



Piedmont Community News & Events



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July 2016

Legislative Breakfast

On Thursday, July 14, at 7:00 a.m., the quarterly legislative breakfast will be held at city hall, and a free hot breakfast will be served.

Legislative updates will be provided by elected officials, and State Auditor and Inspector Gary Jones will speak on the subject of transparency and accountability.

For more information, contact Lisa at 373-2234.

God & Country Day

On July 3, the Piedmont First Baptist Church will celebrate God and country in the 10:30 a.m. service, and there will be a free cookout afterward.

The church is located at 15 Jackson Ave NW. For more information, call 373-2420.

Check. Change. Control.

The American Heart Association's blood pressure management program, "Check. Change. Control." has added an interactive text messaging campaign which allows you to receive targeted health messages quickly and easily from a "virtual coach." The virtual coach asks questions to understand what kind of support you want. Based on your answers, the virtual coach provides tailored information and assists in the creation of your personal plan. The virtual coach will keep you motivated with fun health challenges.

For example, in a fitness challenge, participants are asked to walk for 30 minutes and are even linked to a free playlist on Pandora. In a healthy eating challenge, participants are asked to cook a healthy meal and are sent a recipe based on what they indicated they like to eat.

To enroll, text **HBPOK** to **97779**. You will receive a link to terms and conditions at <http://lil.ms/13xv/37miwj>

Piedmont Freedom Fest

Monday, July 4

- 5:00 pm - event begins
- 5:30 pm - rocket show
- 6:30 pm - hot dog eating contest
- 7:00 pm - parade
- 7:30 pm - live music, touch a truck
- at dark - fireworks

All activities and food trucks will be in the vicinity of Piedmont elementary school.

For more information, call 373-2621.

Plant Walk for Kids

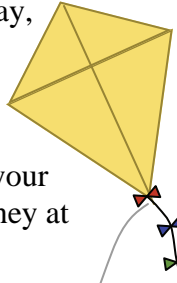
Kids from 8 to 16 years of age will have the opportunity to walk with a horticulture educator, learn the names and interesting information about a variety of plants, and make a plant notebook to take home. They will meet at the Canadian County Extension Office at 218 N Country Club Rd in El Reno on Saturday, July 22, from 9:00 to 3:00 p.m. Your child will need to bring a sack lunch, but the event is free.

For more information, or to sign your child up for this event, call Courtney at 262-0155.

Junior Master Gardeners Day Camp

The Canadian County Extension Service at 218 N. Country Club Rd. in El Reno is holding a Junior Master Gardener Day Camp on July 15, 2016, from 10 to 3 pm for children between 7 and 15 years of age that are interested in plants. There will be hands-on activities. The \$10 fee covers lunch and materials.

For more information, including how to register your child, send an email to courtney.sidwell@okstate.edu, or call her at 262-0155.



Vacation Bible School

The **United Methodist Church** at 2525 Piedmont Rd N will hold Cave Quest Vacation Bible School from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. from July 19th to 22nd for kids going into pre-k through going into 6th grade. There is no cost to participate. For more information, call 373-2298.

Vacation Bible School

The **Soldier Creek Church of Christ** at 416 Monroe Ave NW will hold Vacation Bible School from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. from July 11th to 13th for kids from 4 years old through 5th grade. The theme is *Let the Games Begin: Fix Your Eyes on Jesus*. There is no cost to participate. For more information, call the church at 373-3550.

Vacation Bible School

The **Piedmont Baptist Church** will hold Vacation Bible School from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. on July 24th to 28th for kids from 4 years of age to those that have completed 5th grade. At the same time, they will hold VBX for students that have completed 6th grade. There is no cost to participate.

For more information, call the church at 373-2420.

Kite Night

Children and adults are invited to fly kites on Saturday, July 9th at 6:00 p.m. at the Nazarene church. Kites will be provided, or you can bring your own.

Hot dogs, chips, popcorn, tea and lemonade will also be provided. Both the food and the kites are free.

The church is located at 2011 Piedmont Rd N. For more information, call 313-1485.



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

. . . visit the Piedmont Service Center between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. on a Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday beginning July 11th to fill out the required paperwork.

The backpacks are filled with the supplies necessary for your child's grade level.

The Service Center is located at 415 Piedmont Rd N.



Chamber of Commerce Luncheon

The guest speaker at the Chamber's monthly luncheon will be Scott Deatherage, Exec. Director of Honoring America's Warriors.

The luncheon will be at city hall, located at 314 Edmond Rd NW, on Thursday, July 7 at noon. The event is free, and an optional lunch is available for \$10.

For more information, contact Lisa at 373-2234.

Turtle Trivia

- Turtles and tortoises are not the same. Turtles live primarily in water, and tortoises live on land.
- Turtles existed in the dinosaur age. They were around before lizards, snakes or crocodiles.
- Turtles live on every continent except Antarctica.
- Most sea turtles have now been classified as endangered.
- Turtles are cold-blooded animals.
- A group of turtles is called a bale.
- Turtles lay eggs. In some species, the temperature determines whether an egg develops into a male or a female. In hotter temperatures, most will be females. In cooler temperatures, most will be males.
- The leatherback sea turtle is the largest turtle. The largest leatherback ever found washed up on the west coast of Wales. It was 8.5 feet long and weighed 2,020 pounds.
- One of the smallest turtles is the speckled cape that weighs approximately 5 ounces and has a shell that is only about 3 inches long.
- A few turtles, like the green sea turtle, are vegetarians, but most are omnivores and eat a variety of plants, worms, small fish, and insects.
- Turtles have a special cartilaginous or bony shell that develops from their backbone and ribs and acts as a shield. It also prevents them from being able to crawl out of their shell.
- The outer layer of the shell is part of the turtle's skin. A turtle molts its skin in small pieces which can sometimes look like thin pieces of plastic floating in the water.
- Most turtles can hide their heads when an enemy attacks.
- Researchers recently discovered that a turtle's organs do not age or become less efficient over time. The liver, lungs and kidneys of a centenarian turtle and an immature turtle are virtually indistinguishable.
- Wood turtles are better than white rats at learning to navigate mazes.



July Community Calendar

Where friends meet!

- 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 (10:00 am) - Mother Goose on the Loose for infants & toddlers, at the library, free, 373-9018
- 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 (7:00-9:00 am) - Coffee at Piedmont Area Veterans Building, 170 Edmond Rd NW, free, 373-4820
- 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 (8:00-11:00 am) - Farmer's Market, 12 Monroe NW, 919-2603
- 2, 16 (8:00-noon) - Recycling at 164th & Cemetery, free, 373-2621
- 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 (10:00-2:00 pm) - Historical Society Museum is open, free, 373-2905
- 3 (10:30 am) - God and Country Day service and cookout at Baptist church, free, 373-2420
- 4 (5:00 pm) - Freedom Fest at Piedmont elementary - 5:30 rocket show, 6:30 hot dog eating contest, 7:00 parade, 7:30 live music, touch-a-truck, fireworks at dark, 373-2621
- 5, 12, 19, 26 (10:00-2:00 pm) - Summer Reading Program activities for all ages, at the library, come & go, free, 373-9018
- 6, 13, 20, 27 (10:00-noon) - Library Quilters at the library, beginners welcome, free, 919-0870
- 6, 13, 20, 27 (noon) - Senior Adults Lunch & Fellowship at Methodist church, \$4, for reservations call 373-2905
- 6, 20 (4:00-5:00 pm) - Super Cool Cooking School for all ages, at the library, free, 373-9018
- 7 (noon) - Chamber of Commerce Luncheon at city hall, speaker is Scott Deatherage, Exec. Dir. of Honoring America's Warriors, free, optional lunch \$10, 373-2234
- 7, 14, 21, 28 (6:30-8:00 pm) - Family Summer Reading Night at the library, activities for families, at the library, free, 373-9018
- 7, 14, 21, 28 (7:30 pm) - Walk & Talk for all ages, leaves from the library, free, 373-9018
- 9 (6:00 pm) - Kite Night for kids and adults, kites, hot dogs, chips, popcorn & drinks provided free, at Nazarene church, 313-1485
- 11-13 (6:00-8:30 pm) - Vacation Bible School at Soldier Creek Church of Christ, 4 yrs to 5th grade, 373-3550
- 14 (7:00 am) - Quarterly Legislative Breakfast at city hall, speaker is State Auditor & Inspector Gary Jones, elected officials will give updates, free hot breakfast, 373-2234
- 16 (9:00 am) - Gardener's Group, free, call for location, 373-9018
- 19-22 (6:00-8:00 pm) - Vacation Bible School at Methodist church, going into pre-k through going into 6th grade, 373-2298
- 21 (noon) - Readers Who Lunch book club at the library, book: *The Life We Bury* by Allen Eskens, bring your lunch, free, 373-9018
- 22 (6:00-9:00 pm) - Stampin' Up Card Class at city hall, \$12, bring adhesive, RSVP 535-8849
- 24-28 (6:00-8:30 pm) - Vacation Bible School at Baptist church, 4 yrs to completed 5th grade, VBX for completed 6th, free, 373-2420

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