

# Tuttle

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Home for the Holidays stand out as a 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@cityoftuttle.com, or by calling city hall, and all of the forms are online at cityoftuttle.com."

# Concerts coming to Mustang Performing Arts Center

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The Mustang Performing Arts Center will be a hub for those looking to enjoy the holidays this season.

Come Dec. 1, a plethora of local bands will be ready to put on a show for the community. That starts with the Mustang North Middle School Band Concert, who will be performing at 7 p.m. on the day.

The Prairie View Voices Holiday Concert is next in line for a performance in the PAC.

Mustang Central Middle School and Mustang Middle School Band concert is set for Dec. 5 with house being open starting at 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 8 marks the Mustang High School Band concert with the Mustang High

School Jazz Concert the following evening. There is another MHS Band performance on Dec. 12, too.

MHS Choir performs its winter concert on Dec. 13.

Several event nights will have multiple events happening simultaneously. That means the use of the black box will be essential when performances are happening in the performance hall. Samantha Waldrop said those evenings, the PAC plays host to between 500-1,200 people.

According to Waldrop, this is the first year the PAC is serving every school in the district. Most of those schools are being served at the building during the holiday times. She estimated 15 official holiday performance events are

happening, starting the week after thanksgiving break and leaving for Christmas break.

Concerts aren't the only things happening at the PAC during the holiday season. MHS Theatre is doing a Frozen Winter Wonderland Princess Party on Dec. 3, and a Theatre Showcase on Dec. 9. There is a Winter Art Show on Dec. 13 with plenty for guests to observe.

High School Show Choir and Jazz Choir doing a Cookies with Santa from 2-4 p.m. on Dec. 10. The choirs will perform every 20 minutes in the come and go event. Riverwood 4th Grade Honor Choir and Trails Elementary Honor Choir will each have performances on Nov. 29, too.

Come check out the events the PAC has to offer this holiday season.

# Chickasha

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parking can more easily be found near the New Downtown Park in Chickasha where a shuttle will run from the 50-foot tall leg lamp statue in the park to the festival.

"We just got the 50-foot leg lamp and it's in downtown Chickasha," Lassley said. "Last year, we started December at the Depot. The Red Rider BB Gun Exhibit's going to be there. They can ride the bus downtown through Chickasha, seeing all the decorated shops, and a couple of houses that are decorated, get dropped off at the park, and then get brought back to downtown."

Fare for the bus will be \$2.

# Guthrie

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The capitol would eventually transfer to Oklahoma City, and Guthrie's businesses and resident population would start to dwindle. Soon Guthrie would lose its status as Oklahoma's second-largest city as Muskogee and then Tulsa would take that recognition.

As a result of Guthrie's loss of prominence, the town has a well-preserved Victorian enclave.

Much of the central business and residential district of Guthrie remains intact, while other nearby cities demolished and renovated similar building to accommodate innovation and urban planning. Guthrie remains a gateway to get a glimpse of Territorial Oklahoma.

# Minco

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has become a real popular, fun thing for people to do, so that should be interesting. We'll also have a lot of good food trucks. We have our honey plant and cotton gin tours, which are amazing, and if there are people who have not been to those, they really need to go through both of those two tours. We're going to have our carriage rides available for people, Santa Claus will be here and so we're really expecting another really good day."

The last two Minco Honey Festivals powered through the COVID pandemic, and with a few

additional safety concerns here and there, it was very much the same as always. While weather can always be a factor, it will not deter the Minco Honey Festival.

"That was a complete blessing that all that went the way it did," Walje said of the festival persisting through the pandemic. "The weather was good and we were able to have everybody outside because that was the only way we could do it and it worked out wonderfully. It really did. We've been really blessed. Even if the weather is bad, we'll just go ahead and do it. Those who can come, please do, and we will have a good time, and just do the best that we can."