

Home for the Holidays

Tuttle's annual event slated for Dec. 1

By Jayson Knight
Staff Writer

Tuttle's Home for the Holidays will be held the first Thursday in December, which will be Thursday, Dec. 1 from 5:30 to 9 p.m. near Tuttle City Hall, located at 221 West Main Street in Tuttle.

City of Tuttle staff have searched for the best day to hold the festival.

According to Amber Riley, with the City of Tuttle, Home for the Holidays will feature "Santa, the Parade of Lights, tree lighting, food trucks, vendors, game booths, some of the characters that children love, petting zoos, carriage rides, axe throwing, live entertainment from school kids, and most of the businesses in the downtown area will be open for shopping, and then some of those businesses will also have their own attractions. I know that the library will have Star Wars characters, and the tag office will welcome the Ghostbusters. Those are the ones who have confirmed with me so far, but there will probably be a couple more.

"Usually, the National Guard will either bring out their rock wall or they have a jousting thing, but I am pretty sure that they've committed to the rock wall this year."

The city used to host Santa Claus inside Tuttle City Hall, but participation outgrew the building. Last year, Tuttle Christian Church hosted Santa, and the city is happy to have TCC helping out, since the attraction does require staffing so that things run smoothly.

"The Christian Church was fantastic," Riley said of the church's efforts at last year's festival.



A youngster meets Santa Claus at Home for the Holidays. FILE PHOTO

winter festival is how close to each other the events are, and how quickly they are scheduled to each other.

"It's short," Riley said. "It's a short little time frame, so it's not an all-day commitment, like some festivals are. We're pretty much completely done at 9 p.m., so it doesn't go too late. You can come have dinner, do some Christmas shopping, let your kids play, and run around and see everything without having to go too far. I think that's a virtue of Home for the Holidays, because it can be cold out. Luckily though, ever since I've been here, we've had decent weather."

There are already many vendors involved with the festival, but Home for the Holidays could use more.

"I think the community has gotten to where they expect me to start hitting them up this time of year," Riley said, "and the response has been great. I am still looking for sponsors, and would love to see a few more reach out. I'm still continuing to take vendors and people who want to participate in the parade. They can contact me at ariley@cityof-tuttle.com, or by calling city hall, and all of the forms are online at cityoftuttle.com."

COWBOY DAYS

6th annual event planned in Choctaw

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If you've been thinking you should have been a cowboy, Choctaw has the perfect event for you.

Cowboy Days 2022 has been scheduled for the first Saturday in October at Choctaw's Hope Retreat Ranch.

Scheduled for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 8, this is family friendly event a must for fun lovers of all ages.

This is the sixth annual Cowboy Days celebration.

Guests can expect live bluegrass music as well as hay rides,

face painting, games and other activities for all ages.

They'll also be showing football games on the big screen throughout the festivities.

Entry is FREE.

The Hope Retreat (HR) Ranch is located at 2320 S. Sandwood Ave. in Choctaw. Find them on Facebook @hoperetreatranch for updates.

HR Ranch is a nonprofit on a mission is to "enrich people's lives through the use of nature, health, and horsemanship."

For more information operator Janet Deen can be reached at 405-317-3212.

Statewide Arts Festival to benefit seniors

By Maxine Wheelan
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The community of Oklahoma Christian Apartments in Edmond is planning a Statewide Arts Festival to be hosted Sept. 23 and 24. at 325 Enz Dr., Edmond.

Festival times are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

The purpose of the event is to raise funds for the elderly and disabled residents in their community. After the last few years, residents say it is time to get moving and bring things back to a better standard. Vendor booths will include, but not limited to, artists, craft makers (wood and fabric) antique collectors and sellers, display booths of various kinds from folk dance and culture exhibits, to baked goods.

There will be tables to rent by the day for \$10 or by the weekend for \$20. The location of the Statewide Arts Festival will be just west of the University of Central Oklahoma.

The hosts for the event are social



Social services director Amanda Walters and facility manager Stacey Dobbs prepare for the festival. PHOTO BY MAXINE WHEELAN

services director Amanda Walters who can be reached at 405-340-0311 and Stacey Dobbs, facility manager.

Coordinators hope to raise plenty of much-needed funds to care for the elderly and disabled residents of the community, and could use support.

Resident Council President, David Casson along with Secretary Yvonne Espinoza have worked hard to bring this event to the residents of this Edmond community as well as the surrounding areas.

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