

The Newsline

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Fourth of July Celebrations

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On July 4, 1776, the Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence. Fifty-six men made history by signing the document declaring the colonies' independence from Great Britain.

Over two hundred years later, fireworks fill the air after a day of fishing and relaxing by the lake. People lounge in lawn chairs and on blankets with family and friends as they watch the brightly colored sparks burst in the air. The breathtaking display is reflected on the surface of the lake. The crowd applauds and awes at the display.

This is a description of common Fourth of July celebrations in the United States today. However, early Fourth of July celebrations were greatly different. Some of the earliest celebrations were mock funerals for King George III, the ruler of Great Britain when the Declaration of Independence was written. Other early celebrations included public readings of the Declaration of Independence, bonfires, parades and the shooting of muskets and cannons. The earliest annual Independence Day celebration was held by the city of Philadelphia on July 4, 1777.

After the War of 1812, more people began to celebrate the Fourth of July annually because the U.S. had once again faced-off with Great Britain. Despite the annual celebrations of the Fourth of July, the day was not made a federal holiday until 1870. It was not made a paid federal holiday until 1941.

Since the late 19th century, the holiday has lost some political importance and has transitioned to a holiday of family get-togethers, outdoor activities and barbecues. Many people still celebrate the independence of the U.S. with fireworks celebrations. Others spend time with their families and engage in outdoor activities such as boating, camping or grilling.

However, residents should be aware the city of Stillwater prohibits the purchase, selling, possession and use of fireworks within its city limits.

For residents interested in participating in some traditional Fourth of July celebrations, the Stillwater fireworks celebrations, Boomer Blast, will take place at Boomer Lake Park on Thursday, July 4. A family fishing tournament also will be held. For more information regarding Stillwater's Fourth of

July festivities or the city fireworks ordinance, contact the city of Stillwater or visit stillwater.org.

Boomer Blast Fourth of July Celebration

When: Thursday, July 4

Parking lots open at 6:30pm

Fireworks begin at 9:35pm

Where: Boomer Lake Park (Lakeview Road and Washington Street)

16th Annual Family Fishing Tournament

Cost of \$12 per team; teams may consist of up to four family members
Includes boat and non-boat categories

When: Thursday, July 4

Registration begins at 5:30am

Tournament begins at 6am

Tournament weigh-in at 11am

Where: Boomer Lake Park at the south boat ramp

Sources: <http://www.history.com/topics/july-4th>, <http://www.ushistory.org/declaration> and http://stillwater.org/boomer_blast.php

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If you are new to OSU and the Family and Graduate Student Housing, welcome! There are few places around the world that offer the opportunity to learn about so many different cultures as we have here. Our community normally has around a 70 percent international population with about 90 countries represented at any given time. FGSH strives to provide quality, economical on-campus housing. We work very hard to provide resources that assist residents in community and academic adjustment and personal development.

As you know, the summers in Oklahoma are hot! Please keep in mind during hot weather not to over exert yourself and drink plenty of water to keep hydrated. If you keep your Venetian blinds tilted up during the day, the heat load will be lessened in your apartment; also, if you keep your windows closed while the air conditioner is running you will have less humidity and a cooler feeling apartment—and save energy at the same time. Please note non-FGSH air conditioners are not permitted in your apartment.

Have a great summer—we hope to see you in summer FRC programs and FGSH activities!



Sarah Wilkey, Ph.D.
FRC & FGSH Assistant Director



Family & Graduate Student Housing



Keep up with the FRC on Facebook! Search “OSU Family Resource Center” and like our page. Make sure to check daily to find important FGSH information and for chances to win prizes!

Newsline Online

Interested in receiving your newsletter electronically? Send an email to sarah.wilkey@okstate.edu with your name and email address. You will still receive a paper version.



Follow the FRC on Pinterest! Search “OSU Family Resource Center” under Pinners. Make sure to look us up for interesting recipes, activities and other information!

Attention:

The Family Resource Center will be closed on Thursday, July 4 due to a university holiday. The FRC will reopen Friday, July 5 at 8am.

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The mission of the Family Resource Center is to provide information and resources to individuals and families, with a particular emphasis on those living in FGSH. We assist residents in their adjustment to academic life and promote their success and personal fulfillment.

Staff Spotlight

Gwynievere Harris
Community Development Assistant



Our featured Family Resource Center staff member this month is Gwynievere Harris. She is a community development assistant and English teacher at the FRC. She currently is involved with six FRC classes including Drawing with English, Everyday English, Reading Skills, Pronunciation, Cooking Demo and Idioms and Phrasal Verbs.

Gwynievere is from Burns Flat,

Okla., which is a town west of Oklahoma City. She has a bachelor's degree in studio art with a teaching certification from Oklahoma State University. She also received Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages certification from OSU in May 2013. She is working towards a master's degree in English with the teaching English as a second language option. She expects to complete her master's in the spring of 2014.

Gwynievere says her favorite food is mango custard with apples and she enjoys Aikido, Judo, Jyodo, rock-climbing, reading, cooking, listening to music, making new art projects, sketching, building things,

daydreaming, making new friends, and learning new things. Her favorite book is "The Count of Monte Cristo." Her favorite thing about the FRC is the people.

An interesting fact about her is that she welded together a 6-by-7-by-7 foot origami crane for an art project.

In the future, Gwynievere plans to study abroad at Gunma Prefectural Women's University and complete her master's degree.

Be sure to visit one of her classes or say "Hello" when you see her at the FRC!

Resident Spotlight

Guifen Cheng
Brumley Neighborhood Resident

The featured FGSH resident of the month is Guifen Cheng. She is a native of Nantong, Jiangsu in China. She lives in the Brumley neighborhood with her husband, Yonghna Cheng, and her daughter, Qi Cheng. She holds a bachelor's degree in physics from the Nankai University in China.

Guifen's favorite foods are fish, crab and dumplings. She enjoys watching movies, traveling to new places, and studying English. Her favorite movie is "Life of Pi." Her favorite book is "Gone with the Wind." Her favorite aspect of the FRC is the English classes. Her favorite quote is, "When God closes a door, He opens a window."

An interesting fact about Guifen is that she once caught a big fish weighing more than one pound.

In the future, Guifen plans to travel to Yellowstone Park.

If you happen to see Guifen in the neighborhoods, be sure to say "Hello!"

If you enjoy learning more about current FGSH staff members and fellow residents, be on the lookout for more spotlights in the upcoming *Newsline* editions!

Recent resident changes to your apartment?

Help us keep our records up to date with the names of the occupants in your apartment. Any changes in the people living in your apartment need to be documented with the Residential Life office at 100 Iba hall, 744-5353.

Please alert the FGSH staff when:

- Roommate moves in or out
- New addition (newborns, dependents)
- Extended visit from relatives/friend (two weeks or more)
- Family members move out

AA & FGSH News

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Pest Problems?

All residents should call pest control issues into the Facilities Management Office at 405-744-8510 so pest control can determine a solution. Issues will be dealt as soon as possible.

Grill Reservations

To reserve a neighborhood grill, FGSH residents must email their Apartment Assistant. All neighborhood grill reservations must be made in writing via email; the reservation email should include the proposed date of the event, proposed start and end times of the event, and the nature of the event.

Welcome Your New Apartment Assistants!

Five of the seven neighborhoods now have new apartment assistants. Be sure to welcome them to your neighborhood! The new apartment assistants are:

- Rais Shameer - Demaree
- James Bowen - Morrison
- Temesgen Helsabo - Prosser
- Skyler McCrary - West
- Sauyer Lay- Williams

Shopping Shuttle (free for all FGSH residents)

Sign up for the shuttle at the Laundry Mart 30 minutes prior to the shuttle's departure.

Monday & Wednesday Schedule

- 5:30pm (Pick Up @ Laundry) To Sultan International & Crepe Myrtle Asian Food
- 6:30pm (Pick Up @ Laundry) To Walmart & Food Pyramid
- 7pm (Pick Up @ Brumley Office) To Walmart & Food Pyramid
- 7:10pm (Pick Up @ Walmart/Food Pyramid) Return to FGSH Apartments
- 7:30pm (Pick Up @ Laundry) To Walmart & Food Pyramid
- 7:40pm (Pick Up @ Walmart/Food Pyramid) Return to FGSH Apartments
- 8:10pm(Pick Up @ Walmart/Food Pyramid) Return to FGSH Apartments
- 8:40pm (Final Pick Up @ Walmart/Food Pyramid)..... Return to FGSH Apartments

Saturday Schedule

- 9am (Pick Up @ Laundry) To Walmart & Food Pyramid
 - 9:30am (Pick Up @ Brumley Office)..... To Walmart & Food Pyramid
 - 9:40am (Pick Up @ Walmart/Food Pyramid)..... Return to FGSH Apartments
 - 10am (Pick Up @ Laundry) To Walmart & Food Pyramid
 - 10:10am & 11am (Pick Up @ Walmart/Food Pyramid)..... Return to FGSH Apartments
 - 11:40am(Final Pick Up @ Walmart/Food Pyramid) Return to FGSH Apartments
- *All times listed above are approximate. Due to varying traffic flow, these times may be delayed.**

	Brumley Neighborhood	Demaree Neighborhood	Morrison Neighborhood
Apartment Assistants	Samantha Whiteshield Bldg. 122, Apt. 10 744-2311 brumleyAA@okstate.edu	Rais Shameer demareeAA@okstate.edu	James Bowen Bldg. 246, Apt. 205 744-3231 morrisonAA@okstate.edu
	120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125	S36, S37, S38, S39, S40, S41, S42	245, 246, 247, 248
Prosser Neighborhood	Stevens Neighborhood	West Neighborhood	Williams Neighborhood
Temesgen Helsabo prosserAA@okstate.edu	Samar Abid & Ahmed Moneeb Bldg. 73, Apt. 11 744-8039 stevensAA@okstate.edu	Skyler McCrary Bldg. 87, Apt. 5 westAA@okstate.edu	Sauyer Lay williamsAA@okstate.edu
N16, N17, N18, N19, N20, N21, N22, N23, N24, N25, N26, N27, N28	S70, S71, S72, S73, S74, S75, S76, S90, S91, S92	S80, S81, S82, S83, S84, S85, S86, S87, S88, S89	N12, N13, N14, N15, N101, N102, N103, N104, N105

Community Development News

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Community Development Programs Schedule for Summer 2013

Intermediate English with Lydia**	Monday, 9:30 – 10:30am
Drawing with English with Gwynievere**	Monday, 10:30 – 11:30am
Survival English with Lydia	Monday, 12:30 – 1:30pm
Craft Class with Gwynievere and Lydia	Monday, 1:30 – 2:30pm
Writing Skills with Ivory**	Tuesday, 9:30 – 10:30 am
Books into Movies with Maggie**	Tuesday, 10:30 – 11:30am
Advanced English with Ivory	Tuesday, 11:30 – 12:30pm
English Grammar with Maggie	Tuesday, 1:30 – 2:30pm
U.S. History with Lydia**	Wednesday, 9:30 – 10:30am
Everyday English with Gwynievere**	Wednesday, 10:30 – 11:30am
Basic English with Lydia**	Wednesday, 11:30 – 12:30pm
Reading Skills with Gwynievere**	Wednesday, 1:30 – 2:30pm
English Conversation with Catherine	Wednesday, 2:30 – 3:30pm
Situational English with Ivory**	Thursday, 9:30 – 10:30am
Listening and Speaking with Maggie**	Thursday, 10:30 – 11:30am
English Around the World with Maggie	Thursday, 12:30 – 1:30pm
Cultural Conversation with Maggie and Ivory	Thursday, 1:30 – 2:30pm
Pronunciation with Gwynievere**	Friday, 9:30 – 10:30am
Current Events with Adran**	Friday, 10:30 – 11:30am
Cooking Demo with Maggie, Lydia and Gwynievere**	Friday, 11:30 – 12:30pm
Idioms and Phrasal Verbs with Maggie, Lydia and Gwynievere	Friday, 1:30 – 2:30pm
Survival English with Ron	Saturday, 6 – 7:30pm
Intermediate English with Ron	Saturday, 7:30 – 9pm

**Activities for children provided

Dessert Competition

Don't forget! If you signed up for the dessert competition, entries will be judged and prizes will be awarded to the winners. Join us on Tuesday, July 2 at 1:30 pm in the FRC Great Room. All ingredients will be provided by the FRC. All afternoon CD classes will be cancelled that day.

Botanic Garden at OSU

Did you know that we have our own Botanic Garden here at OSU? The FRC will be taking residents to the Botanic Garden on Saturday, July 20 at 1pm to enjoy the afternoon with other residents. We will not be transporting any children and additional activities will not be provided for children. Sign-up at the FRC by Thursday, July 18 to be a part of this fun adventure.

Book Drive

The FRC is having a book drive for Better World Books to “help put literacy within the reach of people around the world.” You can drop off your extra, old or unused books and textbooks in the Better World Books’ box inside the FRC. For questions about which books may be donated or the book drive, contact Catherine or stop by the FRC.

Youth & Family News

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Youth and Family Programs Schedule Summer 2013

Kindergarten Kids Club (ages 4-5).....	Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., 1 – 3pm
Kindergarten Kids Club Pool Day (at FRC).....	Wednesday, 3 – 5pm
Summer Adventures (ages 6-11).....	Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., 1 – 3pm
Pool Day (at Colvin Center for ages 6-17).....	Wednesday, 3 – 5pm
Toddler Time (ages 2-3).....	Tuesday & Thursday, 10 – 11:15am
Teen Club (ages 12-17).....	Tuesday, 5:30 – 7pm
Family Exploration & Playtime (ages 2-3).....	Wednesday, 10:30 – 11:30am
Family Story Hour (ages 0-4).....	Friday, 10:30 – 11:30am

Congratulations, Mumbe!

Congratulations to Mumbe Kithakye! She is the new Youth & Family Programs Educational Administrator and will be working alongside Amie to help with education and training initiatives and other tasks. She joined the FRC staff in November and we are happy to have the opportunity to continue working with her!

OSU Women's Soccer Clinic

On Friday, July 19 from 8 to 10am, the OSU Women's Soccer Team will provide a soccer clinic for children ages 6 to 13. The OSU Women's Soccer Team will help children to develop and practice soccer skills. This program is only available to children enrolled in summer programs. Family Story Hour, Kindergarten Kids Club, and Summer Adventures will be cancelled due to the OSU Women's Soccer Clinic. The sign-up sheet will be available at the FRC Front Desk on Monday, July 1st.

Family Field Trip to Wondertorium

On Tuesday, July 23 from 10am to 12pm, the Youth and Family Programs staff will be taking families with children ages 6 to 9 on a field trip to the Oklahoma Wondertorium, located here in Stillwater. Families with children under age 6 are welcome to meet us at the museum. The Oklahoma Wondertorium is an interactive children's museum with various exhibits designed to inspire curiosity to learn through play. Exhibits include Amazing Airways, Generation Station Farm and General Store, Artist's Pad, Physics Fairways, and much much more! The FRC will cover the cost of transportation and half of the admission fee. Families will be responsible for actively supervising their children and covering the remaining portion of the admission fee: \$2.50. Toddler Time will be cancelled on Tuesday morning due to the Wondertorium field trip. The sign-up sheet will be available at the FRC Front Desk on Monday, July 8th.

Program Cancellations

- There will be no programs on Thursday, July 4 as it is a University Holiday.
- There will be no programs on Friday, July 19 due to the Soccer Clinic hosted by the OSU Women's soccer team.
- There will be no Toddler Time on Tuesday, July 23 due to the family field trip to the Wondertorium.

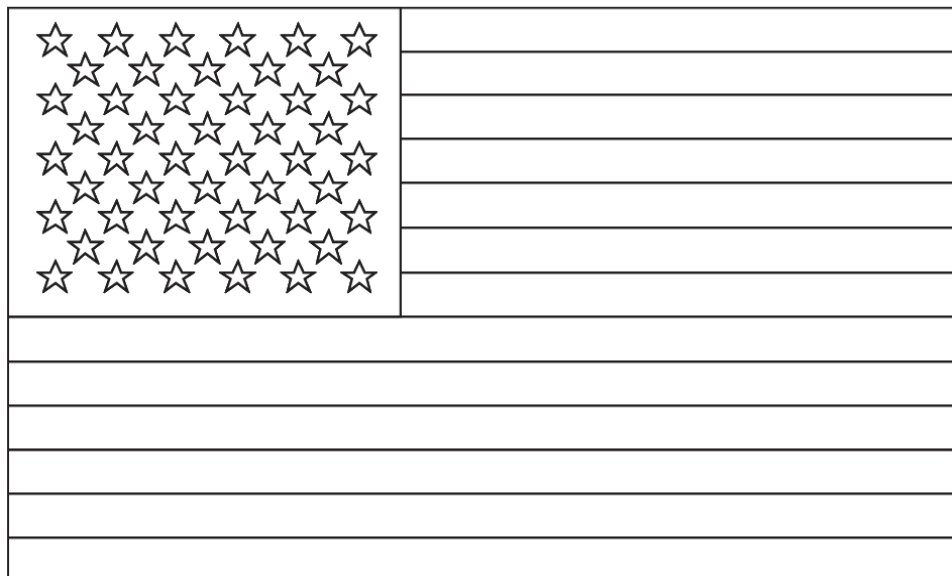
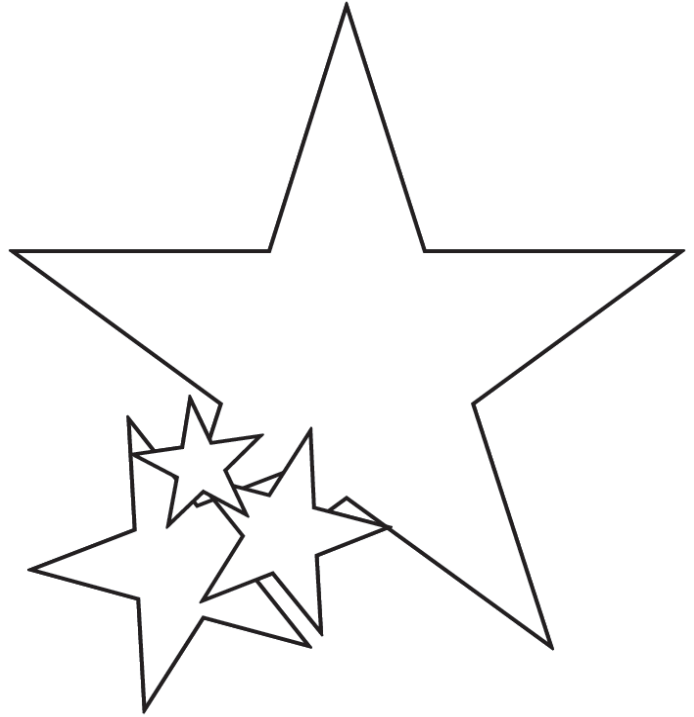
Kid's Page

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Source: www.coloring.ws and <http://puzzlemaker.discoveryeducation.com/WordSearchSetupForm.asp>

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Upcoming Events

Use this page as a quick guide to FRC, campus and Stillwater events going on this month!
July 2013

Tuesday, July 2 – 1:30pm

Dessert Competition

FRC Great Room

All afternoon Community

Development classes cancelled

Tuesday, July 2 – 10am, 1:30pm & 3:30pm

Irish Dancing

Stillwater Public Library

Wednesday, July 3 – 2pm

Teens-Top Chef

Stillwater Public Library • Grades 6-12

Thursday, July 4

FRC Closed - No programs

Thursday, July 4

Boomer Blast

Fishing tournament begins at 6am •
Fireworks show begins at 9:35pm •
Parking lots will open at 6:30pm

Saturday, July 6

No Survival English or Intermediate English with Ron

Saturday, July 6

University Store Closed

Saturday, July 6 – 8:30am to 4pm

Free CPR Class

Stillwater Community Center

Saturday, July 6 – 6pm

Morrison Neighborhood Gathering
Basketball • Lamb, pasta salad, fruit and drinks • Basketball court

Sunday, July 7 – 7pm

Stevens Neighborhood Gathering
Horseshoes • Fruits, ice cream, cupcakes and drinks • Stevens playground

Tuesday, July 9 – 10am, 1:30pm & 3:30pm

Monty Harper - "Dig Into Reading"

Stillwater Public Library

Wednesday, July 10 – 2pm

Teens-Make a Zen Garden

Stillwater Public Library • Grades 6-12

Saturday, July 13 - 5:30pm

West Neighborhood Gathering

Soccer • Chicken, salad, dessert and drinks • West playground

Saturday, July 13

University Store Closed

Monday, July 15 – 6:30pm

Sewing Circle

Stillwater Public Library

Wednesday, July 17 – 2pm

Teens-Book Trailer Watch Party

Stillwater Public Library • Grades 6-12

Thursday, July 18 – 5:30pm

Brumley Neighborhood Gathering
Bingo • Chicken, pasta salad, baked beans, fruit and drinks • Brumley Community Center

Friday, July 19 – 8am

OSU Women's Soccer Clinic

Youth & Family Programs cancelled

Saturday, July 20 – 1pm

The Botanic Garden at OSU

Saturday, July 20 – 6:30pm

Demaree Neighborhood Gathering
Scavenger hunt • Pizza, chips and drinks • Demaree neighborhood grill

Saturday, July 20 – 8am to 4:30pm

NETA Group Exercise Certification

OSU Department of Wellness

Sunday, July 21 – 6:30pm

Williams Neighborhood Gathering
Fish bowl & board games • Pizza, salad and drinks • Williams playground area

Tuesday, July 23 – 5:30pm

Family Field Trip to Wondertorium

No Toddler Time class

Tuesday, July 23 – 10am, 1:30pm & 3:30pm

Professor B. Loony

Stillwater Public Library

Tuesday – Friday, July 23 – 26

92nd State 4-H Roundup

Wednesday, July 24 – 2pm

Teen Finale

Stillwater Public Library • Grades 6-12

Thursday, July 25 – 6:30pm

Prosser Neighborhood Gathering
Play cards • Pizza, salad, dessert and drinks • Demaree playground

Thursday, July 25 – 8am to 5pm

Textbook Buybacks

University Store

Friday, July 26

Last day of FRC programs

Friday, July 26

Last day for summer textbook charges

Saturday, July 27

University Store Closed

Event Guide:

 FRC/FGSH Events

 OSU Events

 Stillwater Events

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The FGSH Resident's Council is a group of FGSH residents who serve as representatives of the individuals, families, students, staff, faculty & other residents who live in FGSH at OSU. The Council helps give suggestions and input to FGSH & ResLife staff. Please contact a council member if you have a question, concern or feedback.