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Piedmont Historical Society

Donations for the Sidewalk Sale - May 5

Now is a great time to get ready for the laid-back days of summer by getting rid of clutter and unused items. Your donated items can be taken to the museum on May 5 between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. For more information about donating, or about the sale, call Carol at 721-8901.



Annual Sidewalk Sale - May 12

The sidewalk sale will be at the museum's annex building at 168 Jackson N.W. on May 12 from 8:00 - 4:00 p.m.

20th Anniversary Celebration - May 20

The Piedmont Historical Society will be celebrating its 20th anniversary on May 20 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the annex building at 168 Jackson N.W. The festivities include a free barbeque luncheon for the community, entertainment throughout the program, and a special recognition at 1:30. During the celebration, the new quilt will be on display and tickets will be on sale for the drawing that will be held on Founder's Day. The anniversary celebration is free. Tickets for the quilt drawing are \$1.00 each, or six tickets for \$5.00. For more information about the celebration, call Lois at 373-2582.

Blood Drive

at the Baptist Church
May 2, 2012
5 - 8:00 p.m.

Bingo

a fundraiser for the Library
at the Library
May 31, 2012, 6:30 p.m.

FAST FACT

Three million cases of Alzheimer's world-wide could possibly be prevented if people did seven things: quit smoking, increased physical activity, increased their education, controlled risk factors for high blood pressure and diabetes, and managed obesity and depression.

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May is National Bike Month

Bike to School Day

The first annual Bike to School Day is May 9th, but through the Safe Routes to School program, Parks & Recreation will be celebrating Bike to School Day every weekday until school is out.

Each day that a student rides their bicycle to Piedmont Elementary or Middle School and parks it in the bike rack, they will receive a coupon or small prize. 

An option for students that live too far from school, or do not have a safe route to bike between their home and school, is to be dropped off with their bicycle at the library and then bike on the sidewalk from the library to the school. Parents of younger elementary students are encouraged to accompany their child, either by bicycling with them or by walking behind them. Parents should help students of any age cross Stout since bicyclists can sometimes travel faster than drivers can become aware of them in a crosswalk.

Piedmont has received a second Safe Routes to School grant which will fund the construction of a sidewalk from Stout, along Monroe to Second Street, and then north along Second Street to Piedmont Middle School. There is already a sidewalk in place that will take students from the Middle School to Piedmont Elementary. The construction of this sidewalk will significantly increase the number of students that can safely walk and bike to school.

Attention Drivers!

New signs will soon be installed at the crosswalk by the library on Stout to remind drivers that pedestrians have the right of way at crosswalks, and that vehicles must stop for pedestrians in or entering the crosswalk.



Wear a Helmet, Get an Ice Cream Cone

Piedmont police will be giving coupons to bicyclists that are wearing a helmet while riding. The coupons are good for a free ice cream cone.



Free Bicycle Helmet

Through the Safe Routes to School grant, bicycle helmets are available free to children in Piedmont who don't have one.

Helmets are available in various sizes and colors. To request one, go to piedmontparksandrec.com/helmets.html

GET UP & RIDE National Bike Challenge

Get Up & Ride is a program that encourages people to bike for transportation and recreation. The goal is to get 50,000 bicyclists to log 10 million miles between May 1 and August 31, 2012. It is free for all individuals, teams, and organizations.

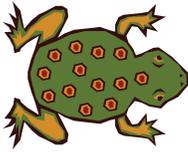
The challenge is a fun way for participants to improve health, save money, help the environment, and have a chance to win some great prizes and awards.

Bicyclists can participate as an individual, or can form teams of up to 10 riders.

Participants can log their rides with a smart phone, or log them manually on the website.

Prizes are given monthly, and the prize level is determined by the number of points accrued. Riders accrue 1 point for each mile biked, and 20 points for each day ridden.

For more information or to register, go to <http://nationalbikechallenge.org>



Make a Toad House

Toads eat garden pests, so making a toad house is a great way to celebrate May, which is Garden for Wildlife Month - and making a toad house is a project that is also easy and fun to do with a child.

A terra cotta flower pot makes an excellent toad house and is a good use for a pot that is cracked or chipped. A pot that is eight inches in diameter gives your toad room to move around. You can decorate your toad house with paint, markers or by gluing on small river stones, buttons, or other items.

The flower pot can either be turned upside down with the front edge of the rim supported on some rocks to allow room for the toad to enter underneath, or it can be laid on its side with the lower half buried in the ground. If you're using a pot with a chipped rim and the chip is large enough for a toad to enter, you simply need to turn the pot upside down and let the chip be the entrance.

Put the toad house in a shady location, fill with some leaves, and place a shallow flower pot saucer filled with water nearby.

Use caution with insecticides and pesticides. Eating poisoned bugs can kill your toad.

Create a Certified Wildlife Habitat

You can receive certification for providing a wildlife-friendly habitat in your yard, regardless of size, through the National Wildlife Federation's "Certified Wildlife Habitat" program. The benefits of receiving certification include a certificate for your wildlife habitat, a free 1-year membership to National Wildlife Federation (NWF) which includes a subscription to *National Wildlife* magazine and a 10% discount on all NWF catalog merchandise, a subscription to *Wildlife Online* e-newsletter, and inclusion in NWF's National Registry of Habitats.



The requirements for certification are simple. You need a minimum of just eight things.

- There must be at least 3 of the following food sources: seeds, berries, nectar, nuts, fruits, sap, pollen, foliage/twigs, suet, squirrel feeder, butterfly feeder, hummingbird feeder
- There must be at least 1 of the following water sources: birdbath, shallow dish, lake, stream/river, seasonal pool, water garden/pond, butterfly puddling area, rain garden, spring
- There must be at least 2 of the following sources of cover: wooded area, dense shrubs/thicket, bramble patch, evergreens, brush/log pile, rock pile/wall, burrow, cave, meadow/prairie, roosting box, water garden/pond
- There must be at least 2 places to raise young: mature trees, dead trees/snags, meadow/prairie, dense shrubs/thicket, nesting box, water garden/pond, wetland, burrow, host plants for caterpillars, cave

For more information, go to www.nwf.org/gardenforwildlife

May Community Calendar

- 1, 8, 15, 22** (10:00 am) - Preschool Story Time at the library, free, 373-9018
- 2** (10:00 am) - Preschool Music and Movement with Miss Bonnie at the library, children ages 2-5, free, 373-9018
- 2, 9, 16, 23, 30** (noon) - Senior Adults lunch and fellowship at the Methodist church, \$3, for reservations call 373-2905
- 2** (5:00-8:00 pm) - Blood Drive at the Baptist church, 373-2420
- 3** (noon) - Chamber of Commerce luncheon at city hall, speakers are Tom Ewing, Coach Church and Coach Scott from Piedmont schools on 'Getting the Right Game Plan,' free, optional lunch \$8, 373-2234
- 3** (2:00 pm) - Triad meeting at the police department, speaker is fire chief Andy Logan on tornado preparedness, free, 373-1334
- 3, 10, 17, 24, 31** (7:30-8:30 pm) - Zumba class at city hall, beginners welcome, \$3, 650-0229
- 4, 18, 25** (10:00 am) - Mother Goose on the Loose for ages birth to 2 years, at the library, free, 373-9018
- 5** (9:00-11:00 am) - Piedmont Recycling at the former co-op, 373-2905
- 5, 12, 19, 26** (10:00-2:00 pm) - Historical Society Museum is open, free, 823-1345
- 6** (4:00 pm, exhibitions at 3 pm) - Play Day at Round-Up Club Arena, \$5 office charge, \$2 games & barrels, \$4 exhibition charge, 373-4308
- 8** (6:30 pm) - Canadian County Tuff Riders 4-H club for 9-18 year olds, at the library, free, 373-1387
- 9, 16, 23, 30** (10:00-noon) - Library Quilters for anyone interested in quilting, at the library, free, 373-1662
- 11** (6:30-8:30 pm) - Stampin' Up card class at civic center, \$7, bring your own supplies and paper, RSVP 535-8849
- 12** (8:00-4:00 pm) - Garage Sale by Historical Society at the museum annex (168 Jackson Ave NW), 373-2905
- 12** (6:00 pm books open, show at 7:00 pm) - Arabian Horse Club All Breed Open Horse Show at Round-Up Club Arena, entry fees \$5/class, \$10/championship, free to watch, 826-4987
- 17** (3:00-7:00 pm) - Brisket at the Barn, F&M Bank's Community Appreciation Cookout, free, 373-1600
- 17** (6:30 pm) - No-Experience-Necessary Writer's Group for adults, at the library, free, 373-3788
- 20** (12:30-3:30 pm) - Piedmont Historical Society 20th Anniversary Celebration at the museum annex (168 Jackson NW), community barbeque luncheon and entertainment, special recognition program at 1:30, free, 823-1345
- 24** (6:30 pm) - KidCo Children's Theatre doing Jack and the Beanstalk, at the library, all ages, free, 373-9018
- 31** (6:30 pm) - Bingo fundraiser for the library, at the library, all ages, \$1 per Bingo card, 373-9018

An expanded version of the calendar is online at
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