



Piedmont Community News & Events



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January 2017

Quarterly Legislative Breakfast

The first quarterly legislative breakfast of 2017 will be held on Thursday, January 12 at 7:00 a.m.

District Attorney Mike Fields will speak on criminal justice reform, elected officials or their field representative will provide legislative updates, and Great Plains Bank will provide breakfast.

Our elected officials invited to attend are Sen. Stephanie Bice, Sen. Lonnie Paxton, Rep. John Enns, and Rep. Mike Sanders. The field representatives expected to attend are Baxter Le-wallen (for US Senator Jim Inhofe), Steve Carson (for US Senator James Lankford), and Jeremy Bennett (for US Representative Frank Lucas).

The legislative breakfast will be held at city hall. The event is hosted by Piedmont Chamber of Commerce and the Piedmont Public Schools Board of Education. The event is free and the public is invited to attend.

Chamber Awards Banquet & Auction

The Chamber Awards Banquet and Auction will be Saturday, January 28th at 6:30 p.m.

The guest speaker will be Major Ed Pulido, and the entertainment will be provided by Piedmont High School Vocal Ensemble.

The awards banquet will be held at the Piedmont Intermediate School, located at 977 Washington Ave. NW.

Tickets are \$30 in advance or \$35 at the door. To purchase tickets in advance, send a check to the Chamber at PO Box 501, Piedmont OK 73078. For more information, call Lisa at 373-2234 or 596-0525, or send her an email at PiedmontOKChamber@gmail.com.



NOTE: Because of the Quarterly Legislative Breakfast and the Annual Awards Banquet & Auction this month, the Chamber of Commerce will not hold a monthly luncheon in January. However, if you want to make sure you don't miss a Chamber luncheon in 2017, mark your calendar now by putting the monthly luncheon on the first Thursday of each month from February through December.

Travel OK

At www.travelok.com/brochures, you can request free Oklahoma travel brochures by selecting topics of interest such as trails, genealogy, dining, hunting, fall foliage, and Route 66, by selecting specific communities, or by selecting the area of the state you would like to visit. Get them now and be ready to see more of Oklahoma this year.

Ladies Night at Chester's

Ladies are invited to participate in an evening of painting at Chester's on Saturday, January 14th from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m..

Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. and will include a baked potato bar, salad, breadsticks, dessert, and wine.

Painting will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Club Chester members will be admitted free and can bring a friend. The cost for non-members is \$50 per person.

Everyone planning to attend must RSVP to Louanne by midnight on Monday, January 9th by calling 373-1595. Due to limited seating, the RSVP deadline will be strictly enforced.

Chester's Party Barn & Farm is located at 5201 Cimarron Rd NW in Piedmont.



First Day Hike

Roman Nose State Park will be holding a First Day Hike at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 1, 2017. The hike will begin at the state park lodge and follow the 0.8 mile scenic interpretive loop trail.

Kids are welcome on the hike, and so are people-friendly pets on a lease.

Hot chocolate and snacks will be provided.

Every participant on the hike will receive an 80th anniversary park key chain.

For more information, call Roman Nose State Park at 580-623-7281.

Oklahoma Genealogy Society

The Oklahoma Genealogical Society (OGS) usually meets on the first Monday of each month at the Oklahoma History Center near NE 23rd and Lincoln in Oklahoma City from 6:00 to 7:45 p.m. Before the meetings, experienced researchers are available at 5 p.m. to answer research questions and help beginners get started on genealogy research. The OGS meetings are open and free to both members and non-members.

The next OGS meeting will be January 9th. Kelly Baker with Oklahoma State Department of Health will be the speaker, and she will talk about exploring birth and death records.

For more information about the Oklahoma Genealogy Society, visit the website at www.okgensoc.org, call 637-1907, or email info@gensoc.org.

National Trivia Day

January 4

To celebrate, here is some Oklahoma trivia from www.50states.com:

The world's first parking meter was installed in Oklahoma City in 1935.

Vinita was the first town in Oklahoma to have electricity.

The Amateur Softball Association of America - a volunteer-driven, not-for-profit organization in Oklahoma City - was founded in 1933 and has evolved into the strongest softball organization in the country.

Boise City was the only city in the United States to be bombed during World War II. At approximately 12:30 a.m. on Monday night, July 5, 1943, a B-17 Bomber based at Dalhart Army Air Base (50 miles to the south of Boise City) dropped six practice bombs on the sleeping town.

The first shopping cart was invented by Oklahoman Sylvan Goldman.

The Pensacola Dam, located on the south shores of Grand Lake O' the Cherokees between Langley and Disney, was built in 1940 and is still the World's Longest Multiple Arch Dam. (6,565 feet in length)

Bob Dunn, a musician from Beggs, invented the first electric guitar in 1935.

Spiro Mounds is a 140-acre site with evidence of an American Indian culture that occupied the site from 850 A.D. to 1450 A.D. The Mounds are considered one of the four most important prehistoric American Indian sites east of the Rocky Mountains.

Clinton Riggs designed the yield sign. It was used first on a trial basis in Tulsa.

Oklahoma has the largest population of Native Americans in the U.S., and is the tribal headquarters for 39 tribes.

National Shortbread Day

January 6

Shortbread is a classic Scottish dessert traditionally made with 1 part sugar, 2 parts butter, and 3 parts flour. The cookie gets its name from the fat, or shortening, that produces a crumbly, or "short," texture.

Generally considered a cookie in the U.S., in other countries it is sometimes referred to as a biscuit or even a cake. Early Scottish bakers fought to keep shortbread from being classified as a biscuit to avoid paying a government tax on biscuits.

Shortbread

Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup confectioner's sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups butter at room temperature
- 3 cups flour

Directions:

1. Preheat the oven to 325°.
2. Cream the butter and sugars.
3. Add 3 cups of flour and mix well.
4. Roll the dough out on a floured surface until 1/2" thick.
5. Prick the surface with a fork.
6. Cut into 1-inch by 3-inch strips or cut into shapes with cookie cutters.
7. Place strips on ungreased baking sheets.
8. Bake at 325° for 20 to 25 minutes.

(Brown sugar can be substituted for the sugars, and finely chopped pecans can be added.)



January Community Calendar

Where friends meet!

- 3, 10, 17, 24, 31** (10:00 am) - Storytime for toddlers & preschoolers, at the library, free, 373-9018
- 4** (10:00 or 10:45 am) - Preschool Music and Movement for ages 2 & up, at the library, free, 373-9018
- 4, 11, 18, 25** (noon) - Senior Adults Lunch and Fellowship at the Methodist church, \$4, for reservations call 373-2905
- 4, 18** (4:00-5:00 pm) - Super Cool Cooking School for all ages, at the library, free, 373-9018
- 5, 12, 19, 26** (4:00-7:00 pm) - Piedmont Area Veterans Building is open, free, 170 Edmond Rd NW, 373-4820
- 6, 13, 20, 27** (10:00 am) - Mother Goose on the Loose for ages birth to 3, at the library, free, 373-9018
- 7, 14, 21, 28** (7:00-9:00 am) - Coffee at Piedmont Area Veterans Building, free, 373-4820
- 7, 21** (8:00-noon) - Recycling at Cemetery & 164th, free, 373-2000
- 7, 14, 21, 28** (10:00-2:00 pm) - Historical Society Museum is open, free, 373-2905
- 11, 18, 25** (10:00-noon) - Library Quilters at the library, beginners welcome, free, 919-0870
- 12** (7:00 am) - Legislative Breakfast at city hall, District Attorney Mike Fields will speak on criminal justice reform, elected officials or their field representative will give legislative updates, hot breakfast provided by Great Plains Bank, free, 373-2234
- 14** (6:00-10:00 pm) - Ladies Night at Chester's Party Barn, 5201 Cimarron Rd NW, dinner served at 6:30 pm (baked potato bar, salad, breadsticks, dessert), painting at 7:30 pm, non-members \$50, RSVP by midnight Jan 9, 373-1595
- 20** (6:00-9:00 pm) - Stampin' Up Card Class at city hall, \$12, beginners welcome, bring adhesive, RSVP 535-8849
- 21** (9:00 am) - Gardener's Group, beginners welcome, free, call for location, 373-9018
- 28** (6:30 pm) - Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Banquet & Auction at the Intermediate School, 977 Washington NW, speaker is Major Ed Pulido, entertainment is Piedmont High School Vocal Ensemble, \$30 in advance, \$35 at door, 373-2234

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