00 to 4:00 on both days.

The event includes educational booths and displays, opportunities to meet pilots and learn about careers in aviation, a kids zone, and food vendors. The air show begins at 12:00 p.m. both days and includes aerobatics, war-birds, and other performers.

The Sundance Flight Academy is offering a scholarship this year for flight lessons worth approximately \$2500 to one college or high school student interested in a career in aviation.

There are three parking lots at the airport, and free parking and shuttle service at Francis Tuttle Technology Center, 12777 N. Rockwell.

The Discover Aviation & Air Show Spectacular event is free, but VIP tickets are available for \$75 in advance or \$85 at the door that include VIP parking, two night-time air show acts, catered food and beverages, front-row access, and more.

More information about the event and a link to the scholarship application are online at <http://sundanceairport.com/discover-aviation>, or call 373-3886.

# Mother's Day

Sunday, May 10, 2015

Several attractions in Oklahoma, including the ones listed below, offer free admission for mothers in recognition of Mother's Day. Before heading out, contact them for specific details.

**Oklahoma City Zoo**, OKC - 424-3344, [www.okczoo.com](http://www.okczoo.com)

**Oklahoma River Cruises**, OKC - 702-7755, <http://okrivercruises.com/ferry-fun/mothers-day-cruise>

**OKC National Memorial & Museum**, OKC - 235-3313, <http://oklahomacitynationalmemorial.org>

**Oklahoma Museum of Art**, OKC - 236-3100, [www.okcmoa.com](http://www.okcmoa.com)

**Oklahoma Hall of Fame Gaylord-Pickens Museum**, OKC - 235-4458, [www.oklahomahof.com](http://www.oklahomahof.com)

**Orr Family Farm**, OKC - 799-3276, [www.orrfamilyfarm.com](http://www.orrfamilyfarm.com)

**Sam Noble Museum of Natural History**, Norman - 325-4712, <http://samnoblemuseum.ou.edu>

**Chickasaw Cultural Center**, Sulphur - 580-622-7130, [www.chickasawculturalcenter.com](http://www.chickasawculturalcenter.com)

**Oklahoma Aquarium**, Jenks - 919-296-3474, [www.okaquarium.org](http://www.okaquarium.org)



## Eastern Redcedar

Eastern redcedar, a fixture of Oklahoma's landscape, used to be kept in check by natural wildfires that swept the prairie. But today, without the wildfires, it is often one of the first trees to invade abandoned pastures, cleared roadsides, and other open habitats. According to one estimate, Oklahoma lost about 782 acres per day to cedar encroachment between 1985 and 1995.

Not only does redcedar crowd out native prairie plants and the seedlings of more desirable trees like oaks and cottonwoods, but it is estimated that each one can suck up to 40 gallons of water per day from the soil. In addition, because of the oil in the trees, when a wildfire does occur, red cedars easily burst into flame.

For more information about controlling redcedar trees, the forestry department has an excellent publication online at [www.forestry.ok.gov/Websites/forestry/images/Redcedar\\_FAQs\\_web\\_version.pdf](http://www.forestry.ok.gov/Websites/forestry/images/Redcedar_FAQs_web_version.pdf).

The forestry department also maintains a directory online of people that remove redcedar trees. For more information, go to [www.forestry.ok.gov](http://www.forestry.ok.gov) or call 522-6158.

## Summer Reading Kickoff

The summer reading program will kick off on May 30th at the library from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. There will be more than thirty-five vendor booths with games and activities, exotic animals, pony rides, face painting, and a huge 20-foot graffiti wall for kids to paint. All activities are free. Four food trucks—Daddy Brad's Bar-B-Q, The Galley Soul Food, Czech Delights, and the Evoke Sip Truck—will be available and are nominally priced.

"Every Hero has a Story" is the theme of this year's summer reading program. A child that reads at least 20 minutes for at least 7 days can take their reading log to the library for a certificate that entitles them to a prize from the summer reading store. Kids that read at least 20 minutes a day for the entire summer will have collected 8 certificates and 8 rewards. Certificates may be redeemed for prizes any time during the summer. They don't have to wait until the summer is over.

For more information about the kickoff event or the summer reading program, contact the library at 373-9018.



# May Community Calendar

*Where friends meet!*

- 1, 8, 15, 22, 29** (10:00 am) - Mother Goose on the Loose for ages birth to 3, at the library, free, 373-9018
- 2** (9:00-11:00 am) - Piedmont Recycling of glass, cardboard, tin and aluminum cans, plastic #1 & 2, metal, 115 Piedmont Rd N, 373-2905
- 2, 9, 16, 23, 30** (10:00-2:00 pm) - Historical Society Museum is open, free, 373-2905
- 2** (11:00 am-1:00 pm) - Plant Swap at the library, bring plant, bulb, or seeds and trade with other gardeners, 373-9018
- 2** (noon-4:00 pm) - Piedmont Area Rocketry Club model rocket launch at Rt 66 Park, 9901 NW 23, OKC, free, 593-9737
- 2** (2:00-4:00 pm) - Mother's Day Stampin' Up Card Class at city hall, \$12, bring adhesive, RSVP 535-8849
- 5, 12, 19, 26** (10:00 am) - Preschool Story Time for ages 2 & up, at the library, free, 373-9018
- 6** (10:00 am) - Preschool Music and Movement for ages 2 & up, at the library, free, 373-9018
- 6, 13, 20, 27** (noon) - Senior Adults lunch and fellowship at the Methodist church, \$3, for reservations call 373-2905
- 7** (noon) - Chamber of Commerce luncheon at city hall, speaker is Kari Watkins with the OKC National Memorial & Museum, free, optional lunch \$8, 373-2234
- 7, 14, 21, 28** (7:30-8:30 pm) - Zumba class at city hall, \$3, 650-0229
- 9** (8:00-4:00 pm) - Historical Society sidewalk sale at the museum, donations accepted on May 2 from 10:00-2:00 pm, 373-2905
- 12** (6:30 pm) - Writer's Group, speaker is Oklahoma author Marcia Preston on writing process, for all ages, at the library, free, 373-9018
- 13, 20, 27** (10:00-noon) - Library Quilters for anyone interested in quilting, at the library, free, 919-0870
- 14** (3:00-7:00 pm) - 16th Annual Brisket at the Barn behind F&M Bank, face painting, Jolly Trolley, Chester the Clown, free, 373-1600
- 15** (7:00 pm, 6:15 pm exhibitions) - Playday for all ages at Round-Up Club Arena, fees of \$5-\$15 vary by event, free to watch, 409-0778
- 20** (4:00-5:00 pm) - Super Cool Cooking School at the library, for all ages, free, 373-9018
- 21** (12:00 pm) - Readers Who Lunch book club at the library, book: *Storied Life of A.J. Fikry* by D. Zevin, free, bring your lunch, 373-9018
- 26** (6:30-8:00 pm) - LEGO Night at the library, for all ages, come & go, free, 373-9018
- 29** (6:00-9:00 pm) - Stampin' Up Card Class at city hall, \$12, bring adhesive, RSVP 535-8849
- 30, 31** (9:00-5:00 pm) - Okie Sampler & Country Craft Fair at Chester's Party Barn, sampler of OK attractions, crafts, inflatables, entertainers, petting zoo, pony rides, \$6 for ages 2-64, 373-1595
- 30** (5:30-8:00 pm) - Summer Reading Kickoff at the library, games, activities, exotic animals, pony rides, and a play, free, food trucks will be available, 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)