



Piedmont Community News & Events



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October 2018

6th Annual Hometown Halloween

Saturday, October 27th
5 p.m. to 9 p.m.
1st & Monroe

booths by local merchants,
games, candy, fun activities for kids,
photo booth, prizes for best costume,
inflatables, pony rides, petting zoo,
food trucks, live DJ,
and more!

For more information, call 373-2093,
or go to Hometown Halloween 2018
facebook page at
[https://www.facebook.com/
events/310116263082404/](https://www.facebook.com/events/310116263082404/)

Legislative Breakfast

At 7:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 11, at city hall, state and federal legislators, or their representatives, will provide updates, and breakfast will be served.

The event is co-sponsored by the Chamber and Piedmont Schools, and the breakfast is sponsored by Great Plains Bank. The event is free.

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

Bible Trail Treats

Walk the Bible trail at the Nazarene church on Wednesday, October 31 from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. Short Bible stories will be told along the trail and a treat will be provided that goes with each story. Admission is free.

The church is located at 2011 N. Piedmont Rd. For more information, call 373-2308.



Chamber Luncheon

Mike Jackson, Executive Vice President of Government and Political Affairs, will be the speaker at the luncheon on Thursday, October 4th at noon at city hall. He will cover the five state questions on the ballot.

The Chamber luncheons are free. An optional lunch will be available for \$10.

For more information, call 373-2234.

Plant Swap

The garden club is sponsoring a plant swap on October 27 at 9:00 a.m. at the library. Bring plant accessories and labeled plants to trade with other like-minded gardening folks.

Questions? Call the library at 373-9018



Organic Gardening Class

Area Extension Horticulture Specialist, Dr. Jim Shrefler, will share his knowledge on organic gardening practices in the vegetable garden at a workshop on October 24th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

The workshop will be held at the Fairgrounds Building located at 220 N Country Club Rd in El Reno. The event is free.

To register, call 262-0155, or email courtney.sidwell@okstate.edu. The deadline to register is October 17.

&

(the 27th letter of the Alphabet)

In Latin, the word for “and” is et, and when the Roman scribes, who wrote in cursive, wrote the word, the e and the t were linked. The combined letters eventually came to mean “and” in the English language also.

The E and the T are easier to see when & is written in the Caslon font.



In the early 1800s, & came at the end of the English alphabet. Instead of a child ending the alphabet by saying “X, Y, Z, and,” the alphabet, when recited, ended with “X, Y, Z, and per se and.” “Per se” means “by itself.”

Knowing how the alphabet used to end makes it easy to see why the word for “&” is ampersand.

Source: Dictionary.com

Fitness Opportunities

Every month from October to January has a holiday in which food plays a significant part and can result in added pounds.

The good news is that physical activity can help combat weight gain. Luckily, there are three exercise and fitness classes offered in Piedmont that can help you get through the holidays without gaining weight.

Mona Puckett teaches a ladies group fitness class called Abs & Assets that meets every Monday and Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. at the Old Store’s Mills Garage. The cost is \$5 per class and you only pay for the classes you attend. For more information, call Mona at 245-6470.

Instructors from Oklahoma State University teach an exercise class at the Nazarene church on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. The exercises are done to music and focus on strength, flexibility, cardiovascular endurance, and balance. The classes are free. For more information, call 974-5309.

The newest exercise class in Piedmont is cardio drumming, a seated workout with percussion exercises. It will meet every Tuesday in October at 6:15 p.m. at city hall. The classes are taught by Mona Puckett and are free. For more information, call Mona at 245-6470.

Tasty Tuesdays

5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Stone’s parking lot

A Latte Love and the following trucks:

- 10/2 Mighty Corn Dog, Murphy’s CookShack
- 10/9 Saucee Sicilian, Cook’n It Up
- 10/16 Mission In-Pasta-Bowl, MOB Grill
- 10/23 Smoke N Oak Pizza, Let’s Do Greek
- 10/30 Blue Donkey, Mission In-Pasta-Bowl

Wildlife Habitats

October 2, 2018, will be Piedmont's 5th anniversary as the first community in Oklahoma to be recognized by the National Wildlife Federation (NWF) as a community wildlife habitat. Piedmont received the designation when over 100 properties were certified by NWF as a wildlife habitat. The properties include homes, farms, businesses, a church and a school. Piedmont's community park is the most recent property in Piedmont to be certified as a wildlife habitat.



These are the simple requirements and a few examples of what is required if you are interested in certifying your property as a wildlife habitat:

- * one source of water (a birdbath)
- * three food sources (a feeder, plants that provide pollen, nectar, berries, foliage, or twigs)
- * two places for cover (a shrub, an evergreen, a small pile of rocks, a small pile of brush)
- * two places for wildlife to raise their young (a tree, a dead tree, nest box, host plants for caterpillars)
- * two sustainable gardening practices (using native plants, using a soaker hose).

Certification does not expire, but there is a one-time \$20 application fee. You will receive a certificate, a 1-year subscription to *National Wildlife* magazine, the Garden for Wildlife e-newsletter with gardening tips, wildlife stories, and other resources, and 10% off NWF merchandise. In addition, you will have the option to purchase a sign showing that you, too, have a Certified Wildlife Habitat with the National Wildlife Federation. (Your name and address are not made public. If you do not want a sign and do not want others to know your property is a certified wildlife habitat, that is okay also.)

Call Lyn Land at 373-3300 if you need more information, or go to <https://www.nwf.org/Garden-for-Wildlife/Certify> to begin.

Old Sheets

The Piedmont Library Quilters are working on a project for which they need sheets of any size. If you would like to donate bed sheets you are no longer using, you can drop them off at the library.

If you need more information, call Judy at 919-0870.

October Fall Festivals & Events in Oklahoma

Bigfoot Festival in Honobia October 5 & 6 - crafts, nature walk, Bigfoot tales around the nighttime campfire

Pumpkinville in Oklahoma City October 5 - 21 - at the Myriad Botanical Gardens

Storybook Forest in Edmond October 23 - 30 - walk through a not-so-scary forest around Arcadia Lake

Oklahoma Czech Festival in Yukon on October 6

Watonga Cheese Festival in Watonga October 12 & 13 - cheeses, arts and crafts

Poteau Balloon Fest in Poteau October 19 & 20 - go for a ride in a tethered balloon

Robbers Cave Fall Festival in Wilburton October 19-21 - arts & crafts, classic cars, fall foliage cruise featuring over 500 hot rods

Ghost Story Tours at Pawnee Bill Ranch in Pawnee on October 20 - costumed storytellers

These events can be found by selecting the name of the city or town you wish to visit in the "select a city" dropdown menu under Events Search on Oklahoma's tourism website at https://www.travelok.com/festivals_and_events

October Community Calendar

Where friends meet!

- 1-31** (Mon-Sat 9-6 pm, Sun 1-6 pm) - Chester's Pumpkin Patch - unlimited pony rides, mystery maze, barnyard games, giant slide, & more, free pumpkin with paid admission, ages 1-10 \$10, 11-64 \$6, under 1 & 65+ free, 373-1595
- 1-31** (Mon-Fri 3-7 pm, Sat 9-7 pm, Sun 11-6 pm) - Service Center's Pumpkin Patch - crafts, plants, gourds, iron items, free train rides, 640-2315
- 1, 3, 5 & every M,W, F** (2:00-3:00 pm) - SAIL (strength & independent living) fitness class for older adults, at Nazarene church, free, 974-5309
- 1, 3, & every M & W** (6:15 pm) - Abs & Assets ladies group fitness, at Old Store Mills Garage, \$5 per class, 245-6470
- 2, 9, 16, 23, 30** (10:00 am) - Storytime for toddlers & preschoolers, stories and fingerplay, at library, free, 373-9018
- 2, 9, 16, 23** (3:30-5:00 pm) - Bedtime Math's Crazy 8s for 3rd thru 5th grade, math gone wild, at library, free, 373-9018 to reserve a spot
- 2, 9, 16, 23, 30** (5:30-8:00 pm) - Tasty Tuesdays in Stones parking lot, 210 Piedmont Rd N, 3 food and beverage trucks, 812-7298
- 2, 9, 16, 23, 30** (6:15 pm) - Cardio Drumming, a seated workout with percussion exercises for all ages, at city hall, free, 373-9018
- 3** (10:00 or 10:45 am) - Music and Movement with Ms. Alyssa, for toddlers & preschoolers, dancing, singing, instruments, at the library, free, 373-9018
- 3, 10, 17, 24, 31** (10:00-noon) - Library Quilters at the library, free, 919-0870
- 3, 10, 17, 24, 31** (noon) - Senior Adults Lunch & Fellowship, \$4, at Methodist church, for reservations call 373-2905
- 4** (noon) - Chamber Luncheon - speaker is Mike Jackson from Government & Political Affairs to talk about the 5 state questions, free, opt. lunch \$10, at city hall, free, 373-2234
- 4, 11, 18, 25** (4:00-7:00 pm) - Piedmont Area Veterans Building is open, free, 373-4820
- 4, 11, 18, 25** (6:30-9:00 pm) - Crash Course Art Class for adults & teens 15 & over, \$10 per class, mediums this month are graphite, ink, water color, at TLC Daycare, 1430 N Piedmont Rd, call 202-5979 for a supply list
- 5, 12, 19, 26** (10:00 am) - Mother Goose on the Loose for infants & toddlers, lap-sit, fingerplay, songs, at the library, free, 373-9018
- 6, 13, 20, 27** (7:00-9:00 am) - coffee at PAVA building, free, 373-4820
- 6, 13, 20, 27** (10:00-2:00 pm) - Museum is open, free, 373-2905
- 9** (10:00-2:00 pm) - Quilt of Valor sewing day - bring: sewing machine, cutting tools, \$3 to chip in for pizza, at PAVA bldg, 419-778-9533
- 11** (7:00 am) - Quarterly Legislative Breakfast at city hall, free, 373-2234
- 14** (2:30 pm) - Round Up Club Play Day & Dress Your Pony Costume Contest - entries start at \$15, free to watch, 226-8982
- 18** (noon) - Readers Who Lunch - book is *The One* by John Marrs, reading the book is not required, at library, free, 373-9018
- 26** (6:00-9:00 pm) - Stampin' Up! Card Class at city hall, \$12, bring adhesive, RSVP 535-8849
- 27** (9:00 am) - Plant Swap - bring labeled plants and plant accessories to trade, at the library, free, 373-9018
- 27** (5:00-9:00 pm) - Hometown Halloween - games, candy, photo booth, inflatables, prizes for best costume, pony rides, live DJ, free, 373-2093
- 31** (6:00-8:30 pm) - Bible Trail Treats - hear a short Bible stories and get a treat that goes with each one, at Nazarene Church, 373-2308

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