

Listing of Events by Month

Jan 1-28

Plattsmouth, Cass County Grandma's China Cabinet

Cass County Historical Museum, 646 Main St An exhibit of porcelain, china, custard glass, linens and knick-knacks that will remind visitors of looking into Grandma's china cabinet. Tue-Sat, noon-4pm, \$2.50/adult (402) 296-4770 www.nebraskamuseums.org/casscountymuseum.htm

Jan 1-Feb 26

Lincoln, Lancaster County

Exhibition: Yvonne Wells - Quilted Messages

International Quilt Study Center & Museum, 1523 N. 33rd St Showcases the narrative pictorial quilts of Alabama folk artist Yvonne Wells. Tue-Sat, 10am-4pm; Sun, 1-4pm, \$3-\$6, ages 4 and under free admission (402) 472-7232 www.quiltstudy.org

Jan 1-Feb 29

Madison, Madison County

2012 Rails and Trails Event: Lewis & Clark Exhibit

Madison County Historical Society Museum, 210 W. 3rd St Join the 1804 journey West as portrayed in the 8-ft by 60-ft mural by Kristy Stark Knapp throughout Jan. In Feb, the exhibit focuses on the Corps of Discovery's journey back east to St. Louis. Mon-Fri, 1-4pm, Free (402) 992-1221 www.madisoncountyhistory.org

Jan 6

Lincoln, Lancaster County

25th Anniversary Art Show

Burkholder Project, 719 P St Work by Burkholder Project artists, past and present. 7-9pm, Free Lisa Holmquist (402) 477-3305 www.burkholderproject.com

Jan 7

Omaha, Douglas County

Omaha Symphony: The Transcriber's Art

UNO Strauss Performing Arts Center, 6001 Dodge St Transcribers recreate piano and small ensemble pieces for the full orchestra. 7pm, \$30 (402) 342-3560 www.omahasymphony.org

Jan 13-Feb 5

Grand Island, Hall County

2012 Quilt Exhibit and Contest: Opposites Attract

Stuhr Museum, 3133 W. US Hwy 34 More than 60 quilts on display, ranging from historic to modern. Mon-Sat, 9am-5pm; Sun, noon-5pm, \$6-\$8 Mike Bockoven (308) 385-5316 www.stuhrmuseum.org

Jan 14

Omaha, Douglas County

Omaha Symphony: Ellis Hall's Tribute to Ray Charles

Holland Performing Arts Center, 1200 Douglas St Gifted with a soulful Southern voice, Hall's poignant renditions will lift your spirit and warm your heart. 8pm, \$25-\$70 (402) 342-3560 www.omahasymphony.org

Jan 14-July 22

Lincoln, Lancaster County

Exhibition: What's in a Name? Inscribed Quilts

International Quilt Study Center & Museum, 1523 N. 33rd St This exhibit reveals the amazing stories we can discover by researching and tracing clues found in the words inscribed by the makes of the quilts of yesteryear. Tue-Sat, 10am-4pm; Sun, 1-4pm, \$3-\$6, ages 4 and under free admission (402) 472-7232 www.quiltstudy.org

Jan 20-22

Grand Island, Hall County

Central Nebraska Home and Builders Show

Heartland Event Center, 700 E. Stolley Park Rd Fri, 5-9pm; Sat, 10am-6pm; Sun, noon-5pm, \$5 Bill Jackson (515) 537-2094 www.jacksonexpogroup.com

Jan 21

Norfolk, Madison County Women's Expo

Divots Conference Center, 4200 W. Norfolk Ave Offering style, beauty, wellness, health, home and entertainment. \$5 (402) 844-2996 www.divotsconference.com

Jan 21

Omaha, Douglas County

Omaha Symphony: Mysterioso - Magic, Music, Mayhem & Mirth

Holland Performing Arts Center, 1200 Douglas St A mix of magic, music and mayhem with an illusionist, magic duo, comedian and two quick-change artists. 7pm, \$15-\$65 (402) 342-3560 www.omahasymphony.org

Jan 21-22

Ogallala, Keith County

Gun Show

Keith County Fairgrounds (402) 276-1391

Jan 22

Omaha, Douglas County

Omaha Symphony: Thrill of the Orchestra

Holland Performing Arts Center, 1200 Douglas St Hold on tight as Maestro Wilkins and the orchestra take you for a musical thrill ride! 2pm, \$7-9.75 (402) 342-3560 www.omahasymphony.org

Jan 27-28

Lincoln, Lancaster County

PRCA Championship Rodeo

Pershing Center, 226 Centennial Mall S. The best rodeo athletes from the region compete. 7:30pm Derek Andersen (402) 441-8744 www.pershingcenter.com

Jan 27-28

Omaha, Douglas County

Omaha Symphony: Mozart & Sibelius

Holland Performing Arts Center, 1200 Douglas St Enjoy Finnish favorites and a piano concerto that's a Mozart-lover's dream. 8pm, \$15-\$75 (402) 342-3560 www.omahasymphony.org

Jan 27-29

Grand Island, Hall County

RV & Boat Show

Heartland Events Center - State Fair Exhibit Bldg, 700 E. Stolley Park Rd Fri-Sat, noon-8pm; Sun, noon-5pm Tony Staab (308) 384-2040 www.richsonsv.com

Jan 28

Ainsworth, Brown County

Niobrara River Polar Bear Festival in Meadville

NE Hwy 7 N. of Ainsworth to Meadville The acclaimed annual dip in the Niobrara River. Bonfires, dance, music and more. 3pm Mike Gering (402) 497-2440

Jan 28

Wood River, Hall County

Toasted Ponies Concert

Wood River High School Theater, 13800 W. Wood River Rd A fun mix of bluegrass, Cajun, Western swing, Gospel and Celtic tunes. 7pm, Free Georgene Smidt (308) 583-2606 www.wrcommunityfoundation.com/celebratewr.htm

Jan 29

Milligan, Fillmore County

7th Annual Chilimpiad

Milligan Auditorium, 6th & Main Sts Chili chefs give it their all. Vote for your favorite chili! Donation Scott Oliva (402) 629-4446 www.visitfillmorecounty.org

Jan 29

Norfolk, Madison County Soup 'R Art III

Divots' DeVent Center Sample soups from top northeast Nebraska restaurants, view art displays from regional artists and enjoy live music. Noon-5pm (402) 371-7199 www.norfolkartscenter.org

Jan 31-Mar 3

Plattsmouth, Cass County

Quilts and Valentines

Cass County Historical Museum, 646 Main St Quilts and valentines from the late 1800s and early 1900s. Tue-Sat, noon-4pm, \$2.50/adult (402) 296-4770 www.nebraskamuseums.org/casscountymuseum.htm

Feb 1-2

North Platte, Lincoln County

Buffalo Bill Farm & Ranch Expo

D&N Event Center, 501 E. Walker Rd Nebraska's largest indoor equipment showroom. 9am-5pm, Free (308) 532-4966 www.nparea.com/events/fr-expo.htm

Feb 1-29

Grand Island, Hall County

Regional Photography Show

Prairie Winds Art Center, 112 W. 3rd St Photographers from a multi-state area compete for more than \$800 worth of awards. Reception Feb 3, 5:30-8pm, Free (308) 381-4001 www.prairiewindsart.com

Feb-Mar TBA

Omaha, Douglas County

In the Next Room (or the Vibrator Play)

BlueBarn Theatre, 614 S. 11th St A fanciful but compassionate consideration of the treatment of women in the late 19th century. A provocative, funny and entertaining story about a young doctor and his wife. Thu-Sat, 7:30pm; Sun, 6pm, \$20-\$25 (402) 345-1576 www.bluebarn.org

Feb 3

Lincoln, Lancaster County

First Friday's Main Gallery Exhibit: Sam Swartz and Bonnie Sitig

Burkholder Project, 719 P St Check website for additional gallery exhibits and information. 7-9pm, Free Lisa Holmquist (402) 477-3305 www.burkholderproject.com

Feb 3-19

Omaha, Douglas County

Adventures of Nate the Great

The Rose Theater, 2001 Farnam St There is no case too daunting for Nate the Great. Fri, 7pm; Sat, 2 & 7pm; Sun, 2pm, \$16 (402) 345-4849 www.rosetheater.org

Feb 3-4

Grand Island, Hall County

Monster Truck Winter Nationals

Heartland Events Center, 700 E. Stolley Park Rd Plenty of racing and destruction as the trucks walk all over other cars, vans and anything else they can crush. Ed Beckley (940) 683-4742 www.checkedflagproductions.com

Feb 3-5

Lincoln, Lancaster County

Sesame Street Live

Pershing Center, 226 Centennial Mall S. Fun-filled showed with your favorite Sesame Street characters. Derek Andersen (402) 441-8744 www.pershingcenter.com

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Feb 4

**Lincoln, Lancaster County
Dinosaurs and Disasters!**

University of Nebraska State Museum, Morrill Hall, 14th & Vine Sts A fun day of science with learning stations, games, activities and demonstrations. \$5 adults, \$3 children, \$10 family Dana Ludvik (402) 472-2642 www.museum.unl.edu

Feb 4

Omaha, Douglas County

Omaha Symphony: Souvenir De Florence

UNO Strauss Performing Arts Center, 6001 Dodge St Escape to Italy with lush pieces from Rota and Wolf that evoke the country's spirit and romance and Tchaikovsky's famous memories of Florence. 7pm, \$30 (402) 342-3560 www.omahasymphony.org

Feb 4

Unadilla, Otoe County

Groundhog Day Celebration

Main St and school Fun festivities include soup contest, parade, historical speakers, craft fair, flea market and more. 9am-5pm, Free Barbara Wilhelm (402) 828-5355 www.unadillanebraska.com

Feb 7

Grand Island, Hall County

Voces8 Octet

Grand Island Senior High Auditorium The international award-winning octet has established itself as the foremost young British acappella ensemble. 7:30pm Stan Urwiller (308) 382-2309 www.giconcerts.org

Feb 9-12

Omaha, Douglas County

Omaha Home & Garden Expo

CenturyLink Center, 455 N. 10th St A showcase of everything for the home, inside and out. Thurs, 5-10pm; Fri-Sat, 11am-9pm; Sun, 11am-5pm, \$3.50-\$7 Mike Mancuso (402) 346-8003 www.showofficeonline.com

Feb 10-12

Omaha, Douglas County

Omaha Symphony: Hot, Hot, Hot!

Holland Performing Arts Center, 1200 Douglas St Hear rhythm-rich music while professional dancers crank up the heat with the cha-cha, samba, tango and more. 8pm, \$15-\$80 (402) 342-3560 www.omahasymphony.org

Feb 10-19

Grand Island, Hall County

Guys and Dolls

Grand Island Little Theatre A fun-filled musical including the songs Luck be a Lady, Sit Down, and You're Rocking the Boat. Fri-Sat, 7:30pm; Sun, 2pm, \$15 (308) 381-6535 www.githeatre.org

Feb 11

Grand Island, Hall County

Prairie Princess Party

Stuhr Museum of the Prairie Pioneer, 3133 W. Hwy 34 Dancing demonstrations, a magical tea room, photos with real princesses and lots more frilly fun. 1-4pm, \$6-\$8 Mike Bockoven (308) 385-5316 www.stuhrmuseum.org

Feb 11

Grand Island, Hall County

Heartland Hoops Classic

Heartland Events Center, 700 E. Stolley Park Rd Tino Martinez (308) 398-0026

Feb 11

Lewellen, Garden County

Valentine's Sweetheart Dinner

17 Ranch Winery Dinner and wine tasting. Bruce Burdick (308) 778-5542 www.17ranchwinery.com

Feb 11

Minden, Kearney County

Love Notes: A Cabaret

Minden Opera House, 322 E. 5th St Romantic evening of dinner and a show featuring Mary Carrick singing a wide variety of tunes. 6:30pm, \$30 Marcy Brandt (308) 832-0588 www.mindenoperahouse.com

Feb 11

Niobrara, Knox County

5th Annual Soup Cook-Off

WFLA Hall Four categories of soup: chili, chicken, miscellaneous and best of show. The public chooses the winners. 11am-1pm, \$3-\$5 (402) 857-3838

Feb 11

Red Cloud, Webster County

Joseph Hall as Elvis

Red Cloud Opera House, 411 N. Webster St Joseph was in the top 10 of NBC's America's Got Talent and now has his own successful show in Branson, MO called Elvis Rock N Remember Tribute. 7:30pm, \$15 (402) 746-2641 www.willacather.org

Feb 11

Valentine, Cherry County

Heart City Bull Bash - Valentine's Main Event

Main St One day display show of the best bulls in the region. Events for the entire family including displays, concert and wine tastings. Free Marsha Bauer (402) 376-3000 www.bullbash.com

Feb 12

Norfolk, Madison County

Children's Day Festival

Sunset Plaza, 1700 Market Ln An afternoon of free family fun following the theme: For the Love of Reading. Activities and free books from Read Aloud Norfolk. 1-4pm, Free Mark Claussen (402) 841-1142

Feb 15-Mar 31

Springfield, Sarpy County

A Touch of Japan at Springfield Artworks

183 Main St Exhibit featuring items of day to day life in Japan. Clothing, decorative arts and photos. Tue-Fri, 1-5pm; Sat, 11am-4:30pm (402) 301-9162 www.springfieldartworks.com

Mid-Feb thru mid-Apr

Grand Island, Hall County

Sandhill Crane Spring Migration

Platte River Valley in south central Nebraska Tours available throughout the 6-week migration of the ducks, geese and Sandhill Cranes. (800) 658-3178 www.nebraskaflyway.com

Feb 17-26

Beatrice, Gage County

Thoroughly Modern Millie

Community Players Theatre, 412 Ella St A singing and dancing musical comedy extravaganza. Thu-Sat, 7:30pm; Sun, 2pm, \$10-\$18 Jamie Ulmer (402) 228-1801 www.beatricecommunityplayers.com

Feb 17-Apr 1

Grand Island, Hall County

Wings Over the Platte Art Exhibit and Sale

Stuhr Museum of the Prairie Pioneer, 3133 W. Hwy 34 One of central Nebraska's largest and most eclectic art shows features life on the Platte River and its tributaries. Mon-Sat, 9am-5pm; Sun, noon-5pm, \$6-\$8 Mike Bockoven (308) 385-5316 www.stuhrmuseum.org

Feb 18-19

Grand Island, Hall County

Tri-City Street Rods Auto Show

Fonner Park and Heartland Events Center, Exhibition Building Street rods, customs, trucks, motorcycles and vendors all under one roof. Ron Von Behren (308) 379-4580 heartlandeventscenter.com

Feb 19

Brule, Keith County

Ice Cream Social

Community Hall BJ Van Velson (308) 287-2149

Feb 19-May 8

Grand Island, Hall County

Live Thoroughbred Horse Racing

Fonner Park, 700 E. Stolley Park Rd The horses return to Fonner Park for LIVE racing Fri-Sun. (308) 382-4515 www.fonnerpark.com

Jan 20

Minden, Kearney County

Billy Dean in Concert

Minden Opera House, 322 E. 5th St Featuring award-winning country singer Billy Dean. 7:30pm, \$30 (308) 832-0588 www.mindenoperahouse.com

Feb 24-26

Beemer, Cuming County

Beemer Dinner Theater

Beemer Ballroom Musical comedy dinner theater. Fri-Sat, 7pm; Sun, 12:30pm (402) 528-3575

Feb 25

Henderson, York County

Home Show

Heartland Community School, 1501 Front St 9am-2pm, Free Kelsey Bergen (402) 723-4228 www.cityofhenderson.org

Feb 25

Sutton, Clay County

Sutton Area Showcase Event

Public school Pancake feed, exhibits, inflatable toys and activities for children. 9am-3pm, Free Shelly Childs (402) 773-4233 www.suttonchamber.org

Feb 25-26

Brule, Keith County

Gun Show

Acitivity Center Denise Moorhead (308) 289-6928

Feb 25-26

Ogallala, Keith County

Oregon Trail Home Show

Keith County Fairgrounds Dustin Flansburg (308) 289-3671

Feb 26

Merriman, Cherry County

Cowboy Poetry and Music Jam at Bowring Ranch SHP

Arthur Bowring Sandhill Ranch State Historical Park, NE Hwy 61, 1 1/2 mi. N., 2 mi. E. Performances by cowboy and cowgirl poets and live entertainment. 2-5pm Diane Burress (308) 684-3428 www.outdoornebraska.org

Feb 26

Omaha, Douglas County

Omaha Symphony: The Amazing Music Machine

Holland Performing Arts Center, 1200 Douglas St A zany professor needs your help collecting sounds from the symphony for his music machine. 2pm, \$7-\$9.75 (402) 342-3560 www.omahasymphony.org

Feb 27-28

Grand Island, Hall County

Shrine Circus

Heartland Events Center, 700 E. Stolley Park Rd Mon, 7pm; Tue, 4:30 & 7pm Wayne Vian (308) 379-5173 www.shrine-circus.com

Feb 29-Mar 1

Omaha, Douglas County

Triumph of Agriculture Expo

CenturyLink Center, 455 N. 10th St One of the largest indoor farm machinery shows in the Midwest. Wed, 9am-4pm; Thu, 9am-3pm, Free Bob Mancuso (402) 346-8003 www.showofficeonline.com

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Mar 1-31

Grand Island, Hall County

Spirit of the Cranes

Prairie Winds Art Center, 112 W. 3rd St Nature and wildlife photographer Rick Rasmussen and the artists of Prairie Winds celebrate the return of spring and the cranes to the Platte River Valley. Artist reception Mar 2, 5:30pm., Free (308) 381-4001 www.prairiewindsart.com

Mar 1-31

Madison, Madison County

2012 Rails and Trails Event: Civil War and Homesteading Exhibit

Madison County Historical Society Museum, 210 W. 3rd St Explore the affect the Civil War and Homestead Act of 1862 had on the journey of people who chose to head West as Nebraska became a state on March 1, 1867. Mon-Fri, 1-4pm, Free Carol Robertson (402) 992-1221 www.madisoncountyhistory.org

Mar 1-Apr 15

Republican City, Harlan County

Harlan County Reservoir White Pelican Watch

Harlan County Reservoir The American White Pelicans stop to feed around the lake during March and early April and can be observed from the shoreline. (800) 762-5498

Mar-Oct

Beatrice, Gage County

Beatrice Speedway Racing

Gage County Fairgrounds Featuring modifieds, stock cars and others on semibanked oval clay track. \$10 (402) 234-7740 www.beatricespeedway.com

Mar 2

Grand Island, Hall County

Family Game Night

Stuhr Museum of the Prairie Pioneer, 3133 W. US Hwy 34 Dozens of different period and modern games for the entire family. Try as many as you can! 6-9pm, \$6-\$8 Mike Bockoven (308) 385-5316 www.stuhrmuseum.org

Mar 2

Lincoln, Lancaster County

First Friday's Main Gallery Exhibit: Al Rhea and J. Schliechler

Burkholder Project, 719 P St Check website for additional gallery exhibits and details. 7-9pm, Free Lisa Holmquist (402) 477-3305 www.burkholderproject.com

Mar 2-18

Omaha, Douglas County

No Dogs Allowed

The Rose Theater, 2001 Farnam St Eight-year-old Iris and her family set out from their home in the Bronx to the Enchanted State Park. Fri, 7pm; Sat, 2 & 7pm; Sun, 2pm, \$16 (402) 345-4849 www.rosetheater.org

Mar 2-3

Omaha, Douglas County

Omaha Symphony: Soaring Strings

Holland Performing Arts Center, 1200 Douglas St This violin concerto demands passion and flawless technique and Grammy-nominated Jennifer Koh has both in spades. 8pm, \$15-\$75 (402) 342-3560 www.omahasymphony.org

Mar 2-4

Grand Island, Hall County

Arts & Craft Show

Conestoga Mall Sat, 10am-9pm; Sun, noon-6pm (308) 382-7463 www.shopconestogamall.com

Mar 2-July 1

Lincoln, Lancaster County

Jean Ray Laury

International Quilt Study Center & Museum, 1523 N. 33rd St This exhibition examines the significant impact of Jean Ray Laury, a leader in the California art quilt movement. Tue-Sat, 10am-4pm; Sun, 1-4pm, \$3-\$6 (402) 472-7232 www.quiltstudy.org

Mar 3

Minden, Kearney County

Miles From Dublin in Concert

Minden Opera House, 322 E. 5th St A high-energy show of traditional Irish dance tunes, pub songs and ballads. 7:30pm, \$20 (308) 832-0588 www.mindenoperahouse.com

Mar 3

Omaha, Douglas County

Traveling South - Presented by the Omaha Symphonic Chorus

First United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass St A Dixieland concert featuring the Street Railway Company Jazz Band. 7:30pm, \$12-\$15 (402) 398-1766 www.omahasymphonicchorus.org

Mar 6-June 3

Plattsmouth, Cass County

G.A.R. Medals

Cass County Historical Museum, 646 Main St An exhibit of the Grand Army of the Republic medals collected by H.C. McMaken. Tue-Sat, noon-4pm; also open Sun in summer, noon-4pm, \$2.50 (402) 296-4770 www.nebraskamuseums.org/casscountymuseum.htm

Mar 9-11

Omaha, Douglas County

Omaha Symphony: Ronan Tynan

Holland Performing Arts Center, 1200 Douglas St Get in the St. Patrick's spirit with Irish tenor Ronan Tynan. 8pm, \$15-\$80 (402) 342-3560 www.omahasymphony.org

Mar 9-Apr 1

Omaha, Douglas County

The Paris Letter

SNAP! Productions, 3225 California St A tragic game of financial and moral betrayal is played out over 4 decades between 2 friends. (402) 341-2757 www.snapproductions.com

Mar 10-11

Ponca, Dixon County

Marsh Madness at Ponca State Park

88090 Spur 26E Celebrate the park's abundant natural areas and view spring migration of waterfowl. Interpretive programs, guided tours, observation blinds and more. (402) 755-2284 www.outdoornebraska.org

Mar 16-17

Geneva, Fillmore County

Home & Garden Show

Fillmore County Fairgrounds, 100 5th St Fri, noon-8pm; Sat, 9am-1pm, Free (402) 759-1155

Mar 17

Henderson, York County

Heartland German Smorgasbord & Concert

Heartland Community School, 1501 Front St Homemade German food followed by a band concert. 5pm, \$4-\$10 Kelsey Bergen (402) 723-4228 www.heartlandschools.org

Mar 17

Kearney, Buffalo County

2012 Rivers & Wildlife Celebration's Wild Experience

Holiday Inn, 110 Second Ave Celebrate the annual migration of 500,000 Sandhill Cranes and millions of waterfowl. Hands-on, family-friendly activities and more. 10am-3pm, Free Christine Thody (402) 472-8741 www.nebraskabirds.org

Mar 17

Kearney, Buffalo County

2nd Annual Celtic Festival

Trails & Rails Museum, 710 W. 11th St Celtic music, dancing and food. Learn the history of the culture and how it ties in with Buffalo County. Free Jennifer Murrish (308) 234-3041 www.bchs.us

Mar 17

Wisner, Cuming County

St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Main St Sign up for the Leprechaun fun run/walk at noon, watch the Grand Parade at 1:30pm, feast on a delicious Irish meal from 11am-1pm, or enjoy live entertainment and dancing all evening long. Noon-midnight, Free (402) 529-3212 www.wisnerareachamberofcommerce.com

Mar 23-31

Alma, Harlan County

White Pelican Homecoming Celebration and Spring Fling

Harlan County Reservoir and city-wide Wildlife viewing sites surround the lake. Music, wagon rides, spaghetti feed and more. Spring fling on Friday evening. Paradise on the Prairie Art Show and Sale. Free (800) 762-5498

Mar 23-Apr 1

Kearney, Buffalo County

Crane Watch & Festival

City-wide (800) 652-9435 www.visitkearney.org

Mar 24

Gibbon, Buffalo County

8th Annual Crane Watchers Breakfast

American Legion, 1029 Court St Gourmet breakfast buffet. 7-10:30am, \$7 Sherry Zwink (308) 468-5905 www.gibbonchamber.nctc.net

Mar 24

Gibbon, Buffalo County

Rowe Sanctuary's Family Crane Carnival

Iain Nicolson Audubon Center at Rowe Sanctuary, 44450 Elm Island Rd Learn about the Sandhill Crane migration and take part in educational activities with the family! Touchable exhibits, face painting, coloring and stamping, origami, outdoor activity trail and more. 10am-4pm, \$2 Keanna Leonard (308) 468-5282 www.rowesanctuary.org

Mar 24

Grand Island, Hall County

The Rumbles in Concert

Heartland Events Center, 700 E. Stolley Park Rd 8pm-midnight, \$10 Bruce Swihart (712) 322-4858 www.rumbles.com

Mar 24

Milligan, Fillmore County

Beers of Nebraska

Milligan auditorium, 6th & Main Sts Sample Nebraska microbrews and sit back and enjoy live music and food. Scott Oliva (402) 629-4446 www.visitfillmorecounty.org

Mar 24

Omaha, Douglas County

Omaha Symphony: Kaleidoscope

UNO Strauss Performing Arts Center, 6001 Dodge St Enjoy a vibrant palette of orchestral colors from Stravinsky, Piston and Hendrix. 7pm, \$30 (402) 342-3560 www.omahasymphony.org

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Mar 24

Stanton, Stanton County

St. Patrick's Day Extravaganza

Uptown Brewery, 801 10th St Irish music, storytelling, food display, Irish refreshments, imported Irish gifts and more. 6pm (402) 439-5100

Mar 29

Humboldt, Richardson County

Springfest

City-wide Visit the merchants around the town square, stroll through the various vendors, hop on the bunny train or meet a furry friend at the petting zoo. (402) 862-2171 www.ci.humboldt.ne.us

Mar 30

Omaha, Douglas County

Omaha Symphony: Hooray for Hollywood

Holland Performing Arts Center, 1200 Douglas St A celebration of blockbuster movie music including memorable scores from Gone with the Wind, The Godfather and Titanic. 8pm, \$15-\$80 (402) 342-3560 www.omahasymphony.org

Mar 30-31

Aurora, Hamilton County

33rd Annual Nebraska Mennonite Quilts & Crafts Sale

Hamilton County Fairgrounds, 310 A St Musical entertainment, delicious ethnic foods and quality crafts, quilts and wood items. Fri, 4-8pm; Sat, 6:30am-3pm, Free John Thimm (402) 806-2974 www.nebraskamccsale.org

Mar 30-31

Fremont, Dodge County

2012 Bull Riding Classic & Rural Living Expo

Mutton busting for the kids, funny man acts, bull fighting, dance and more. The market place at the expo features businesses promoting the rural lifestyle including a Cowboy Cave. (402) 721-2641 www.fremontne.org

Mar 30-Apr 15

Omaha, Douglas County

Click, Clack, Moo: Cows that Type

The Rose Theater, 2001 Farnam St Farmer Brown's farm animals go on strike. Fri, 7pm; Sat, 2 & 7pm; Sun, 2 & 4:30pm, \$16 (402) 345-4849 www.rosetheater.org

Mar 31

Omaha, Douglas County

Omaha Symphony: The Music of Fleetwood Mac

Holland Performing Arts Center, 1200 Douglas St A salute to one of the world's most successful rock groups. Rock band Jeans 'n Classics joins the orchestra for this feel-good hit parade! 8pm, \$25-\$70 (402) 342-3560 www.omahasymphony.org

Mar 31

York, York County

Nebraska Peep Show

Location TBA Featuring artwork created from marshmallow Peeps. Reciprocity contest, Peep fashion show, Peeples Choice Awards and more. TBA Todd Kirshenbaum (402) 362-5531 www.yorkchamber.org

Mar 31-Apr 1

Ashland, Saunders County

Platte River Art Show

Eugene T. Mahoney State Park, I-80 Exit 426 A fine arts celebration featuring wildlife, landscape, still life and more. The most prestigious art show on the river! Sat, 9am-8pm; Sun, 9am-4pm, Park entry permit required Adam Offner (402) 944-2523 www.outdoornebraska.org

Apr 1

Curtis, Frontier County

Curtis Easter Pageant

Medicine Valley High School Gym, 303 Crook Ave Living pictures pageant. Sixty-five member cast and fifty member choir. 3pm, Donation Dawn Tuller (308) 367-4122 www.curtis-ne.com/easterpageant.html

Apr 1-30

Grand Island, Hall County

All Creatures Great and Small

Prairie Winds Art Center, 112 W. 3rd St Prairie Winds artists express their love for furry and feathered creatures in this amusing presentation. Reception Apr 6, 5:30-8pm (308) 381-4001 www.prairiewindsart.com

Apr 1-30

Madison, Madison County

2012 Rails and Trails Event: Railroad Exhibit

Madison County Historical Society Museum, 210 W. 3rd St The Northeast Nebraska Model Railroad Association presents a 30-ft by 30-ft modular display of H-O running trains. Mon-Fri, 1-4pm, Free (402) 992-1221 www.madisoncountyhistory.org

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Lincoln, Lancaster County

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Apr 12

Grand Island, Hall County

Red Star Red Army Chorus & Dance Ensemble

Grand Island Senior High Auditorium Since its formation in 1977, Red Star performed primarily for the troops of the Soviet Forces. The current touring ensemble of 70 features a dynamic colorful dance troupe and small orchestra. 7:30pm (308) 382-2309 www.giconcerts.org

Apr 13-15

Brownville, Nemaha County

Wine, Writers and Song Festival

City-wide A 3 day celebration of wine, literature, food, music and history. 8am-5pm, Free (402) 475-8663 www.brownville-ne.com

Apr 13-22

Beatrice, Gage County

King O' the Moon

Community Players Theatre, 412 Ella St This heartfelt sequel to Over the Tavern presents a family approaching a crossroads. Fri-Sat, 7:30pm; Sun, 2pm, \$10-\$15 Jamie Ulmer (402) 228-1801 www.beatricecommunityplayers.com

Apr 13-22

Grand Island, Hall County

Nickel and Dimed

Grand Island Little Theatre (308) 381-6535 www.githeatre.org

Apr 14

Kearney, Buffalo County

Signs of Spring Craft and Trade Show

Buffalo County Fairgrounds, 3807 Ave N Approximately 200 vendors featuring crafts and home-based business information. 9am-4pm, Free Kyla Martin (308) 440-0153 www.communityactionmidne.com

Apr 14

Ogallala, Keith County

Methodist Church Fun Fest

Keith County Fairgrounds Family fun and games, rummage sale and food. Irene Harmonson (308) 284-4925

Apr 14

Omaha, Douglas County

Omaha Symphony: The Wizard of Oz with Orchestra

Holland Performing Arts Center, 1200 Douglas St Follow the Yellow Brick Road to the Holland Center for The Wizard of Oz as you've never experienced it before! 7pm, \$15-\$65 (402) 342-3560 www.omahasymphony.org

Apr 14-15

Omaha, Douglas County

Teddy Bear Weekend

Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo, 3701 S. 10th St Bring your favorite stuffed animal in for care and repair! Music and activity stations for everyone. 9:30am-3:30pm (402) 738-2047 www.omahazoo.com

Apr 15, 22 & May 6

Dannebrog, Howard County

Pawnee Arts Center Spring Lecture Series

106 S. Mill St Experience a glimpse of the Pawnee Indian culture with presentations by special speakers. 1:30pm, Donation Gale Pemberton (308) 226-8286

Apr 19

Wayne, Wayne County

ElderFest

City auditorium, 3rd & Pearl Sts Free food, exhibits, entertainment and more. 9am-10pm (402) 375-5529 www.providencemedical.com

Apr 19-23

Grand Island, Hall County

2012 Futurity and Alpaca Show

Fonner Park and Heartland Events Center, 700 E. Stolley Park Rd (541) 929-3941 www.celebritysales.com

Apr 20

Stanton, Stanton County

California Springtime

Uptown Brewery, 801 10th St Amazing event of new California wine sampling matched with California-style foods. 7pm (402) 439-5100

Apr 20

Wood River, Hall County

Voices from Ellis Island

Wood River High School Performing Arts Center, 13800 W. Wood Pippa White portrays the Ellis Island experience. 7pm, Free Georgene Smidt (308) 583-2606 wrcommunityfoundation.com/celebratewr.htm

Apr 20-21

Omaha, Douglas County

Omaha Symphony: Sacred Voices

Holland Performing Arts Center, 1200 Douglas St Divinely inspired music awaits you at Omaha's own sanctuary of sound - the Holland Center. 8pm, \$15-\$75 (402) 342-3560 www.omahasymphony.org

Apr 20-22

Chadron, Dawes County

Festival of Quilts

Assumption Arena, 4th & Spruce Sts Quilt show, competition, displays, vendors, programs and demonstrations. Charlotte Kriz (308) 432-4401 www.chadronfestivalofquilts.com

Apr 21-22

Grand Island, Hall County

American Kennel Club Dog Show

Fonner Park and Heartland Events Center, 700 E. Stolley Park Rd 8:30am-4:30pm (308) 385-4949 www.gikennelclub.com

Listing of Events by Month

Apr 22

Hastings, Adams County Prairie Loft SpringFest

Prairie Loft Center for Outdoor & Ag Learning, 4705 DLD Rd Celebrate the planting season with activities for all ages including art, music, food and fun. 1-6pm, Free (402) 463-0565 www.prairieloft.org

Apr 22

Omaha, Douglas County

Omaha Symphony: Cartoon Classics

Holland Performing Arts Center, 1200 Douglas St Kids of all ages will love this celebration of animation! 2pm, \$7-\$9.75 (402) 342-3560 www.omahasymphony.org

Apr 24

Grand Island, Hall County

The Lowe Family

Grand Island Senior High Auditorium Featuring this versatile and talented family performing all styles of music. 7:30pm Stan Urwiller (308) 382-2309 www.giconcerts.org

Apr 26-28

North Platte, Lincoln County

Country Bluegrass Show

Lincoln County Fairgrounds, 5015 W. US Hwy 30 Enjoy bands and entertainers from across the United States including The Boxcars, Audie Blaylock, Don Rigsby and more. Food, camping and workshops available. Thu-Fri, noon-11pm; Sat, 8:30am-11pm, \$20/day or \$45 for 3 day pass in advance Donna Mentzer (308) 532-1465 www.countrybluegrassshow.homestead.com

Apr 27-29

Lynch, Boyd County

Bargain Buyway - The Ultimate Road Trip

Communities throughout northeast Nebraska A weekend of treasure hunting and sightseeing in northeast Nebraska! Antiques, machinery, food fairs, crafts and more. Guidebooks available for sale. Free Gary Ober (402) 893-2880 www.bargainbuyway.com

Apr 27-29

Nebraska City, Otoe County

140th Annual Arbor Day Celebration

City-wide Children's activities and live entertainment. Parade and 5K trail run/walk, commemorative tree plantings and more. (402) 873-6654 www.nebraskacity.com

Apr 27-29

Omaha, Douglas County

Omaha Symphony: The Gershwins - Here to Stay

Holland Performing Arts Center, 1200 Douglas St Timeless and elegant, the music of George and Ira Gershwin has definite staying power. 8pm, \$15-\$80 (402) 342-3560 www.omahasymphony.org

Apr 27-May 13

Omaha, Douglas County

James and the Giant Peach

The Rose Theater, 2001 Farnam St Young James embarks on the world's greatest adventure when he steps inside a giant peach. Fri, 7pm; Sat-Sun, 2 & 7pm, \$16 (402) 345-4849 www.rosetheater.org

Apr 27-Oct 26

Kearney, Buffalo County

Paranormal Experiences

Trails & Rails Museum, 710 W. 11th St Midwest Paranormal Investigators stop by to present ghost hunting classes and ghost hunts at the museum. A history promotion for Buffalo County and a fun, safe event for all ages. Last Friday of each month Jennifer Murrish (308) 234-3041 www.bchs.us

Jan 27

Stanton, Stanton County

Burns Night - Celebrating 252nd Birthday of Poet Robert Burns

Uptown Brewery, 801 10th St Single malt scotch tasting with elegant European food and entertainment. 7pm (402) 439-5100

Apr 28

Grand Island, Hall County

Bosselman Day at the Races

Heartland Events Center, 700 E. Stolley Park Rd Enjoy the 1 & 1/16th mile Bosselman-Gus Fonner Stakes and 21st annual KRGI Ladies Spring Hat Contest. Doors open at noon, Free (308) 382-4515 www.fonnerpark.com

Apr 28

Lincoln, Lancaster County

Astronomy Day

University of Nebraska State Museum, Morrill Hall, 14th & Vine Sts A fun day of astronomy with hands-on activities about space, science and more. \$5 adults, \$3 kids or \$10 family Dana Ludvik (402) 472-2642 www.museum.unl.edu

Apr 28

Peru, Nemaha County

The Great Nebraska Mushroom Hunt

Steamboat Trace Trailhead, 300 5th St A down-to-earth experience. Morel mushroom hunting with instruction for novice hunters. 8am-4pm, \$20/adult Linda Tynon (850) 916-1616 www.nebraskathegoodlife.com

Apr 28

Plattsmouth, Cass County

Living History Day

Cass County Historical Museum, 646 Main St Demonstration in blacksmithing, weaving, soapmaking and spinning. Don't miss the children's May basket workshop for ages 5-10 years. 10am-3pm, Free (402) 296-4770 www.nebraskamuseums.org/casscountymuseum.htm

Apr 28-29

Grand Island, Hall County

Nebraska Antique Dealers Association Show

Fonner Park and Heartland Events Center, 700 E. Stolley Park Rd (308) 440-1884 www.nebraskaantiquedealersassociation.com

Apr 28-29

Ogallala, Keith County

Golf and Bowl Tournament

West Winds Golf Course (308) 284-4358

May

North Platte, Lincoln County

Spring Fling at Cody Park

Cody Park Enjoy a day of crafts, quilts and antiques. 9am-5pm, Free Marilee Hyde (308) 535-6772 www.visitnorthplatte.com

May 1-31

Grand Island, Hall County

International Miniature Show

Prairie Winds Art Center, 112 W. 3rd St Competition open to artists from around the US. Artist reception May 4, 5:30pm, Free (308) 381-4001 www.prairiewindsart.com

May 1-31

Madison, Madison County

2012 Rails and Trails Event: Meridian Highway Exhibit

Madison County Historical Museum, 210 W. 3rd St Featuring the journey along the Meridian Highway joining Mexico with Canada. Mon-Fri, 1-4pm, Free (402) 992-1221 www.madisoncountyhistory.org

May 1-Sep 30

Boys Town, Douglas County

Baseball at Boys Town

Father Flanagan House, 14153 Grodinsky Cir Displays showcase baseball's important role in sports at Boys Town. Autographed bats, balls and photographs of famous players including Babe Ruth, Dizzy Dean and Johnny Bench. 9am-5pm, Free Tom Lynch (402) 498-1186 www.boystown.org

May-June TBA

Omaha, Douglas County

Spring Awakening

BlueBarn Theatre, 614 S. 11th St This landmark musical is an electrifying fusion of morality, sexuality and rock & roll. Thu-Sat, 7:30pm; Sun, 6pm, \$20-\$25 (402) 345-1576 www.bluebarn.org

May-Oct

Shubert, Richardson County

Living History Demonstrations at Indian Cave State Park

2 mi. N. & 5 mi. E. on Hwy 64E Take part in candlemaking, soapmaking, broommaking or blacksmithing. Weekends, 9am-4pm, Park entry permit required Jan Alexander (402) 883-2575 www.outdoornebraska.org

May-Sep

Holdrege, Phelps County

Farmers Market

Phelps County Courthouse lawn Fresh produce, baked goods and more. Thursdays, 4:30-7:30pm Cindy Lindstrom (308) 263-4111

May 3-4

Beatrice, Gage County

Heartland Storytelling Festival

Homestead National Monument of America, 8523 W. Hwy 4 Storytellers entertain and educate visitors with stories about American culture and heritage. 10am-3pm, Free Susan Cook (402) 223-3514 www.nps.gov/home

May 4

Lincoln, Lancaster County

First Friday's Main Gallery Exhibit: Julie McCullough

Burkholder Project, 719 P St Check website for additional gallery exhibits and details. 7-9pm, Free Lisa Holmquist (402) 477-3305 www.burkholderproject.com

May 5

Ogallala, Keith County

Catfish Classic

Lake McConaughy Darrell Marrow (308) 778-5879

May 5

Omaha, Douglas County

Omaha Symphony: Stayin' Alive - A Celebration of the '70s

Holland Performing Arts Center, 1200 Douglas St Catch Saturday night fever with the music of the 1970s. 8pm, \$25-\$70 (402) 342-3560 www.omahasymphony.org

May 5-6

Grand Island, Hall County

Nebraska Muzzle Loading Rifle Association Gun Show

Fonner Park and Heartland Events Center, 700 E. Stolley Park Rd Sat, 8am-5pm; Sun, 8am-4pm Neal Kelley (308) 384-7565 www.nebraskamuzzeloloaders.com

May 5-6

Ogallala, Keith County

8th Annual Spring Classic Golf Tournament

West Winds & Bayside Golf Courses (308) 284-4066 www.visitogallala.com

Listing of Events by Month

May 5-6

Papillion, Sarpy County

Nebraska Renaissance Fair

Bellevue Berry & Pumpkin Patch, 11001 S. 48th St
A variety of live stage performers, historical demonstrators, equestrian jousting and battle reenactments. 11am-6pm, \$11 Ed Schaefer (402) 331-5500 www.bellevueberryfarm.com

May 5-6

Ponca, Dixon County

Becoming an Outdoor Chef at Ponca State Park

88090 Spur 26 E A hands-on cooking weekend for all levels of outdoor cooks. Grilling, smoking, dehydration, fish cleaning, campfire cooking, Dutch oven cooking, wild edibles and more. Andrea Johansen (402) 755-2284 www.outdoornebraska.org

May 5-Oct 7

Fort Calhoun, Washington County

Living History Weekends at Fort Atkinson State Historical Park

201 S. 7th St Demonstrations of military life at a reconstructed 1820s military post. Military drills, blacksmithing, cooking and crafts. Select weekends, Park permit required. John Slader (402) 468-5611 www.outdoornebraska.org

May 6

Lincoln, Lancaster County

Lincoln Marathon

Begins on UNL Campus Marathon and half marathon road race. The finish line is on the 50-yard line in University of Nebraska's Memorial Stadium. Begins at 7am, See website for entry fees. Nancy Sutton (402) 435-3504 www.lincolnrun.org

May 8

Grand Island, Hall County

Nebraska Children's Groundwater Festival

Central Community College and College Park Educating youth through lively entertainment, interactive displays and tangible experiments. Water magicians, folksingers, storytellers and raptor shows. 8am-4pm Kelly Cole (308) 385-6282 www.cprnd.org

May 11-12

North Platte, Lincoln County

Honky Tonk BBQ Festival

Platte River Mall Sanctioned competition and BBQ feed, live entertainment and more. Rob Mandeville (308) 530-5139 www.honkytonkbbq.com

May 11-Sep 23

Grand Island, Hall County

The Famous and Infamous of Hall County

Stuhr Museum, 3133 W. Hwy 34 Exhibit focuses on Hall County residents who have achieved great things, or gone down in history for their misdeeds. Mon-Sat, 9am-5pm; Sun, noon-5pm, \$6-\$8 Mike Bockoven (308) 385-5316 www.stuhrmuseum.org

May 12

Omaha, Douglas County

Omaha Symphony: Baroque Fireworks

Holland Performing Arts Center, 1200 Douglas St Experience the best of Baroque with popular favorites like Bach's exquisite Brandenburg Concerto No. 5 and Pachelbel's classic Canon in D. 8pm, \$15-\$75 (402) 342-3560 www.omahasymphony.org

May 13

Lincoln, Lancaster County

Lincoln Choral Artists: A Celebration in Song

St. Paul United Methodist Church The Lincoln Choral Artists perform with Lincoln's Symphony Orchestra and the Hastings Area Children's Choir. 3pm (402) 430-2395 www.lincolncivicchoir.info

May 17

Humboldt, Richardson County

Humboldt Flower Show

Richardson County Ag Building Flower show with lunch served. (402) 855-2485 www.ci.humboldt.ne.us

May 18

Grand Island, Hall County

Stuhr Under the Stars

Stuhr Museum of the Prairie Pioneer, 3133 W. Hwy 34 Railroad Town will be the site for a family friendly, historically-based movie under the stars along with games, activities and food. 7pm, \$8-\$10 Mike Bockoven (308) 385-5316 www.stuhrmuseum.org

May 18-20

Lincoln, Lancaster County

Lincoln Quilter's Guild 2012 Quilt Show

Weary Center, Nebraska Wesleyan University, 53rd & Huntington More than 300 quilts, vendors, live and silent auction, demonstration and tours of the International Quilt Study Center. 9am-5pm, \$6 Elizabeth Sterns (402) 467-9467 www.lincolnquiltersguild.org

May 18-20

Omaha, Douglas County

Omaha Symphony: Radiance - A Tribute to the Ladies of Motown

Holland Performing Arts Center, 1200 Douglas St The perfect blend of sparkle and soul, Radiance will dazzle you with Motown classics. 8pm, \$15-\$80 (402) 342-3560 www.omahasymphony.org

May 19

Ashland, Saunders County

2nd Annual Lucky Bucket 7K Trail Run

Quarry Oaks Golf Club, 16600 Quarry Oaks Dr More than 2,500 costumed and crazy runners and walkers compete in this 4.3 mile trail run through some of the most spectacular wooded terrain in eastern Nebraska. 6pm, See website Joe Sutter (402) 944-6000 www.luckybucketrun.com

May 19

Grand Island, Hall County

Island Area Cruisers Annual Charities Tour

Grand Island and Hastings Walmarts Show and shine tour. Cars, trucks and motorcycles welcome. 7:30am-4:30pm Debra Rinke (308) 382-2958 www.visitgrandisland.com

May 19

North Platte, Lincoln County

Woofstock

Memorial Park, E. Fourth St Contests for dogs, children's games and vendors with specials on animal care and accessories. 10am-2pm, Free Dianne Morales (308) 650-7297 www.pphs.com

May 20-25

Beatrice, Gage County

Nebraska Chautauqua & 150th Commemoration of the Homestead Act

Homestead National Monument of America, 8523 W. NE Hwy 4 Scholars present first-person historical portrayals of prominent figures including Mark Twain, Willa Cather, Standing Bear, Laura Ingalls Wilder and more. Presentations, workshops and activities. Free (402) 223-3514 www.nebraskachautauqua.org

May 23-Aug 26

David City, Butler County

Summer Blockbuster Exhibition: Robert Lougheed

Bone Creek Museum of Agrarian Art, 575 E St Exhibition of the renown painter of horses, Robert Lougheed. Reception May 26, Free Amanda Guenther (402) 367-4488 www.bonecreek.org

May 24-27

La Vista, Sarpy County

La Vista Daze 2012

La Vista Central Park, Edgewood Blvd Carnival, vendor booths, parade, beer garden, cookout, free concert and more. Thu, 5-10pm; Fri, 2-11pm; Sat, 10am-11pm; Sun, noon-6pm Mitch Beaumont (402) 331-4343 www.cityoflavista.org/lavistadaze

May 25

Humboldt, Richardson County

Memorial Day BBQ

City-wide Celebrate with a BBQ, ice cream social and Happy Czechs Polka band. 5-8pm (402) 862-2821 www.ci.humboldt.ne.us

May 25

Lexington, Dawson County

Buzzard Migration Wine Release Party

Mac's Creek Winery & Vineyards, 43315 Rd 757 Join the winery in releasing the 2011 vintage of Nebraska's favorite summertime wine - Buzzard's Roost Blush. Appetizers, live entertainment and wine tastings. 5-9pm, Free Barry McFarland (308) 324-0440 www.macscreekvineyards.com

May 25-27

Superior, Nuckolls County

Victorian Festival

City-wide Celebrate the heritage of Superior. Parade, children's activities, food, Victorian tea honoring Lady Vestey, craft fair, dances and more. 9am-4pm Sherry Knief (402) 879-3419 www.victorianfestival.info

May 25-Aug 24

Lincoln, Lancaster County

Friday Nights Live Concert Series

SouthPointe Pavillions Shopping Center, 27th & Pine Lake Rd Enjoy everything from R&B to rock to jazz. Fridays, 6:30-8:30pm, Free Julie Lattimer (402) 421-2114 www.southpointeshopping.com

May 26

Beatrice, Gage County

Monumental Fiddling Championship and Acoustic Band Contest

Homestead National Monument of America, 8523 W. NE Hwy 4 A day of music and competition with fiddlers and musicians of all ages. 10am-9pm, Free Susan Cook (402) 223-3514 www.nps.gov/home

May 26

Lexington, Dawson County

Johnson Lake EMS Week Celebration and 5K Event

Johnson Lake A free 5k run/walk followed by fire engine rides and display, helicopter tours and BBQ. 10am-1pm, Free Jake Johnson (308) 325-5575 www.johnsonlakeems.org

May 26

Omaha, Douglas County

Omaha Symphony: Gifts from the Sea

UNO Strauss Performing Arts Center, 6001 Dodge St Set sail with 3 diverse composers who were all inspired by the sea. 7pm, \$30 (402) 342-3560 www.omahasymphony.org

May 26-27

Chadron, Dawes County

Chadron State College Golf Classic

Ridgeview Country Club (308) 432-6362 www.chadron.com

May 26-28

Brownville, Nemaha County

Spring Flea Market

Main St More than 200 vendors from across the United States. Antiques, flowers, jewelry, collectibles and food. 8am-6pm, Free Jim Doty (402) 825-3731 www.brownville-ne.com

Listing of Events by Month

- May 26-28**
Ewing, Holt County
Funfest Weekend
City-wide Street dance, hole-in-one, parade, food, road rally and more. (402) 336-1504
www.holtcountynebraska.com
- May 26-28**
Wisner, Cuming County
Elkhorn Valley Arts Unlimited Art Fest
Rainbow Dance Studio, 909 Ave E Enjoy artwork of all kinds displayed by area artists. Sat, 9am-5pm; Sun, 1-5pm; Mon, 9am-noon, Free Elaine Bak (402) 529-3212
www.wisnerareachamberofcommerce.com
- May 26-Sep 9**
Omaha, Douglas County
Wonderful Wizard of Oz
Omaha Children's Museum, 500 S. 20th St Travel to the Land of Oz in this delightful exhibit based on the book. (402) 342-6164 www.ocm.org
- May 27**
Omaha, Douglas County
Military Appreciation Day
German American Society, 3717 S. 120th St Live music and food. A day of appreciation for active, reserve and retired military. noon-8pm, Free (402) 333-6615 www.germanamericansociety.org
- May 27**
Plattsmouth, Cass County
Art in the Yard
Parmele House B&B, 520 Ave F Artists from the Midwest region come for this one-of-a-kind art show. Musical entertainment, food and artists from 3 states. Poetry, paintings, jewelry, yard art, wood sculpture and more. 10am-4pm, Free Carroll Hudson (402) 296-0525 www.artintheyard.com
- May 28**
Grand Island, Hall County
1892 Memorial Day Celebration
Stuhr Museum, 3133 W. US Hwy 34 A flag-led procession to the rural cemetery, remembrance ceremony, band concert and more. 9am-5pm, \$8-\$10 Mike Bockoven (308) 385-5316
www.stuhrmuseum.org
- May 28**
Humboldt, Richardson County
Memorial Day Program
City Square Park Program presented by American Legion Post #269 at 11:00am. Lunch served and avenue of flags. (402) 862-2171
www.ci.humboldt.ne.us
- May 30-Aug 29**
Grand Island, Hall County
Cruise Night at the Airport
Central Nebraska Regional Airport, 3773 Sky Park Rd Displays of vintage and classic autos, golden oldies tunes and food specials. Last Wednesday of each month, 6-8pm, Free Doug Brown (308) 390-5372 www.flygrandisland.com
- May 31-June 2**
Red Cloud, Webster County
Willa Cather Spring Festival
Willa Cather Foundation, 413 N. Webster St A lively celebration of poets and poetry with exhibits, readings, performances, discussions and more. (402) 746-2653 www.willacather.org
- May 31-June 3**
Comstock, Custer County
Comstock Country Fest
46095 Sargent Ord Rd Nebraska's party in the pasture brings your favorite country artists up close and personal. Camping available. Glenn Zacek (308) 225-4843 www.comstockmusicfestivals.com
- July 1-4**
Crawford, Dawes County
39th Annual Western & Wildlife Art Show at Fort Robinson State Park
Fort Robinson State Park Artists from across the U.S. display their western and wildlife themed art. Free (308) 665-3971 www.outdoornebraska.org
- June 1**
Lincoln, Lancaster County
First Friday's Main Gallery Exhibit: McGinn and Anne Thomas
Burkholder Project, 719 P St Check website for additional gallery exhibits and details. 7-9pm, Free Lisa Holmquist (402) 477-3305
www.burkholderproject.com
- June 1-10**
Beatrice, Gage County
Wrong Window
Community Players Theatre, 412 Ella St Hitchcock will never be the same after this hilarious farce. Fri-Sat, 7:30pm; Sun, 2pm, \$10-\$15 Jamie Ulmer (402) 228-1801 www.beatricecommunityplayers.com
- June 1-17**
Omaha, Douglas County
Seussical - The Musical
The Rose Theater, 2001 Farnam St Horton the Elephant proves the powers of friendship, family and community to be triumphant over all adversity. Thu-Fri, 7pm; Sat-Sun, 2pm, \$20 (402) 345-4849
www.rosetheater.org
- June 1-2**
McCool Junction, York County
Nebraska Cattlemen's Ball
Stone Creek Event Center, N. 1st Ave A showcase of rural Nebraska. Carrie Colburn (402) 730-4171
www.cattlemensball.com
- June 1-24**
Omaha, Douglas County
Band Fags!
SNAP! Productions, 3225 California St The story of best friends since 7th grade, Jack and Brad, as they come of age in suburban Detroit during the mid 1980s. (402) 341-2757 www.stapproductions.com
- June 1-24**
Omaha, Douglas County
MilkMilkLemonade
SNAP! Productions, 3225 California St The story of 11-year-old Emory, who dreams of being and singer and a dancer. (402) 341-2757
www.snapproductions.com
- June 1-3**
Alliance, Box Butte County
Thunder on the Prairie Rod Run
Central Park Classic cars, street rods and trucks on display along with a dance, poker run and award program. Jeff Engelhaupt (308) 762-1969
www.385cruisers.com
- June 1-3**
Dannebrog, Howard County
Grundlovsfest
Downtown Enjoy a parade, games, crafts, dancers and more. Free (308) 226-8226
www.dannebrog.org
- June 1-3**
Howells, Colfax County
Q125 Celebration
Memorial Park, Ballroom Park and downtown Three days of activities for all ages including a quilt show, antique tractor pull, fireworks and fun. (402) 380-8290 www.ci.howells.ne.us
- June 1-3**
Omaha, Douglas County
Taste of Omaha
Heartland of America Park and Lewis & Clark Landing A festival of great foods and entertainment! Music, rides, food, crafts, exhibits and more. Fri-Sat, 11am-11pm; Sun, 11am-8pm, Free Mike Mancuso (402) 346-8003 www.showofficeonline.com
- June 1-3**
Plainview, Pierce County
Plainview Klown Festival
Band Shell Park Parades, BBQ, dance, bull riding, car show, inflatables and more. Ranae Wacker (402) 582-4861 www.plainview-ne.com
- June 1-30**
Grand Island, Hall County
The Colors of America
Prairie Winds Art Center, 112 W. 3rd St Karen Neppel, painter and mosaic artists presents her interpretation of the colors seen across this great nation. Reception June 1, 5:30-8pm (308) 381-4001 www.prairiewindsart.com
- June 1-30**
Madison, Madison County
2012 Rails and Trails Event: Communications Exhibit
Madison County Historical Society Museum, 210 W. 3rd St The Gordon Telephone Pioneers Golden Bell Club Communications display depicts the journey through time as all forms of communication developed and improved. Mon-Fri, 1-4pm, Free (402) 992-1221 www.madisoncountyhistory.org
- June 1-July 15**
O'Neill, Holt County
Journey Stories, a Smithsonian Exhibition
O'Neill Community Center Smithsonian traveling exhibit showing how America's evolving mobility changed a young nation and how transportation made us grow. Becky Cemper (402) 336-3110
www.nebraskahumanities.org
- June TBA**
Aurora, Hamilton County
A'ROR'N Days
Downtown square Live entertainment, food, children's games, grand parade, car and motorcycle show and more. Jayne Mann (402) 694-6911
www.auroranebraska.com
- June TBA**
Scottsbluff, Scotts Bluff County
Sugar Valley Rally and Arts & Crafts Festival
115 Railway St & Frank Park on Broadway The rally consists of a gathering of vintage cars along with a precision driving contest. Artists and crafters from a 7-state area sell their wares. Bands and live entertainment Free (308) 632-2133 (800) 788-9475
www.sugarvalleyrally.com
- June TBA**
West Point, Cuming County
Taste of West Point
Nielsen Center, 200 Anna Stalp Ave Sample tasty bites from local establishments! 5-7pm, \$1/ticket (402) 372-2981 www.westpointchamber.com
- June-Oct**
Chadron, Dawes County
Farmers Market
Courthouse lawn, 4th & Main Sts Saturdays, 8am-noon (308) 432-4407 www.chadron.com
- June-Oct**
Minden, Kearney County
Farmers Market
Parking lot of 5th Street IGA, 125 E. 5th St Saturdays, 8am-noon, Free Bill Huenemann (402) 620-3663

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June-Oct

Shubert, Richardson County

Indian Cave State Park Pioneer Rendezvous Weekends

Indian Cave State Park May 5-6, June 2-3, July 7-8, Aug 4-5, Sep 1-3, Oct 6-7 (402) 883-2575
www.outdoornebraska.org

June-Sep

Beatrice, Gage County

Farmers Market

5th St between High & Ella The summer's best produce from local farmers along with baked goods and live entertainment. Thu, 5-7pm, Free (402) 223-3244 www.mainstreetbeatrice.org

June-Sep

Neligh, Antelope County

Farmers Market

Courthouse lawn Saturdays, 9-11am Joann Hauptmann (402) 887-4271 neligh.net

Mid-June thru Oct

Wayne, Wayne County

Farmers Market

County Courthouse, 510 Pearl St Produce, meats, baked goods and more. Thursdays from 4-7pm & Saturdays 9am-noon Irene Fletcher (402) 375-2240 www.waynetworks.org

June 2

Ogallala, Keith County

Kids Fishing Clinic and Water Expo

Lake McConaughy Scott Eveland (308) 289-0017 www.visitogallala.com

June 2-3

Fairbury, Jefferson County

Rock Creek Trail Days

Rock Creek Station State Historical Park, 57426 710 Rd Living history demonstrations, Pony Express runs and Hickok-McCanles re-enactment, blacksmithing, storytelling, buffalo stew cookout and more. Park permit required. Wayne Brandt (402) 729-5777 www.outdoornebraska.org

June 2-3

Omaha, Douglas County

Nebraska State Chili Cook-Off

Millers Landing, 151 Freedom Park Rd Cooks from around the country make salsa, chili verde and chili for prizes and a chance to cook at the ICS World Chili Championship. Noon, \$5 Sue Dudzik (402) 572-1479 www.chilicookoff.com

June 2-3

Ponca, Dixon County

Scheels 3-D Archery Tournament at Ponca State Park

88090 Spur 26E Each round of shooting includes 25 targets. Prizes and giveaways. (402) 755-2284 www.outdoornebraska.org

June 2-4

Wymore, Gage County

25th Annual Sam Wymore Days

City-wide Join in the fun and celebrate the founding of Wymore. Parade, flea market, horse show and free entertainment. (402) 674-3205 www.wymorebluesprings.com

June 2-July 28

Springfield, Sarpy County

Nebraska Art Quilts in Springfield - A Celebration of Color

Springfield Artworks, 183 Main St Gallery walls will be covered with quilts all made in Nebraska. Margie Trembley (402) 301-9162 www.springfieldartworks.com

June 3

Ogallala, Keith County

Couples Classic

West Winds Golf Course (308) 284-4358 www.visitogallala.com

June 3

Surprise, Butler County

20th Annual Tractor Pull

Big Blue River Park Classic tractors, open class and pure stock pulls - 1958 and older. Noon Susan Doehling (402) 526-2391

June 3

York, York County

Family Fun Day

Wessels Living History Farm, 1 mi. S. of I-80 Exit 353 on US Hwy 81 Craft activities, games, wagon rides, face painting, animals and special programs. 1-4:30pm, \$2-\$5 Dale Clark (402) 710-0682 www.livinghistoryfarm.org

June 3-10

Verdigre, Knox County

Kolach Days and Q125 Celebration

City-wide Royalty ball, Czech food, Polka music, parade, variety show, street dances and more. Patrick Svec (402) 668-2236 www.verdigre.org

June 4

Brule, Keith County

Brule Day

City-wide Prairie breakfast, penny scramble, children's activities, flower show, dance and more. Ray Burkland (308) 287-2213 www.ci.brule.ne.us

June 4-6

Ogallala, Keith County

Cowboy Capital Open Tournament

West Winds Golf Course (308) 284-4358 www.visitogallala.com

June 5-Aug 14

Henderson, York County

Farmers Market

Downtown park, 14th & Elm Sts Tuesdays, 5-7pm, Free Kelsey Bergen (402) 723-4228 www.cityofhenderson.org

June 5-Aug 26

Plattsmouth, Cass County

Native American Artifacts Exhibit

Cass County Historical Museum, 646 Main St Featuring arrowheads, tools and pottery. Tue-Sun, noon-4pm, \$2.50/adult (402) 296-4770 www.nebraskamuseums.org/casscountymuseum.htm

June 7-10

Blair, Washington County

Gateway to the West Days

City-wide Four day festival including Taste of Blair, Jazz in the Park, street dance, craft show, car show, carnival and more. Harriet Waite (402) 533-4455 www.blairchamber.org

June 7-9

North Platte, Lincoln County

Miss Nebraska Pageant

North Platte High School, 1200 W. 2nd St Jay Engel (308) 534-3638 www.missnebraska.org

June 8-10

Crawford, Dawes County

Intertribal Gathering at Fort Robinson State Park

3200 US Hwy 20 Exciting cultural festival with authentic Native American arts and crafts along with traditional powwow dancing, drum and song. Joe Simmons (308) 432-2174 www.outdoornebraska.org

June 8-10

Omaha, Douglas County

Summer Arts Festival

Gene Leahy Mall on Farnam St, 10th to 15th Sts Featuring 135 of the nation's finest visual artists, two stages of continuous entertainment and a large hands-on children's fair. Fri-Sat, 11am-8pm; Sun, 11am-5pm, Free (402) 345-5401 www.summerarts.org

June 8-10

Palmyra, Otoe County

Annual Old Settlers Picnic

City-wide Fireworks, Bingo, outdoor movies, children's carnival, parade, tractor pull and more. 9am-9:30pm, Free Dale Watson (402) 780-5137

June 8-9

Battle Creek, Madison County

Battle Creek Fun Days

Main St Street dance, fun run/walk, talent show, parade, BBQ, fireworks and music on Main Street. Camy Leathers (402) 640-6738 www.visitnorfolkne.com

June 8-9

Lexington, Dawson County

8th Annual Plum Creek Rodeo

Fairgrounds 7:30pm, \$5-\$8 Julie Harris (308) 324-5504 www.visitlexington.org

June 8-9

McCook, Red Willow County

Buffalo Commons Storytelling Festival

Bieroc Café, Fox Theatre, High Plains Museum, library and community college Community storytelling at its best! Rollicking funny storytellers, smoking hot music and historic bus tours. \$10 for evening events Fri, 7:30pm; Sat, 9am-7:30pm (308) 345-6163 www.buffalocommons.org

June 8-9

Omaha, Douglas County

Omaha Symphony: Concerto for Orchestra

Holland Performing Arts Center, 1200 Douglas St Celebrate the virtuosity of the Omaha Symphony musicians with Bartok's Concerto for Orchestra. 8pm, \$15-\$75 (402) 342-3560 www.omahasymphony.org

June 8-9

Springfield, Sarpy County

Springfield Days

City-wide Celebrate Springfield! Parade, burgerfest and family activities. Keith Hentzen (402) 253-2000 www.springfieldnebraska.com

June 9

Eustis, Frontier County

Wurst Tag

Downtown Celebration of the town's German heritage with German food, polka music, sausage stuffing, car show, contests and demonstrations. \$5 (308) 486-5545 www.eustisnebraska.com

June 9

Humboldt, Richardson County

Children's Fishing Contest

City Lake Park Lunch served, prizes for the winners! (402) 862-2330 www.ci.humboldt.ne.us

June 9

Lincoln, Lancaster County

Colorful Creature Day

University of NE State Museum - Morrill Hall, 14th & Vine Sts Fun day with live animals and art activities in the museum. \$5 adults, \$3 kids, \$10 family Dana Ludvik (402) 472-2642 www.museum.unl.edu

Listing of Events by Month

June 9

Petersburg, Boone County

Street Dance, Car Show and Cruise Night

Main St Enjoy a street dance, BBQ, car show and cruise sponsored by the Petersburg Fire Department. 6pm Neil Baumgartner (402) 386-5266 www.ci.petersburg.ne.us

June 9

Sidney, Cheyenne County

Gold Rush Days

Legion Park Frontier village, arts and crafts, entertainment, square dancing, shoot-outs, quick draw competition, chuckwagon cookout and activities for young and old. Free Larry Fraas (308) 254-5161 www.sidneygoldrush.com

June 9 & 16

Long Pine, Brown County

Long Pine Day, BBQ and Bluegrass Festival

Main Street and Long Pine Palace Old-fashioned community celebration with a large parade, games, BBQ and outstanding bluegrass music by Steve Hansen's Bluegrass Campers. Concerts on June 9 and 16th. Donation Nancy Carley (402) 273-4351 www.cityoflongpine.org

June 9-10

North Platte, Lincoln County

Heritage Festival

Lincoln County Historical Museum, 2403 N. Buffalo Bill Ave Antique farm implements and practices, as well as many of the practices in making a home by the first pioneers of the region. James Griffin (308) 534-5640 www.visitnorthplatte.com

June 9-23

North Platte, Lincoln County

NEBRASKAland Days

City-wide & Buffalo Bill Arena Explore the lure of the West including PRCA rodeos, top name concerts, parades, athletic contests, food events, art shows and many more. (308) 532-7939 www.nebraskalanddays.com

June 10

Kearney, Buffalo County

5th Annual Half Marathon: Buffalo County Stampede

Trails & Rails Museum, 710 W. 11th St Race begins at 7am, \$35-\$40 Jennifer Murrish (308) 234-3041 www.bchs.us

June 10

Schuyler, Colfax County

Knights of Columbus 11th Annual Spring Festival

Downtown Auto show, flea market, kids tractor pull, food festival and live entertainment. 6pm, Free Dean Vavricek (402) 352-5883 www.schuylerne.net

June 11

Ogallala, Keith County

Antique Tractor and Stock Pickup Pull

Keith County Fairgrounds (308) 284-4066 www.visitogallala.com

June 11-Aug 15

Brownville, Nemaha County

Brownville Village Theatre - 46th Season

Brownville Village Theatre Thu-Sun, 7:30pm & 2pm matinees, \$8-\$12 Chet Harper (402) 825-4124 www.brownvillagetheatre.org

June 13-14

Bassett, Rock County

Sandhills Ranch Expo

Rock County Fairgrounds State-of-the-art ranching equipment, cattle and more. Wed, 10am-7pm; Thu, 10am-5pm, Free Keith Cosgrove (402) 684-2320 www.sandhillsranchexpo.com

June 13-17

Beatrice, Gage County

Homestead Days

City-wide & Homestead National Monument of America, 8523 W. NE Hwy 4 Interactive opportunities to experience pioneer life with traditional demonstrators. Parade, children's games, vendors, 10K walk/run and ribfest. Free (402) 223-2338 www.visitbeatrice.com

June 13-17

Norfolk, Madison County

Viero Great American Comedy Festival

Johnny Carson Theatre, 801 Riverside Blvd and Divots Conference Center on Hwy 275 In honor of Johnny Carson, the king of late-night television. Showcasing some of the best amateur and professional comedians from across the nation. \$10-\$25/ticket (877) 371-1020 www.greatamericancomedyfestival.com

June 14-15

Clarkson, Colfax County

Annual Mid-States Rodeo

City park From broncs to bulls, roping to wrestling - it's great family entertainment. 7:30pm Chuck Hamernik (402) 892-3457 www.ci.clarkson.ne.us

June 14-16

Bloomfield, Knox County

Bloomfield Appreciation Dayz

City-wide A variety of events for all ages! (402) 373-2272 www.ci.bloomfield.ne.us

June 14-17

Ravenna, Buffalo County

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City-wide DC Lynch midway, demo derby, tractor pull, parade, sand volleyball, fun run and more. (308) 452-3344 www.ci.ravenna.ne.us

June 15-16

Alliance, Box Butte County

Treasure Trek

Communities in western Nebraska from I-80 to Hwy 20 Find your favorite treasure including antiques, collectibles, community events, specialty shops and more. (308) 762-1520 www.treasuretrekne.com

June 15-16

Ashland, Saunders County

19th Annual Testicle Festival

Round the Bend Steakhouse, 30801 E. Park Hwy - 2 mi. E. of I-80 Exit 426 Enjoy 2 nights of live bands! Rocky mountain oysters, burgers, hot dogs, funnel cakes and all your favorite beverages available. Daily, 5pm-12:30am, \$5 Ron Olson (402) 944-9974 www.roundthebendsteakhouse.com

June 15-16

Holdrege, Phelps County

Swedish Days

Downtown between 4th & 6th A fun street festival with vendors, Heartland Cruisers Car Show, ribfest, street dance, live music, parade, 10K and 5K races and more. 9am-midnight, Free Michele Ehresman (308) 995-4444 www.holdregechamber.com

June 15-16

Humboldt, Richardson County

Humboldt Area Motor Sports Garden Tractor Pull & Tractor Pull

(402) 862-2171

June 15-16

Laurel, Cedar County

Laurel Ag Days

City park Pool party, parade, food, activities and street dance. (402) 256-9614 www.laurelne.com

June 15-16

Lewellen, Garden County

20th Annual Ash Hollow Historical Pageant

Ash Hollow State Historical Park, 3 mi. S.E. on Hwy 26 A cast of 30 perform in this dramatic outdoor musical. Tours, displays and chuckwagon supper. Dinner 5pm; show begins at 6:30pm, Park permit required, \$6-\$10 for supper Jean Jensen (308) 778-5548 www.voanebraska.org

June 15-16

Pender, Thurston County

Pender Bender BBQ Competition

Main St A Kansas City BBQ Society sanctioned event. Tractor show, classic car cruise and more. Mark Lorensen (402) 385-3166 www.penderthurston.com

June 15-17

Clarkson, Colfax County

50th Annual Czech Festival

City-wide Entertainment for all ages including ethnic foods, music and dancing. Martin Kluthe (402) 892-3556 www.ci.clarkson.ne.us

June 15-26

Omaha, Douglas County

NCAA Men's College World Series

TD AMERITRADE Park Omaha, 10th to 13th Sts, Cuming to Webster Eight of the nation's top college baseball teams travel the road to Omaha in hopes of taking home the championship title. (402) 554-4422 www.cwsomaha.com

June 16

Chadron, Dawes County

Chadron State Park's 91st Anniversary Celebration

15951 S. Hwy 385 Craft show, arts in the park, archery shoot, paddle boat races, antique tractor show, demonstrations, live music and 91 cent meals. Park permit required. (308) 432-6167 www.outdoornebraska.org

June 16

Fairbury, Jefferson County

Run, Row, Rock & Roll Adventure Race

Burkley Wellness Center, 2200 H St Take part in the multi-event adventure race including running, trekking, navigating, canoeing, mountain biking and mystery events. 8am-6pm, \$45-\$65 participants, free for spectators Craig Bontrager (402) 729-6139 www.angrycowadventures.com

June 16

Grand Island, Hall County

Ghosts, Crimes and Urban Legends

Stuhr Museum, 3133 W. US Hwy 34 The darker side of Hall County history is brought to life during these lantern-led tours of the museum using sites as jumping off points for explorations of ghost stories, crimes and urban legends. 6-9pm, \$6-\$8 Mike Bockoven (308) 385-5316 www.stuhrmuseum.org

June 16

Imperial, Chase County

Celebration on the Square

Courthouse square A celebration of arts and music featuring entertainment, crafts, food and children's activities. 9am-1pm, Free Jill Moline (308) 883-5398 www.chasecounty.com

June 16

Norfolk, Madison County

Laugh and a Half Marathon

Johnny Carson Theatre, 801 Riverside Blvd Join in this run that touches your funny bone as well as your feet. \$25 and up (402) 371-0100 www.laughandahalfmarathon.com

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June 16-17

**Johnson, Nemaha County
Johnson Daze**

Main St Enjoy the 48th annual Father's Day chicken BBQ, street dance and other activities. (402) 868-4105 www.johnson-ne.com

June 16-17

**Norfolk, Madison County
Nebraska Airfest and 2012 State Fly-In**

Norfolk Regional Airport, 4100 S. 13th St Air show and aviation gathering including airplanes, helicopters, balloons, gliders, food, entertainment and more. \$8-\$12 Christopher Amundson (800) 777-6159 www.nebraskaairfest.com

June 16-17

**Ohioa, Fillmore County
Ohioa Fun Days**

City-wide Activities for all ages including softball games, children's games and street dance. Ron Kapperman (402) 295-2515 www.visitfillmorecounty.org

June 16-17

Ponca, Dixon County

Bugs and Bones Weekend at Ponca State Park
88090 Spur 26E Come to like Nebraska's creepy crawlies and bone discoveries a little bit more! A highlight of all the great aspects about these misunderstood creatures and archeology of the region. (402) 755-2284 www.outdoornebraska.org

June 16-17

**Scotia, Greeley County
Puttin' Off the Peak**

Happy Jack Peak & Chalk Mine, NE Hwy 11 Hit a golf ball from the peak to a flag on a sandbar in the river. Sat, 2-6pm; Sun, 10am-6pm, \$5 for three balls (308) 245-3276 www.happyjackchalkmine.com

June 17-23

Grand Island, Hall County

National 4-H Shooting Competition
Fonner Park and Heartland Events Center, 700 E. Stolley Park Rd (402) 395-2158 www.4-hshootingsports.org

June 18-July 7

Grand Island, Hall County

Jr. National Charolais, Shorthorn & Hereford Shows

Fonner Park and Heartland Events Center, 700 E. Stolley Park Rd Charolais show June 18-23, shorthorn show June 24-30, hereford show June 24-July 7. (308) 385-8021 www.heartlandeventscenter.com

June 19-20

Ogallala, Keith County

Shut Up and Fish Tournament

Lake McConaughy (308) 778-5879 www.visitogallala.com

June 21-24

Wisner, Cuming County

Lions Club Rodeo and Junior Livestock Show

River Park Full rodeo with bull riding, concessions, livestock shows and activities for all ages. Rodeo Fri-Sat, 7:30pm, Rodeo: \$5-\$8 (402) 529-3212 www.wisnerareachamberofcommerce.com

June 22-23

Sutton, Clay County

Dugout Days

City-wide Carnival, children's activities, car show, old-fashioned parade and BBQ. 7:30am-midnight, Free Shelly Childs (402) 773-4233 www.suttonchamber.org

June 22-23

**West Point, Cuming County
Great Nebraska Tractor Ride**

Through West Point, Tekamah and Oakland A two day tractor ride along Nebraska's scenic highways. \$50 to participate prior to March 1 Jodi Frye (402) 372-5423 www.nebraskatractorride.com

June 22-24

**Pender, Thurston County
Pender Jamboree**

City-wide Street dance, parade, car show, fly-in breakfast, fun run, golf tournament, fireworks and more. www.penderthurston.com

June 22-24

**Scottsbluff, Scotts Bluff County
Circle the Bluffs Powwow**

Western Nebraska Community College, 1601 E. 27th St Traditional powwow with singing, drumming and Native American dancing. Fri, 7pm; Sat, 1 & 7pm; Sun, noon, Free Jina Red Nest (308) 225-1325

June 23

Cairo, Hall County

Cairo Cornstalk Festival

City-wide Parade, car show, quilt show, pie baking contest, fun run/walk, children's games and more. Christy Osburn (308) 383-5506

June 23

Cambridge, Furnas County

Concerts on the Creek

72184 Cross Creek Rd Enjoy a wonderful evening of fine food and chamber music over looking the Republican River Valley. Featuring the Nebraska Chamber Players. 5-8:30pm, \$35 Becky Van de Bogart (402) 429-8227 www.nebraskachamberplayers.org

June 23

Cortland, Gage County

Cortland Fest

City-wide Tractor show, car show, children's games, food vendors, crafts, entertainment, parade, ball game and fireworks. 8am-10pm, Free Donelle Moormeier (402) 429-2480 www.cortlandne.com

June 23

Kearney, Buffalo County

27th Annual Wagons West Celebration and Fiddle Contest

Trails & Rails Museum, 710 W. 11th St Celebrate the pioneers' trek through Buffalo County. Listen to some talented fiddle players and enjoy this family-friendly event. 10am-2pm, Free Jennifer Murrish (308) 234-3041 www.bchs.us

June 23

Nebraska City, Otoe County

Juneteenth Celebration

Mayhew Cabin, 2012 4th Corso The oldest known holiday celebrating the end of American slavery. Living history programs, historical speakers and children's activities. Noon-5pm, Donation Bill Hayes (402) 873-3115 www.mayhewcabin.org

June 23

Ponca, Dixon County

Summer Solstice Wine and Cheese Tasting at Ponca State Park

88090 Spur 26E Celebrate the arrival of summer with regional wines, cheeses, breads and live music under the lighted waterfall of the Towers in Time sculpture. (402) 755-2284 www.outdoornebraska.org

June 23

**St. Paul, Howard County
Women's Day Out**

Nature's Acres, 810 Twin Forks Ln A fun day outdoors. Participate in kayaking, shooting sports, archery, outdoor photography and much more. 8:30am-5pm, \$45 Peggy Griffin (308) 750-2018 www.womenintheoutdoors.org

June 23

Unadilla, Otoe County

Unadilla Day and BBQ

City-wide Children's tractor pull, live band, food and more. 8am-8pm, Donation Sheena Kastens (402) 828-5355 www.unadillanebraska.com

June 23-26

Bertrand, Phelps County

Bertrand Days

City-wide Enjoy 4-H events, sand volleyball games, parades, tractor pull, water games and 2 nights of rodeo. Rodeo: \$3-\$7 Jason Whetstine (308) 991-7700 www.bertrandareachamber.com

June 24

Cozad, Dawson County

Robert Henri's 147th Birthday Celebration

Robert Henri Museum, 218 E. 8th St 10am-5pm, Free Jan Patterson (308) 784-4154 www.roberthenrimuseum.org

June 24

Henderson, York County

Garden Tours

Henderson Mennonite Heritage Park, 1/2 mi. S. of I-80 Exit 342 Self guided tours of area gardens. Tickets available at Heritage Park. 4-7pm, \$10 Marjorie Smith (402) 723-5793 www.hendersonheritage.org

June 24

Merriman, Cherry County

Sod House Sunday at Bowring Ranch State Historical Park

NE Hwy 61, 1 1/2 mi. N., 2 mi. E. Old-fashioned fun including a sing-a-long, team penning, children's games, tours, food and entertainment. 8am-5pm, Free Diane Burress (308) 684-3428

June 25-July 2

Omaha, Douglas County

2012 U.S. Olympic Swim Team Trials

CenturyLink Center Omaha, 455 N. 10th St Swimmers compete for a spot on the U.S. Olympic team going to London. (866) 937-6624 www.usaswimming.org

June 26-27

Butte, Boyd County

Pancake Days

Main St Parade, DC Lynch Carnival, tractor pull, games and free pancakes for all! Free Cindy Schroetlin (402) 775-2164 www.buttenebraska.com

June 29-30

Hastings, Adams County

Flatwater Music Festival

Prairie Loft Center for Outdoor & Ag Learning, 4705 DLD Rd A celebration of music, art, culture and fun for all ages. Live concerts, music jams, art and craft vendors, children's activities and more. Fri, 5-11pm; Sat, 11am-11pm, \$10, ages 11 and under free Amy Sandeen (402) 463-0565 www.prairieloft.org

June 29-30

Norfolk, Madison County

Divots Musicfest 2012

Divots DeVent Center, 4200 W. Norfolk Ave Annual music festival with local, regional and national acts performing daily. Daily, 4pm-midnight Shawn Severson (402) 844-2987 www.divotsconcertseries.com

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June 29-July 1

Callaway, Custer County
Pioneer Picnic

City-wide Enjoy the 7 Valleys Rodeo, dance, fun run, parades, trail rides, vintage photos, historical tours and more. Shirley Trout (402) 310-9070
www.callaway-ne.com

June 29-July 1

Petersburg, Boone County
Petersburg Q125

City-wide DC Lynch carnival, BBQ, talent contest, fun run, tours, old time baseball, dance, beer garden, parade and more. (402) 386-5297
www.ci.petersburg.ne.us

June 30

Humboldt, Richardson County

Down Home Working Truck Show
(402) 862-3199

June 30

Nebraska City, Otoe County

Independence Day Celebration

Steinhart Park Lounge for the day in the park. Live music, sweet treats and fireworks. (402) 873-6654
www.nebraskacity.com

June 30

Weeping Water, Cass County

Limestone Independence Day

City-wide Events include BBQ, fireworks display, street dance, duck races, fishing contest, rock olympics and more. 7:30am-midnight, Free Kay Gerdes (402) 267-5152
www.weepingwaternebraska.com

July 1-31

Grand Island, Hall County

The Evolution of an Artist

Prairie Winds Art Center, 112 W. 3rd St Darren Maurer returns to his hometown for a show with his first art teacher, Dee Rodgers. Artist reception July 5, at 5:30pm, Free (308) 381-4001
www.prairiewindsart.com

July 1-31

Madison, Madison County

2012 Rails and Trails Event: Unique Agriculture Exhibit

Madison County Historical Society Museum, 210 W. 3rd St Display of the Madison County Fur Farm, game farm at Enola, farm machinery and Madison County Fair history. Mon-Fri, 1-4pm, Free Carol Robertson (402) 992-1221
www.madisoncountyhistory.org

July 1-4

Neligh, Antelope County

Old Mill Days and 4th of July Celebration

Main St, parks & Antelope County Airport Children's fishing contest, parade, turtle races, pedal tractor contest, vendors, hot rod car races and fireworks. Jake Kifer (402) 649-6004
www.neligh.net

July TBA

Burwell, Garfield County

Nebraska's Big Rodeo and Garfield County Frontier Fair

Rodeo grounds, S. NE Hwys 11 & 19 Homemaking and livestock exhibits, agricultural machinery, commercial vendors and more. Big Rodeo features professional rodeo clowns, riders and cowboys. (308) 346-5010
www.nebraskasbigrodeo.com

July TBA

Exeter, Fillmore County

Fireman's BBQ and Street Dance

Exeter Ave Softball tournament, BBQ, beer garden and dance. (402) 266-2461
www.visitfillmorecounty.org

July TBA

Gering, Scotts Bluff County

Oregon Trail Days Celebration

City-wide Nebraska's oldest continuous celebration featuring parades, entertainment, chili cook-off, international food fair, regional art shows, craft fairs, and a bike race up Scotts Bluff National Monument. Free (308) 631-9976
www.oregontraildays.com

July/Aug TBA

Aurora, Hamilton County

Hamilton County Fair

Fairgrounds (402) 694-6911
www.auroranebraska.com

July-Oct

Cozad, Dawson County

Farmers Market

Downtown 7:30-10am, Free Sandra Bappe (308) 784-3930
www.cozadnebraska.net

July-Oct

Superior, Nuckolls County

Farmers Market

6th & Idaho Sts Locally grown foods and homemade items. Fridays, 5-8pm Richard Nelson (402) 879-7708
www.cityofsuperior.org

July-Sep

Sidney, Cheyenne County

Farmers Market

10th & Hickory Sts Saturdays. 8am-11am, Free Brenda Rusk (308) 249-3779
sidneycheyennecountytourism.com

July 3

Cozad, Dawson County

Bands, Brews & BBQ

Downtown Street festival including assorted vendors, live bands, talent show, crafters in the park and children's activities. (308) 784-3930
www.cozadnebraska.net

July 3

York, York County

Firecracker Frenzy

County fairgrounds York's official Independence Day Celebration features entertainment, children's activities and spectacular fireworks display. 8-11pm, Free Todd Kirshenbaum (402) 362-5531
www.yorkchamber.org

July 3-4

Ainsworth, Brown County

Meadville 4th of July Celebration

N. on NE Hwy 7 from Ainsworth Trail ride, parade, fireworks display, BBQ and dance. Mike Gering (402) 497-2440

July 3-4

Geneva, Fillmore County

Discover Geneva Patriotism

Downtown & fairgrounds Games, contests, entertainment and a spectacular fireworks display. Tom Ortgies (402) 759-4280
www.cityofgeneva.org

July 3-4

Gothenburg, Dawson County

Pony Express Rodeo

Rodeo arena, 27th & Lake Ave Mutton busting, steer wrestling, bronc riding, and calf roping. Fireworks display and BBQ. Rodeo begins at 7pm, \$5-\$8 Jared Slagle (308) 529-2139
www.gothenburgdelivers.com

July 3-4

Lyons, Burt County

Bluegrass Festival

Brink Park, 100 Main St Enjoy music, parade, children's games, antique tractor show, sports tournaments, fireworks, food and contests. Free (402) 687-2485
www.cityoflyons.net

July 3-4

Sutherland, Lincoln County

July 4th Celebration and Rodeo

Rodeo grounds & downtown Enjoy rodeo competitions along with 4th of July activities. (308) 386-4721
www.ci.sutherland.ne.us

July 4

Aurora, Hamilton County

Hamilton County 4th of July Fireworks Display

Hamilton County Fairgrounds, 8th & A Sts Free (402) 694-6911
www.auroranebraska.com

July 4

Brownville, Nemaha County

Freedom Day Celebration

Main St & riverfront area Take part in the 5K, 10K or 1/2 marathon or enjoy the dog show, parade, concert, fireworks display and river boat cruises. 6am-dusk, Free Bob Chitwood (402) 825-3591
www.brownville-ne.com

July 4

Chambers, Holt County

4th of July Celebration

City-wide Parade, digital dare, turtle races, BBQ, talent show, games, fireworks and more. (402) 336-1504
www.holtcountynebraska.com

July 4

Ewing, Holt County

4th of July Celebration

City-wide Fireworks, water fights, games, BBQ and more. (402) 336-1504
www.holtcountynebraska.com

July 4

Fairbury, Jefferson County

Shriners Annual July 4th Flea Market

City park, 5th & Maple Sts Hundreds of vendors fill the park. Food court, parade and fireworks display. (402) 729-3221
www.fairbury.com

July 4

Grand Island, Hall County

1892 Independence Day Celebration

Stuhr Museum of the Prairie Pioneer, 3133 W. US Hwy 34 Enjoy a parade down the center of Railroad Town, a patriotic program, pie eating contest and more all-American family fun. 9am-5pm, \$8-\$10 Mike Bockoven (308) 385-5316
www.stuhrmuseum.org

July 4

Hastings, Adams County

4th of July Children's Parade

Fisher Fountain Hosted by the YWCA. Parade and games for all ages. 10:30am, Free (402) 462-8821

July 4

Humboldt, Richardson County

4th of July Celebration

City-wide Mud volleyball tournament, softball tournament, fire truck rides, water fights, children's games, BBQ and fireworks display. Sandy Stalder (402) 862-2821
www.ci.humboldt.ne.us

July 4

Lodgepole, Cheyenne County

4th of July Fireworks

Ball fields Enjoy the fireworks and softball game. Free (308) 483-5353

July 4

Ogallala, Keith County

4th of July Celebration

Sportsman Complex Enjoy one of the biggest fireworks display in western Nebraska. (308) 284-4066

Listing of Events by Month

July 4

Seward, Seward County

Annual Celebration in Nebraska's Official 4th of July City

City-wide Award-winning family event featuring a grand parade, car show, food alley, live entertainment, craft show, fireworks and more. 7am-10pm, Free (402) 643-4189
www.julyfourthseward.com

July 4

Stuart, Holt County

4th of July Celebration

City-wide Parade, street dance, picnic and games in the park for all ages. Stock car races and fireworks display in the evening. (402) 336-1504
www.stuartne.com

July 4

Superior, Nuckolls County

Firecracker Run

City park, 501 E. 7th Take part in the 10K, 2 mile run, 1 mile children's run or 1 mile fun run/walk for all ages. Race begins at 7:45am (402) 879-4774
www.cityofsuperior.org

July 5-7

Diller, Jefferson County

Diller Picnic

Commercial St Southeast Nebraska's largest community festival. Mud drags, tractor pulls, carnival, street dance, parade and more. Leatha Christ (402) 793-5991 www.dillerpicnic.com

July 6

Lincoln, Lancaster County

First Friday's Main Gallery Exhibit: P. Scarborough and S. Ohmberger

Burkholder Project, 719 P St Check website for additional gallery exhibits and details. 7-9pm, Free Lisa Holmquist (402) 477-3305
www.burkholderproject.com

July 6-8

Niobrara, Knox County

14th Annual Bridging the Shores Celebration

Main St Car cruising and show, museum tours, games and outdoor dance. (402) 857-3838
www.niobararane.com

July 6-Oct 28

Lincoln, Lancaster County

Exhibition: Studio Art Quilt Associate's 20th Anniversary Trunk Show

International Quilt Study Center & Museum, 1523 N. 33rd St Featuring selections by juried artists demonstrating innovation in the contemporary art quilt form. Tue-Sat, 10am-4pm; Sun, 1-4pm, \$3-\$6, ages 4 and under free (402) 472-7232
www.quiltstudy.org

July 7

Ogallala, Keith County

Demolition Derby

Keith County Fairgrounds Troy Malone (308) 289-4991

July 7-29

York, York County

Farm Life Activities of the 1920s

Wessels Living History Farm, 1 mi. S. of I-80 Exit 353 on Hwy 81 Enjoy life on the farm with a variety of activities each weekend. Sat, 10am-4:30pm; Sun, 1-4:30pm, \$2-\$5 Dale Clark (402) 710-0682
www.livinghistoryfarm.org

July 7-8

Syracuse, Otoe County

GermanFest

Downtown on 5th St Celebrate German heritage. German dancers and singers, veiner dog races, ribfest, 2 block beer garden and more. Rhae Werner (402) 269-7489 www.syracusene.com

July 8

Funk, Phelps County

Funk Festival of Cupcakes

Funk School Community Center Professionals, amateurs and talented kids showcase their baking skills in the Cupcake Capitol of Nebraska! Cupcake decorating, homemade ice cream, judging and prizes. 2-4pm, Donation Mona Peterson (308) 991-2895

June 8-10

Milligan, Fillmore County

25th Annual June Jubilee

Main St Festival with dances, parade, contests, entertainment, BBQ, beer garden and softball tournament. Scott Oliva (402) 629-4446
www.milliganne.org

July 10-15

Madison, Madison County

Madison County Fair and Rodeo

Fairgrounds Enjoy 3 nights of rodeo, concerts, carnival, exhibits, food and fun for the entire family. Linda Haack (402) 454-2144
www.madisoncountyfair.com

July 12-15

Auburn, Nemaha County

Nemaha County Fair

Fairgrounds on Hwy 75 (402) 274-3342
www.nebraskafairs.org

July 12-15

Broken Bow, Custer County

Crazy Days Celebration

City-wide Vendors, DC Lynch carnival, run/walk/bike event, BBQ, beer garden and live bands. (308) 872-5691 www.brokenbow-ne.com

July 12-15

Comstock, Custer County

Comstock Rock Fest

46095 Sargent Ord Rd Nebraska's party in the pasture. Four day music festival with your favorite rock artists. Camping available. Glenn Zacek (308) 225-4843 www.comstockmusicfestivals.com

July 12-Sep 27

Gothenburg, Dawson County

Farmers Market

Lake Ave Thursdays, 4:30-6:30pm, Free Anne Anderson (308) 537-3505
www.gothenburgdelivers.com

July 13-14

Arnold, Custer County

South Loup River Blues Festival

Old Mill Park Internationally and nationally-known blues artists in a relaxed atmosphere. Free primitive camping available. Fri show, 8pm; Sat, events begin at noon David J Birnie (800) 584-9336
www.southloupbluesfest.com

July 13-14

Henderson, York County

Community Days & Q125 Celebration

City-wide Fun-filled weekend including a show and shine car show, semi-pro invitational art show, 5K and 10K races, parade, pancake feed and more. Free Kelsey Bergen (402) 723-4228
www.cityofhenderson.org/cdays.pdf

July 13-15

Chadron, Dawes County

Fur Trade Days

City-wide A celebration of history, heritage, education, agriculture and more. Bucksinner's rendezvous, BBQ, contests, classic car show and much more. (308) 432-3149 www.chadron.com

July 13-15

Fairmont, Fillmore County

Old Settlers Picnic

Downtown Parade, BBQ, children's games, poker run, lawn mower races and more. Lindsey Komenda (402) 366-1556
www.visitfillmorecounty.org

July 13-15

Fremont, Dodge County

John C. Fremont Days

400 E. Military Ave Community festival celebrating the history of Fremont and its namesake, John C. Fremont. Activities for all ages including crafts, vendors, historic encampments, tours, concerts and more. Jeff Hoffman (402) 727-9428
www.johncfremontdays.com

July 13-15

Wayne, Wayne County

32nd Annual Wayne Chicken Show

City-wide "Egg" citing activities for all! National Cluck-Off, World's Largest Chicken Dance, children's games, omelet feed, fireworks and live entertainment. Irene Fletcher (402) 375-2240
www.chickenshow.com

July 14-15

Hastings, Adams County

29th Annual Antique and Collectors Show

Dyer Park, 8 mi. S. of Hastings on US Hwy 281 Featuring tractor pulls, flea market, concessions, small engines and continuous music. Annual tractor drive will be July 13th in the afternoon. Sat, 7am-9pm; Sun, 7am-5p, \$5, ages 10 and under free admission Donna Babcock (402) 469-4455
www.pvama.org

July 14-19

Minden, Kearney County

Kearney County Fair

Kearney County Fairgrounds, N. NE Hwy 10 Free (308) 832-0645 www.mindenne.org

July 15

Grand Island, Hall County

Art in the Park

Stolley Park Live entertainment, food vendors and artists displaying and selling their work. 9am-5pm, Free Jean Cook (308) 382-5591

July 15

Stanton, Stanton County

HerbFest 2012

Red Road Herbs, 57190 Stanton Shortcut (835th Rd) A celebration of health and harmony! Dining tent, food vendors, crafts, medicine-making workshops, yoga, meditation, children's activities, herb garden tours and more. 9am-6pm, Free Rachel Liester (402) 640-0744 www.redroadherbs.com

July 15-21

Lincoln, Lancaster County

USA Roller Sports Inline Speed Skating Championships

Pershing Center, 226 Centennial Mall S. (402) 483-7551 www.usarollersports.org

July 16-19

Grand Island, Hall County

State 4-H Horse Show

Fonner Park, 700 E. Stolley Park Rd Qualifiers from across the state compete for the honor of winning best in the state in their class. Kathy Anderson (402) 472-6414 www.4h.unl.edu

July 17-22

Omaha, Douglas County

Red Sky Music Festival

TD Ameritrade Park (402) 341-1500
www.redskyfestival.com

Listing of Events by Month

- July 18-22**
Grand Island, Hall County
Hall County Fair
Fonner Park, 700 E. Stolley Park Rd Concerts, rides, 4-H events and more. Corby Flagle (308) 379-1653 www.hallcountyfair.com
- July 18-22**
Hartington, Cedar County
Cedar County Fair
Fairgrounds (402) 254-3521 www.cedarcountyfair.net
- July 18-22**
Kearney, Buffalo County
Cruise Nite Weekend
City-wide Four days of fun-filled activities including show and shines, parade, drag races, collectible car auction, live bands and more. Brad Kernick (308) 440-2941 www.cruisenitekearney.com
- July 20-21**
Ogallala, Keith County
Relay for Life
North Park Roxann Hevelone (308) 289-1800 www.visitogallala.com
- July 20-22**
Omaha, Douglas County
The O Fest
Shoppes of Legacy, 168th & Center Festival of great foods and live entertainment. Local acts, craft displays, children's activities and wine garden. Sample more than 20 craft brews and hear great music. Fri, 5-11pm; Sat, 11am-11pm; Sun, 11am-8pm, Free (402) 346-8003 www.showofficeonline.com
- July 20-29**
Lincoln, Lancaster County
Cornhusker State Games
Various venues throughout town Multi-sport athletic festival with competition in more than 60 sports. State-wide torch run and olympic-style opening ceremonies. (402) 471-2544 www.cornhuskerstategames.com
- July 21**
Carroll, Wayne County
Truck and Tractor Pull
- July 21-22**
Waverly, Lancaster County
Camp Creek Antique Machinery and Threshing Show
17550 Bluff Rd Experience the way life used to be. Demonstrations of corn shelling, buttermaking, threshing, plowing and more. Farm equipment, flea market, tractor pulls, parade and fun activities. Daily, 6am-5pm, \$7 Rich Hartz (402) 421-6442 www.ccthreshers.org
- July 22-26**
Holdrege, Phelps County
Phelps County Fair
Fairgrounds, 1308 2nd St Bullriding, mutton busting, demolition derby, carnival and more. Free Elaine Redfern (308) 995-6319 www.holdrege.org
- July 22-Aug 5**
Lincoln, Lancaster County
USA Roller Sports Artistic Figure Skating Championships
Pershing Center, 226 Centennial Mall S. (402) 483-7551 www.usarollersports.org
- July 23-28**
Humboldt, Richardson County
Richardson County 4-H Fair
Fairgrounds Youth 4-H exhibits and projects. (402) 245-4324 www.richardson.unl.edu
- July 23-30**
Sidney, Cheyenne County
Cheyenne County Fair and Rodeo
Fairgrounds, 10955 US Hwy 30 Rodeo, bull riding, exhibits, demo derby, carnival and more. 8am-11pm (308) 254-4030 www.cheyennecountychamber.com
- July 23-Aug 25**
North Platte, Lincoln County
Journey Stories, a Smithsonian Exhibition
Lincoln County Historical Museum Smithsonian traveling exhibit showing how America's evolving mobility changed a young nation and how transportation made us grow. James Griffin (308) 534-5640 www.nebraskahumanities.org
- July 25-29**
Beatrice, Gage County
Gage County Fair and Expo
Fairgrounds, 1115 W. Scott St Livestock judging, crafts, carnival and big-name entertainment. (402) 223-3247 www.gagecountyfair.com
- July 25-29**
Thedford, Thomas County
Thomas County Fair and Q125 Celebration
Fairgrounds Bull fest, BBQ, parade, concert, games, fishing tournament, turtle races and more. Alice Hodges (308) 645-2646 www.tourthomascountynebraska.com
- July 25-30**
North Platte, Lincoln County
Lincoln County Fair
Fairgrounds, 5015 Rodeo Rd A showcase of Lincoln County along with accomplishments in agriculture, 4-H and youth activities. Ericka Banks (308) 534-8191 www.lincofair.com
- July 26**
West Point, Cuming County
Dog Daze of Summer Dog Show
131 N. Main St Five categories: best dressed, best matched to owner, best groomed, scruffiest and best trick. Human bark off and concessions. 6:30pm, Free Tina Welding (402) 372-2981 www.westpointchamber.com
- July 26-28**
Wahoo, Saunders County
58th Annual Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association Rodeo
Featuring cowboys and cowgirls from 10 states and some of the best western entertainment acts in the country. 8pm nightly www.wahoosaddleclub.com
- July 26-29**
Wayne, Wayne County
Wayne County Fair
Fairgrounds, W. on Hwy 35 (402) 375-3462 www.thewaynecountyfair.com
- July 27-Aug 3**
Chadron, Dawes County
Dawes County Fair
Fairgrounds 4-H exhibits, tractor pulls, children's rodeo and more. Free (308) 432-6705 www.chadron.com
- July 28**
Cambridge, Furnas County
Concerts on the Creek
72184 Cross Creek Rd Enjoy a wonderful evening of fine food and chamber music over looking the Republican River Valley. Featuring the Nebraska Chair Chamber Players. 5-8:30pm, \$35 Becky Van de Bogart (402) 429-8227 www.nebraskachamberplayers.org
- July 28**
Falls City, Richardson County
Triathlon
City-wide (402) 245-2851 www.fallscitynebraska.org
- July 28**
Norfolk, Madison County
18th Annual Literature Festival
Lifelong Learning Center, 801 E. Benjamin Ave Presented by Norfolk Public Library. Featuring nationally-known authors, book reviews, book displays and sales, autograph sessions and more. 9am-4pm, \$7.50 children, \$30 adults Karen Drevo (402) 844-2108 www.ci.norfolk.ne.us/library
- July 28**
Ogallala, Keith County
4th Annual Dam Run
Lake Ogallala Take part in the 5K/1M fun run/walk. Kendra Caskey (308) 726-2626 www.visitogallala.com
- July 28-Dec 31**
Lincoln, Lancaster County
Exhibition: Covering the War - American Quilts in Times of Conflict
International Quilt Study Center & Museum, 1523 N. 33rd St Presenting quilts that reveal the larger stories of women's lives in war-time and the American homefront culture. Tue-Sat, 10am-4pm; Sun, 1-4pm, \$3-\$6 (402) 472-7232 www.quiltstudy.org
- July 31-Aug 5**
Neligh, Antelope County
Antelope County Fair
Fairgrounds Paintball tournaments, ranch rodeo, 4-H and FFA events, Bull-a-Rama, ATV mud drag, demolition derby and more. (402) 887-5252 www.antelopecofair.com
- Aug**
Imperial, Chase County
Chase County Fair and Expo
Fairgrounds, 560 Park St Western Nebraska's grandest fair with events including live concerts by top country artists, carnival, demolition derby, exhibits and more. (800) 472-3247 www.chasecountyfair.com
- Aug 1-31**
Grand Island, Hall County
Reflections
Prairie Winds Art Center, 112 W. 3rd St An exciting, colorful show reflecting the fun loving spirits of Libby Henry and Donna Ryan. Reception Aug 3 at 5:30pm, Free (308) 381-4001 www.prairiewindsart.com
- Aug 1-31**
Madison, Madison County
2012 Rails and Trails Event: Rural Schools and Platting of Counties Exhibit
Madison County Historical Society Museum, 210 W. 3rd St Learn of rural school creations after county government became organized and how counties were named. Mon-Fri, 1-4pm, Free (402) 992-1221 www.madisoncountyhistory.org
- Aug 1-5**
Harrison, Sioux County
Sioux County Fair
Sioux County Fairgrounds Enjoy 5 days of good old-fashioned fun with 4-H shows, 2 rodeo performances and dances. Marlena Griesse (308) 668-2428 www.visitnorthwestnebraska.com

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Aug 1-5

Springfield, Sarpy County

Sarpy County Fair

100 Main St Tractor and pickup pulls, Mid-States Rodeo, demolition derby, entertainment and more. Free Rich Jansen (402) 253-2453
www.sarpyfair.com

Aug TBA

Chambers, Holt County

Holt County Fair and Rodeo

Fairgrounds 4-H, rodeo and fair activities for all ages. (402) 336-1504 www.holtcountyfair.net

Aug TBA

Howells, Colfax County

Knights of Columbus Antique and Kiddie Tractor Pull

City-wide Enjoy the entertainment and BBQ. (402) 986-1288

Aug TBA

Omaha, Douglas County

Avenue Q

SNAP! Productions, 3225 California St A laugh-out-loud musical that tells the timeless story of a recent college grad named Princeton who moves into a shabby New York apartment all the way out on Avenue Q. (402) 341-2757
www.snapproductions.com

Aug TBA

Valentine, Cherry County

Nebraska Star Party

Snake River Campground - Merritt Reservoir, 27 mi. S.W. of Valentine Six nights of astronomical observing at one of the premier star parties in the country. Beginner friendly for those interested in the hobby of amateur astronomy. (402) 491-3502
www.nebraskastarparty.org

Aug 2

Omaha, Douglas County

FOOZ: Critter Ride

Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo, 3701 S. 10th St Bring your bike and ride through the zoo during this family-fun event. Dinner, refreshments and special animal encounters. 6:30-8:30pm, \$15 Steph Husman (402) 738-2047 www.omahazoo.com

Aug 2-4

Comstock, Custer County

Comstock Christian Fest

Sargent Ord Rd Nebraska's party in the pasture. A 3-day all star Christian music festival. Camping available. (308) 225-4843
www.comstockmusicfestivals.com

Aug 2-4

Spencer, Boyd County

Boyd County Fair

Fairgrounds, 205 N. Logan St Janet Classen (402) 589-1421 www.nebraskafairs.org

Aug 2-5

Nebraska City, Otoe County

Lemon Days

Downtown Lemonade stand competitions featuring a variety of lemon products. Bring a pal for bargain hunting and sample fine lemon treats. Free (402) 873-6654 www.nebraskacity.com

Aug 2-5

Scribner, Dodge County

Dodge County Fair

Fairgrounds www.dodgecountyfair.org

Aug 3

Lincoln, Lancaster County

First Friday's Main Gallery Exhibit: R. Markoff and T. Redman

Burkholder Project, 719 P St Check website for additional gallery exhibits and details. 7-9pm, Free Lisa Holmquist (402) 477-3305
www.burkholderproject.com

Aug 3-4

Falls City, Richardson County

Jaycees Tractor Pull & Demolition Derby

Jaycees Community Field Tractor pull on Saturday, demolition derby on Sunday. Fri, 6:30pm; Sat, 6pm, \$3-\$10 Stacey Bailey (402) 883-7009
sites.google.com/site/fallscityjaycees

Aug 3-5

Atkinson, Holt County

Hay Days

City-wide Children's theater, games in the park, vendors, exhibits, antiques and crafts, tractor show, dance and more. Cindy Poessnecker (402) 925-2037 www.atkinsonne.com

Aug 3-5

Bellwood, Butler County

Bellwood Daze

Main St Burger bash, Polka band, ATV pull, children's tractor pull, street dance, games, rides and more. 7am-1am Louis Oborny (402) 538-4505
www.bellwoodnebraska.com

Aug 3-5

Brady, Lincoln County

Brady Days

City-wide Old-fashioned, fun-filled family events including a parade, turtle races, street dance and more. (308) 584-3316 www.villageofbrady.com

Aug 3-5

Red Cloud, Webster County

Street Car Days

City-wide Featuring entertainers at the city park, sports competitions, parade, face painting, sidewalk chalk art, wine tastings, BBQ, vendors and more! (402) 746-3238 www.redcloudnebraska.com

Aug 3-5

Wilber, Saline County

Wilber Czech Festival

City-wide Czech dancing and music, authentic food and costumes, bands, 3 parades and contests in the Czech Capital of Nebraska. 10am-10pm, Free Mary Jean Keller (888) 494-5237
www.nebraskaczehsofwilber.com

Aug 3-6

York, York County

York County Fair

Fairgrounds, 2345 N. Nebraska Ave Rich Hankel (402) 362-4411 www.yorkcountyfair.com

Aug 4

Bancroft, Cuming County

4th Annual Neihardt Beer Fest

Country Pub, 409 Main St Craft and micro brews, food, fun and music to benefit the Neihardt Historic Site. 6:30-9pm, \$20 Nancy Gillis (402) 648-3388
www.neihardtcenter.org

Aug 4

Grand Island, Hall County

Grand Theatre Car Show

316 W. 3rd St Be a spectator or bring your classic car or motorcycle to show off. Free movie passes to all that enter the show, free hot dogs and chips to all who attend. 5-9pm, Free Craig Hand (308) 381-1225 www.grandmovietheatre.com

Aug 4

Hastings, Adams County

Nebraska Christian Music Festival

Brickyard Park More than a dozen artists performing all day in the outdoor amphitheater. Food vendors and a family-friendly festival atmosphere. 10:30am-10pm, \$5 Bob Sullivan (402) 469-5149
www.nebraskacmf.org

Aug 4

Nebraska City, Otoe County

Wine Under the Pines

Kimmel Orchard, 5995 G Rd A celebration of wine, craft beer, BBQ and music from southeast Nebraska. Grape stomp, live music, cooking demonstrations and more. Noon-8pm, \$10 Erik Olson (402) 209-1748 www.wineunderthepines.org

Aug 4-12

Hemingford, Box Butte County

Box Butte County Fair

Fairgrounds (308) 487-5223 www.bbcfair.com

Aug 4-5

Ponca, Dixon County

Nifty 50s Celebration

Downtown BBQ, concert, mud run, car show, children's activities, talent show, street dance and more. (402) 755-4285 www.visitponca.com

Aug 5

Bancroft, Cuming County

47th Annual Neihardt Day

Neihardt Historic Site, 306 W. Elm St Celebration of the life and work of Nebraska's Poet Laureate. Readings, presentations and exhibits. Noon-4pm, Free Nancy Gillis (402) 648-3388
www.neihardtcenter.org

Aug 7-12

Ogallala, Keith County

Keith County Fair

Fairgrounds Entertainment, exhibits, carnival, parade and more. (308) 284-4066
www.keithcountyfair.com

Aug 8-11

Taylor, Loup County

Loup County Fair

Loup County Fairgrounds (308) 942-6223
www.taylornebraska.com

Aug 9-11

Dewitt, Saline County

19th Annual Country Gospel Sing

Community center Community meal on Thursday followed by gospel singing all 3 days. Thu singing 6-10pm; Fri, 1-10pm; Sat, 10am-10pm Janet McIntosh (402) 683-3635

Aug 9-12

Bloomfield, Knox County

Knox County Fair

Fairgrounds, 612 1/2 E. Main St Featuring big names in music, agricultural displays, carnival and more. \$10 Jerry Nipp (402) 373-4655
www.knoxcountyfairgrounds.com

Aug 9-12

Lincoln, Lancaster County

Capital City Ribfest

Pershing Center, 226 Centennial Mall S. Street festival featuring America's best BBQ from vendors across the country and a variety of live music. Thu-Sat, 11am-midnight; Sun, 11am-3pm Derek Andersen (402) 441-8744 www.pershingcenter.com

Aug 9-12

West Point, Cuming County

Cuming County Fair

Fairgrounds (402) 372-2981
www.cumingcountyfair.com

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- Aug 10-11**
Arnold, Custer County
Sandhills Open Road Challenge (S.O.R.C.)
Roadways between Arnold and Callaway Open road racing with a 1-mile shootout, burn-out contest, parade and car show. Shoot-out at 8am, S.O.R.C. at 8:30am, Free for spectators Becky Dailey (308) 848-2522 www.sorcrace.com
- Aug 10-11**
Omaha, Douglas County
Nebraska Balloon and Wine Festival
Coventry Campus, 204th & Q St Enjoy award winning wine, live music and a hot air balloon launch. Daily, 5-11pm, \$7, special packages for tastings and food (402) 346-8003 www.showofficeonline.com
- Aug 10-12**
Hastings, Adams County
Kool-Aid Days
City-wide World's largest Kool-Aid stand, live entertainment, giant inflatables, cardboard boat races, classic car rally, disc golf, fireworks display and more. Fri, 4-9pm; Sat, 8am-10:30pm; Sun, 9am-6pm Pam Bohmfalk (800) 967-2189 www.kool-aiddays.com
- Aug 11**
Fort Calhoun, Washington County
Tractors Tall and Small IV
Washington County Museum, 102 N. 14th St Toy tractors, pedal tractors and all things farm and tractor related. Vendors, museum tours and activities for all ages. 9am-4pm, Free Judy Rohwer (402) 426-5879 www.newwashcohist.org
- Aug 11**
Indianola, Red Willow County
Old Settlers Celebration
City-wide Family celebration including a parade, road race, paintball tournament, kiddie carnival, frog jumping contest and more. Ann Teel (308) 364-9281 indianolane.com
- Aug 11**
Petersburg, Boone County
Bash in the Burg
Main St BBQ cook-off, brew and breads competition, fun run, street dance and children's activities. Events begin at 8am Rob Miller (402) 843-0498 www.ci.petersburg.ne.us
- Aug 11**
Ponca, Dixon County
Shooting Sports Skills Day Camp at Ponca State Park
88090 Spur 26E Hone your shooting techniques using various firearms and bows in different settings. 9am-4pm Jennifer Wolff (402) 755-2284 www.outdoornebraska.org
- Aug 11-12**
Bridgeport, Morrill County
86th Annual Greek Festival
Prairie Winds Community Center Authentic Greek foods, dancing and music and other activities. Sat, 4:30-10:30pm; Sun, noon-3:30pm, Free Steve Plummer (308) 262-0281
- Aug 11-12**
Grand Island, Hall County
Back to School in Railroad Town
Stuhr Museum of the Prairie Pioneer, 3133 W. US Hwy 34 The Peters School is the site of this popular event where reading, writing and arithmetic are the focus. 9am-5pm, \$8-\$10 Mike Bockoven (308) 385-5316 www.stuhrmuseum.org
- Aug 12**
Broken Bow, Custer County
Demolition Derby
Custer County Fairgrounds 6:30pm (308) 872-5691 www.brokenbow-ne.com
- Aug 12**
David City, Butler County
Annual Art and Poetry
Bone Creek Museum of Agrarian Art, 575 E St Explore the combination of inspiring art and poetry as renown poets gather at the museum for a poetry reading. 2-5pm, Free Amanda Mobley (402) 367-4488 www.bonecreek.org
- Aug 12**
Sterling, Johnson County
30th Annual Deer Creek Sodbusters Antique Machinery Show
72927 610 Ave, 4 1/2 mi. S. of Sterling Featuring threshing, corn shelling, field harvest demonstrations, plowing, draft horses, steam and gas engines, antique tractor displays, flea market and more. Events begin at 8am., \$5 Robert Wolff (402) 239-2307 www.deercreeksodbusters.org
- Aug 12**
York, York County
Living History Day
Wessels Living History Farm, 1 mi S. of I-80 Exit 353 Farm demonstrations, crafts, wagon rides, cooking, sewing, blacksmithing and daily activities of the 1920s. 1-4pm, \$2-\$5 Dale Clark (402) 710-0682 www.livinghistoryfarm.org
- Aug 16-19**
Columbus, Platte County
Columbus Days - Discover the Music, the Food, the Fun!
Downtown The biggest block party in Nebraska! Dual stage entertainment, car show, ribfest, inflatable midway, turtle races, dachshund dog races, foam dance party, parade and more. Free Sandie Fischer (402) 564-2769 www.thecolumbuspage.com
- Aug 17-18**
Wisner, Cuming County
Thunder by the River Truck and Tractor Pull
Wisner River Park Extreme Nationals truck and tractor pull with more than \$87,000 in prize money. Fri, 6:30pm; Sat, 12:30 & 5:30pm, \$5-\$22 (402) 529-3212 www.thunderbytheriver.com
- Aug 17-19**
Petersburg, Boone County
Petersburg Fire Department Trailride
E. of town Tina Henn (402) 386-5327
- Aug 18**
Bushnell, Kimball County
Bushnell Days
City-wide Parade, entertainment, craft fair, food, raffles and more. 7:30am-9pm, Free Jamie Carpenter (308) 230-0683 www.bushnellnebraska.com
- Aug 18**
Maxwell, Lincoln County
Heritage Day
City-wide Fun events including a parade, team race, draft horse pull and obstacle course. (308) 582-4324
- Aug 19**
Grand Island, Hall County
Sunday Afternoon with Tom and Huck
Stuhr Museum of the Prairie Pioneer, 3133 W. US Hwy 34 Stuhr's Hornady Family Arbor is the site of this summer celebration including fishing in the pond, wooden boat race, watermelon seed spitting and specialty foods. noon-5pm, \$8-\$10 Mike Bockoven (308) 385-5316 www.stuhrmuseum.org
- Aug 19**
Omaha, Douglas County
Corporate Cycling Challenge
Heartland of America Park, 8th & Farnam Sts Nebraska's largest 1-day cycling event! Including 3 routes: 10, 25 and 42 miles long. 8am Bob Mancuso (402) 346-8003 www.corporatecycling.com
- Aug 23-26**
Falls City, Richardson County
Cobblestone Festival
City-wide (402) 245-2851 www.fallscitynebraska.org
- Aug 24**
Gothenburg, Dawson County
8th Annual Ag Tasting
Stone Hearth Estates, 110 20th St Enjoy delicious wine and beer, mouth-watering Nebraska beef and pork along with luscious desserts. 6-9pm, \$20 Anne Anderson (308) 537-3505 www.gothenburgdelivers.com
- Aug 24**
Pleasanton, Buffalo County
2nd Annual Pioneer Cup Golf Tournament at Prairie Hills Golf Course
10 Muirfield Dr 10am, \$260/team Jennifer Murrish (308) 234-3041 www.bchs.us
- Aug 24-26**
North Loup, Valley County
Popcorn Days
City-wide The oldest continuous running celebration in Nebraska. Parades, carnival, Polka, watermelon feed, tractor pulls, talent shows, flea market and all the free popcorn you can eat! Larry White (308) 219-0297 www.popcorndays.co.nr
- Aug 24-Sep 3**
Grand Island, Hall County
Nebraska State Fair
Heartland Events Center, 700 E. Stolley Park Rd 4-H shows, exhibits, concerts and more. (308) 382-1620 www.statefair.org
- Aug 25**
Hershey, Lincoln County
Fall Festival
City-wide Morning parade, BBQ, antique tractor pull and dance. (308) 368-5555
- Aug 25-26**
Bellevue, Sarpy County
Defenders of Freedom Air Show and Open House
Offutt Airforce Base 9am-5pm, Free (402) 232-8787 www.offuttairshow.com
- Aug 25-26**
Papillion, Sarpy County
Midlands Pirate Festival
Bellevue Berry & Pumpkin Ranch, 11001 S. 48th St A stranded pirate ship, fully stocked pirate tavern, treasure cave, shopping, hands-on activities and the finest festival gruel. 11am-6pm, \$10 Ed Schaefer (402) 331-5500 www.bellevueberryfarm.com
- Aug 25-26**
Petersburg, Boone County
Nebraska State Antique Tractor and Horse Plowing Bee
1 mi. W., 1/2 mi. N., 1/2 mi. W. Old thresher's reunion, flea market, authentic working displays and auction. Tractor Cade begins Friday, Aug 24. 9am, \$5 Babette Garder (402) 386-5621 www.raevalley.org

Listing of Events by Month

Aug 28-Oct 28

Plattsmouth, Cass County

Farm Life and Harvest Exhibit

Cass County Historical Museum, 646 Main St
Paintings and photographs relating to farm life in
Cass County. Tue-Sun, noon-4pm, \$2.50 (402) 296-
4770
www.nebraskamuseum.org/casscountymuseum.htm

Aug 31-Sep 2

Potter, Cheyenne County

Potter Days

Downtown and Community hall Parade, BBQ, crafts,
music, street dance and more. (308) 879-9449
www.potterne.com

Sep 1

Shubert, Richardson County

**Aerial Fireworks Display at Indian Cave State
Park**

2 mi. N. and 5 mi. E. of town 9pm, Park entry permit
required Jan Alexander (402) 883-2575
www.outdoornebraska.org

Sep 1-2

Callaway, Custer County

22nd Annual Kite Flight

Smith Field, NE Hwy 40, 3 mi. S.E. of town Open to
professional and hobby flyers. Great family outing,
sit back and enjoy the view. \$2 Gayle Pitkin (402)
836-2855 www.callawaykiteflight.com

Sep 1-2

Lexington, Dawson County

26th Annual Labor Day Weekend Extravaganza

Dawson County Fairgrounds, 1000 Plum Creek
Pkwy Antiques, crafts and flea market. Fri, 6-
8:30pm; Sat, 9am-6pm; Sun, 9am-4pm Julie Harns
(308) 324-5504 www.visitlexington.org

Sep 1-2

Ogallala, Keith County

Mac Attack Regatta

Lake McConaughy (308) 980-0591
www.visitogallala.com

Sep 1-29

Springfield, Sarpy County

Wild Animal Parade

Springfield Artworks, 183 Main St A glass art exhibit
featuring wild animals on parade. Tue-Fri, 1-5pm;
Sat, 11am-4:30pm (402) 301-9162
www.springfieldartworks.com

Sep 1-3

Ainsworth, Brown County

**Meadville Store Labor Day Music and ATV
Festival**

N. on NE Hwy 7 from Ainsworth ATV pull and poker
run followed by an outdoor music festival. (402)
497-2440

Sep 1-3

Arcadia, Valley County

Fall Festival

City-wide Fun run/walk, ranch rodeo, children's
games, demolition derby, parade and more. (308)
789-6552 www.arcadiane.com

Sep 1-3

Grand Island, Hall County

Arts & Craft Show

Conestoga Mall Melissa Griffith (308) 382-7463
www.shopconestogamall.com

Sep 1-3

Grand Island, Hall County

1892 Agricultural Fair

Sturh Museum, 3133 W. Hwy 34 Celebrate the
Nebraska State Fair with a county fair from the
1890s. Events include agriculture demonstrations,
band concerts, midway games and more. 10am-
5pm, \$8-\$10 Mike Bockoven (308) 385-5316
www.sturhmuseum.org

Sep 1-3

Paxton, Keith County

Labor Day Celebration

City-wide (308) 284-4066

Sep 1-3

Schuyler, Colfax County

Schuyler Labor Day Celebration

City-wide Fireworks, street dance, road run/walk,
carnival, entertainment, food stands, children's
activities, parade and more. Free (402) 352-5472
www.schuylerne.net

Sep 1-30

Grand Island, Hall County

Inside Out

Prairie Winds Art Center, 112 W. 3rd St Painters
Patricia Coslor and Charlie Mitchell and jewelry
designer Jennifer Mitchell present this unique show.
Reception Sep 7, 5:30-8pm, Free (308) 381-4001
www.prairiewindsart.com

Sep 1-30

Madison, Madison County

2012 Rails and Trails Event: War Eras Exhibit

Madison County Historical Society Museum, 210 W.
3rd St Memorabilia depicting the war eras. Mon-Fri,
1-4pm, Free (402) 992-1221
www.madisoncountyhistory.org

Sep 1-Nov 30

Boys Town, Douglas County

**Timeline to Victory: Boys Town Football Past
and Present**

Hall of History, 14057 Flanagan Blvd In 1939 the
football team played their first away game in
Hollywood, CA. For the next 20 years the football
teams travelled across America racking up
numerous victories. (402) 498-1186
www.boystown.org

Sep 1-Oct 6

Cozad, Dawson County

**Journey Stories, a Smithsonian Exhibition and
100th Meridian Anniversary**

100th Meridian Museum, 206 E. 8th St Oral
histories, educational programs, speakers,
reenactments, children's programs and a variety of
events. (308) 529-0606 www.cozadnebraska.net

Sep TBA

Fordyce, Cedar County

WJ Ranch Concert Series

55659 892 Rd Top notch entertainment. (402) 357-
2102 www.schiferlswjranch.com

Sep TBA

North Platte, Lincoln County

Arts in the Park

Cody Park, 1400 N. Jeffers Enjoy a fun-filled day of
homemade crafts. 9am-5pm (308) 535-6772
www.visitnorthplatte.com

Sep 2

Norfolk, Madison County

**Affiliated Foods Midwest 8th Annual Music
Festival**

Divots Conference Center Festival spotlights local,
regional and national music talent in all genres of
music. 4pm-midnight (402) 379-3833
www.divotsconcertseries.com

Sep 2

North Platte, Lincoln County

Colonel Cody's Cruise Show and Shine

Downtown Check out beautifully restored antique
and classic autos. (308) 530-4488
www.visitnorthplatte.com

Sep 2-4

Lodgepole, Cheyenne County

Old Settlers Days

Downtown and park Parade, crafts, BBQ,
entertainment, dance, farmers market, car show and
more (308) 483-5353

Sep 3

Lewellen, Garden County

Blue Water Blues Festival

17 Ranch Winery, 304 Main St Music, dinner and
wine tastings. (308) 778-5542 17ranchwinery.com

Sep 6-8

York, York County

Yorkfest

City-wide York's biggest event includes activities for
the kids and the entire family. Don't miss the Grand
Parade on Saturday, Sep 8. (402) 362-5531
www.yorkchamber.org

Sep 7

Lincoln, Lancaster County

**First Friday's Main Gallery Exhibit: Sammy Lynn
and Patsy Smith**

Burkholder Project, 719 P St Check website for
additional gallery exhibits and details. 7-9pm, Free
Lisa Holmquist (402) 477-3305
www.burkholderproject.com

Sep 7-8

Cozad, Dawson County

Hay Days

Downtown Carnival, parade, food vendors and
magic show. (308) 784-3930
www.cozadnebraska.net

Sep 7-9

North Platte, Lincoln County

Nebraska State Rodeo Association - State Finals

Wild West Arena, 2400 N. Buffalo Bill Ave (308)
532-1058 www.hsrodeo-nebraska.com

Sep 7-9

Thurston, Thurston County

Watermelon Days

City-wide Street dance, movie in the park, vendors,
parade, watermelon feed, mud drags and more.
www.watermelondays.com

Sep 8

Henderson, York County

Heritage Day

Heritage Park Enjoy activities done the old-
fashioned Mennonite way including lard rendering,
making cracklings, outdoor oven bread baking, soap
making and more. Ethnic foods served all day. 9am-
2pm, Donation (402) 723-5793
www.hendersonheritage.org

Sep 8

Neligh, Antelope County

Bread 'N Jam Festival

City-wide Fun for the entire family. (402) 640-7465
www.nelighlibrary.com

Sep 8

Wellfleet, Lincoln County

Fall Festival

City-wide Don't miss the horse race down Main
Street! BBQ, cross country bike rides, mud volleyball
and something for everyone. (308) 289-1301
www.wellfleetfallfestival.com

Listing of Events by Month

Sep 8-9

Brule, Keith County

Gun Show

Activity Center Buying, selling and gun displays. (308) 289-6928 www.ci.brule.ne.us

Sep 8-9

Clay Center, Clay County

Old Trusty Antique Engine and Collectors Show

Fairgrounds, 701 N. Martin Ave Celebration of life long ago on the farm. Draft horse show, country music, working heritage craftsment, tractor pulls, flea market, threshing, shelling and more. Sat, 8am-8pm; Sun, 8-5pm, \$1-\$5 Joyce Schlick (402) 726-2487 www.oldtrusty.org

Sep 8-9

Odell, Gage County

Community Days

City-wide Street dance, parade, BBQ, children's activities, old-fashioned games and more. (402) 239-5937 www.odell-nebraska.net

Sep 8-9

Ponca, Dixon County

Archery Sight-In Days at Ponca State Park

88090 Spur 26E Set your sights for the 3-D target ranges including big game, small game, deer herd or try out the just-for-fun range. 9am-4pm Jennifer Wolff (402) 755-2284 www.outdoornebraska.org

Sep 9

Ashton, Sherman County

Polish Festival 2012

St. Francis Hall Polish buffet, dancing and special activities. Museum open 1-3pm 10:30am-5pm Virginia Pokorski (308) 738-2196 www.polishheritagecenter.com

Sep 9

Berwyn, Custer County

Annual Rod Run and Car Show

Village Park & Fire Hall (308) 935-1296 berwynne.org

Sep 9

Lisaco, Garden County

Lisaco Day

City-wide Celebrate the town's heritage with a parade, BBQ, entertainment, rodeo events, art show and tractor drive. (308) 772-3226 www.growgardencounty.com

Sep 11-13

Grand Island, Hall County

Husker Harvest Days

9000 W. Husker Hwy The world's largest totally irrigated working farm show. More than 80 acres of exhibits, field demonstrations, seminars, crafts and artwork and much more. Tue-Wed, 8am-5pm; Thu, 8am-4pm, \$5-\$10 Matt Jungman (866) 264-7469 www.huskerharvestdays.com

Sep 12-15

Humboldt, Richardson County

Humboldt Fall Festival and Richardson County Fair

City-wide Fun fall festival with a coronation program, rides and concessions along with all the county fair fun. (402) 862-2821 www.ci.humboldt.ne.us

Sep 13-15

Gothenburg, Dawson County

98th Annual Harvest Festival

City-wide Annual dog show, parades, food vendors, arts and crafts, children's games, bed races, children's tractor pull and more. Anne Anderson (308) 537-3505 www.gothenburgdelivers.com

Sep 13-15

Ogallala, Keith County

Ogallala Indian Summer Rendezvous

Downtown Parde, craft show, live entertainment, food vendors and more. (308) 284-4066 www.visitogallala.com

Sep 14-15

Omaha, Douglas County

German Day - Oktoberfest

German-American Society, 3717 S. 120th St Music, German foods, dancers and singers, children's games and fun for all ages. Fri, 5-midnight; Sat, 11:30am-midnight, \$3-\$4 Linda Corring (402) 333-6615 www.germanamericansociety.org

Sep 14-16

Nebraska City, Otoe County

44th Annual AppleJack Festival

City-wide Craft shows, museum tours, reenactments, quilt show, classic car show, enormous parade, AppleJam Fest with live music and children's activities, Arbor Day Farm and Tree Adventure festivities. (402) 873-6654 www.nebraskacity.com

mid-Sep thru Oct

Bennington, Douglas County

Pooley's Pumpkin Patch Festivities

114th & Bennington Rd This 130-acre working farm offers pumpkin picking, hayrack rides, pony rides, a corn maze, old-fashioned tire swings and more. Tue-Sun, 10am-8pm, \$6, agest 2 and under free Elizabeth Pooley (402) 238-3663 pooleypumpkinpatch.com

Sep 15

Greeley, Greeley County

Greeley Irish Festival - Half Way to St. Pat's

Sacred Heart Church grounds Nebraska's largest Irish music festival! Non-stop music, dancing, storytelling and cultural education. Irish food and drink and assorted vendors. 11am-11pm, \$15-\$20 Mike McQuillan (308) 428-5595 www.greeleyirishfestival.com

Sep 15-16

Pierce, Pierce County

Pierce Old Time Threshing Bee

Fairgrounds Tractor drive begins at 1pm on Sep 14th. Parades and antique auction. 8am-5pm, Free Elwood Meier (402) 329-4245 www.ptcnet.net/museum

Sep 15-16

Ponca, Dixon County

8th Annual Missouri River Outdoor Expo at Ponca State Park

88090 Spur 26E Learn about wildlife-related and outdoor recreation activities including fishing, hunting, archery, camping, off-highway vehicle recreation and boating. Hands-on exhibits, demonstrations and vendors. 9am-4pm, Free Andrea Johansen (402) 755-2284 www.outdoornebraska.org

Sep 15-16

Wallace, Lincoln County

Fall Festival

City-wide Parade, children's games, rodeo, tractor pull, free BBQ, street dance and more. (308) 387-4303

Sep 15-Oct 28

Avoca, Cass County

Pumpkin Festival at Bloom Where You're Planted Farm

911 108th St Hayrack rides, nature trails, farm animals, pumpkin painting, rubber duck races, exhibits, food, gift shop and more. Fri, 1-6pm; Sat-Sun, 10am-6pm, \$4.75 (402) 267-4104 www.bloompumpkinpatch.com

Sep 16

North Platte, Lincoln County

Lincoln County High School Rodeo

Wild West Arena (308) 534-1244 www.hsrodeo-nebraska.com

Sep 16

West Point, Cuming County

Last Fling 'Til Spring

Main St More than 650 custom, classic and antique autos fill 10 blocks of downtown West Point. Live entertainment, craft show, poker run, tailgate parties and more. noon-5pm, Free Doug Peterson (402) 372-3390 www.roadgems.com

Sep 21-22

Hastings, Adams County

42nd Annual Nebraska Square and Round Dance Event

Adams County Fairgrounds, 947 S. Baltimore Ave Dancers from across the state gather for dancing, workshops and fellowship. Fri, 7:30-11pm; Sat, 9:30am-11pm (402) 564-5502 www.squaredancene.org

Sep 21-23

Dalton, Cheyenne County

Fall Festival

Downtown Parade, crafts, games, fireworks, BBQ, pancake feed, tractor pull and more. (308) 377-2333

Sep 21-23

North Platte, Lincoln County

Rail Fest

Cody Park, 1400 N. Jeffers Celebrate the 150th Anniversary of Union Pacific. Locomotive simulator, live music, tours and much more. Check website for details. (308) 534-3648 www.nprailfest.com

Sep 22

Grand Island, Hall County

Harvest Festival

Stuhr Museum, 3133 W. Hwy 34 Enjoy games, live music, dancing, a grass maze, wagon rides and dozens of other activities throughout the day focusing on harvest and food. 10am-5pm, \$6-\$8 Mike Bockoven (308) 385-5316 www.stuhrmuseum.org

Sep 22

Sidney, Cheyenne County

VOCAIR Flying Club's Fly-In Breakfast

Municipal Airport, 1149 Rd 19 All-you-can-eat pancake breakfast and plane rides. 7:30-11:30am Jon Leever (308) 254-7443 www.cheyennecountychamber.com

Sep 22

Superior, Nuckolls County

4th Annual Journey to the CORE

Public School Diaper crawl, 2 and 1 mile walk/run, vendor fair and more. 8am-3pm (785) 278-2403 www.journeytothecore.com

Sep 22-23

Lincoln, Lancaster County

Lincoln Arts Festival

SouthPoint Shopping Center, 27th & Pine Lake Rd More than 100 artists from across the country displaying and demonstrating their talents. Sat, 10am-6pm; Sun, 10am-5pm, Free Doug Smith (402) 434-2787 www.artscene.org

Sep 23

Chadron, Dawes County

History in Action Day

Dawes County Historical Museum Buggy rides, demonstrations, butter churning, brick making, wheat grinding and weaving, museum displays and more. 1-5pm, Free (308) 432-4999 www.chadron.com

Listing of Events by Month

Sep 23

Fremont, Dodge County

Fremont Antique Car Club's 45th Annual Swap Meet

Christensen Field, 1710 W. 16th St One of Nebraska's largest one day swap meets. A variety of items from cars and auto parts outside, to arts and crafts inside. 6am-5pm, Free Gene Chappelle (402) 721-0475 www.fremontantiquecarclub.com

Sep 23

Table Rock, Pawnee County

Living History Day at Table Rock Town Square

Downtown Watch old-fashioned crafters demonstrate their arts from threshing to medicine men and learn how our ancestors lived in the past. (402) 245-4859

Sep 23-29

Beatrice, Gage County

Prairie Appreciation Week

Homestead National Monument of America, 8523 W. Hwy 4 Celebrate the beauty of the tall grass prairie through a variety of public programs and walks. 10am-3pm, Free Susan Cook (402) 223-3514 www.nps.gov/home

Sep 23-Oct 14

Nebraska City, Otoe County

Living History Sundays at Arbor Lodge State Historical Park

Arbor Lodge State Historical Park Go back in time and enjoy how times were in the late 1800s and early 1900s. Sundays, 1-5pm (402) 873-7222 www.outdoornebraska.org

Sep 24-25

McCook, Red Willow County

Heritage Days

Norris Ave Parade, crafts, food booths and live music. (308) 345-3200 www.aboutmccook.com

Sep 25

Kearney, Buffalo County

6th Annual Trivia Contest and Dinner Event

Trails & Rails Museum, 710 W. 11th St Gather your team and see if you can answer some general trivia questions to win some cold-hard-cash! Prizes, silent auction and dinner. 6-9:30pm, \$10/person Jennifer Murrish (308) 234-3041 www.bchs.us

Sep 25-26

Brownville, Nemaha County

52nd Annual Brownville Fall Flea Market

Main St More than 200 vendors from 7 states with antiques, primitives, crafts, jewelry, collectibles and a variety of food. 8am-6pm, Free Jim Doty (402) 825-3731 www.brownville-ne.com

Sep 27-30

Omaha, Douglas County

Ak-Sar-Ben's River City Rodeo & Stock Show and Douglas County Fair

CenturyLink Center, 455 N. 10th St Enjoy the Justin Boots Championship Rodeo, stock show, stage shows, parade and educational exhibits. 9am-8pm, Free (402) 554-9600 www.rivercityrodeo.com

Sep 28-30

Burwell, Garfield County

Nebraska's Junk Jaunt

300 miles along NE Hwys 11, 91 & 2 This is the 8th annual event! Rain or shine, you can shop 'til you drop. Dawn to dusk Peggy Haskell (308) 346-4815 www.junkjaunt.com

Sep 29

Kimball, Kimball County

Farmers Day

City-wide A celebration of area agriculture. Fun run, parade, free hamburger feed, entertainment, lawn mower races, demo derby and more. 8am-6pm, Free Rod Horton (308) 235-3782 www.ci.kimball.ne.us

Sep 29

Weeping Water, Cass County

Fall Festival

City-wide Crafts, car show, scarecrow contest, silent auction, bbq, children's crafts, chili cook-off, wine-tastings and more. 11am-midnight, Free Kay Gerdes (402) 267-5152 www.weepingwaternebraska.com

Sep 29-30

Stamford, Harlan County

Pork Days and 125th Anniversary Celebration

Main St Parade, arts and crafts, food, street games, free pork BBQ and entertainment. Events begin at 10:30am, Free Rolena Novak (308) 868-2401

Sep 30

Chadron, Dawes County

Dawes County Historical Society's History in Action Day

S. of town Hayrack rides, stagecoach rides, fabric carding and knitting, rope basket weaving and historical activities. 1-5pm, Free Belle Lecher (308) 432-2039 www.chadron.com

Oct 1-31

Grand Island, Hall County

Three Men and Their Art

Prairie Winds Art Center, 112 W. 3rd St Featuring the latest works by Keith Espeland, Harry Adams and Ken Bassett. (308) 381-4001 www.prairiewindsart.com

Oct 1-31

Madison, Madison County

2012 Rails and Trails Event: Orphan Train Riders Exhibit

Madison County Historical Society, 210 W. 3rd St Explore the journey of the Orphan Train Riders as they were placed in homes across the U.S. from 1865 to 1929. Mon-Fri, 1-4pm, Free Carol Robertson (402) 992-1221 www.madisoncountyhistory.org

Oct TBA

Champion, Chase County

Cox's Pumpkin Patch and Pumpkin Run Event

Cox's Ponds, 1 1/2 mi. W. of town on 734 Rd Hayrack rides, face painting, crafts, corn maze, petting zoo, pony rides, 5K and 10K run walk and more. Free Jill Moline (308) 883-5398 www.chasecounty.com

Oct TBA

David City, Butler County

Brew Ha-Ha

The Thorpe Opera House, 457 D St Enjoy samples from local brewers in the historic opera house. (402) 367-4260 thethorpe.com

Oct TBA

Lincoln, Lancaster County

Boo at the Zoo

Lincoln Children's Zoo Meet some of your favorite costumed characters and fill your bag full of treats at the Boo Stations. Safe, family-friendly event. (402) 475-6741 www.lincolnzoo.org

Oct 2-31

Omaha, Douglas County

Cobweb Castle

Omaha Children's Museum, 500 S. 20th St Explore a spooky castle! This not-too-scary haunted house is a perfect way for families to spend Halloween together. (402) 342-6164 www.ocm.org

Oct 5

Lincoln, Lancaster County

First Friday's Main Gallery Exhibit: Anne Burkholder and Pam King

Burkholder Project, 719 P St Check website for additional gallery exhibits and details. 7-9pm, Free Lisa Holmquist (402) 477-3305 www.burkholderproject.com

Oct 5-7

Sidney, Cheyenne County

Oktoberfest and Crusin' Class Rod & Roll Show

Fairgrounds & Legion Park Entertainment, crafts, vendors, farmers market, parade and other events. More than 150 classic cars compete, show and shine at Legion Park. Fri, noon-midnight; Sat, 7am-midnight; Sun, 9am-2pm, Free Judy Harris (308) 254-2932 www.sidneycheyennecountytourism.com

Oct 6

Endicott, Jefferson County

Lord's Acre Day

United Methodist Church Enjoy a pancake breakfast, parade, crafts, food, children's games, door prizes and don't forget to try some of the famous homemade horseradish! 6am-4pm (402) 729-6048

Oct 6

Grand Island, Hall County

Harvest of Harmony Parade

Downtown on 3rd St Nebraska's largest parade features 50 different floats and a variety of marching bands. 8:15am, Free Micki Ward (308) 382-9210 www.gichamber.com

Oct 6

Orleans, Harlan County

Applefest

Fairgrounds Crafts, parade, entertainment and buggy rides. 9am-5pm, \$1 Charlene Hunt (308) 473-5120

Oct 6-7

Omaha, Douglas County

Omaha North Hills Pottery Tour

Florence, Ponca Hills, Fort Calhoun and N. of Blair A healthy sampling of pottery styles and firing techniques, face-to-face chats with potters, glances into local history and some local wine tasting. Sat, 10am-7pm; Sun, 10am-5pm, Free Liz Verduysee (402) 456-7669 www.omahanorthhillspotterytour.com

Oct 6-7

Papillion, Sarpy County

The Great Pumpkin Round-Up

Bellevue Bery & Pumpkin Ranch, 11001 S. 48th St Shop, eat, drink and play. Wear your Halloween duds or as you are. 11am-6pm, \$8 Ed Schaefer (402) 331-5500 www.bellevueberryfarm.com

Oct 6-7

Ponca, Dixon County

3rd Annual Homemade Living Weekend and Farmer's Market

Ponca State park, 88090 Spur 26E Demonstrations of canning, bee keeping, organic and heirloom gardening, fiber arts, flour milling and more. Horse drawn wagon rides and pioneer games too. Free Jennifer Wolff (402) 755-2284 www.outdoornebraska.org

Oct 6-7

Spencer, Boyd County

Wild Turkey Days

City-wide Historical release and wild propagation of native turkeys. Craft fairs, children's activities, chili cook-off, turkey dinner and special events. 9am-6pm Vicki Pecena (402) 589-1038 www.spencerne.net

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Oct 6-7

York, York County

Tractor, Engine, Auto Show and Barn Dance

Wessels Living History Farm, 1 mi. S. of I-80 Exit 353 Working demonstrations, games and assorted activities. Sat, 10am-dark, Sun, 10am-4:30pm, \$2-\$5 Dale Clark (402) 710-0682
www.livinghistoryfarm.org

Oct 7

Elyria, Valley County

Elyria Pumpkin Festival

Main St Crafts, games, prizes and lots of pumpkin pie! 10am-4pm, Free Judi Welniak (308) 728-5727
www.visitvalleycounty.com

Oct 7

Hastings, Adams County

Prairie Loft Harvest Celebration

Prairie Loft Center for Outdoor and Agricultural Learning, 4705 DLD Rd Wagon rides, farm animals, art activities, farm equipment, cultural workshops, demonstrations and more. 1-6pm, Free Amy Sandeen (402) 463-0565 www.prairieloft.org

Oct 11-14

Brownville, Nemaha County

Paint Brownville Autumn 2012 (Plein Aire Art Event)

City-wide Artists from around the region paint in open air format. Exhibit and sale of original works, food and entertainment. 8am-9pm Jay Tallmon (402) 825-3982 www.brownville-ne.com

Oct 12

Stanton, Stanton County

Oktoberfest - Uptown's 31st Anniversary Party

Uptown Café, 801 10th St German beer and wine tastings with authentic German food and live music. 7pm, Free Rosalind Lamson (402) 439-5100

Oct 12-13

Kearney, Buffalo County

Threads Across Nebraska

Buffalo County Fairgrounds Quilt show, merchants mall and quilt raffle. Fri, 9am-6pm; Sat, 9am-4pm, \$3-\$6 LeAnn Killion (308) 440-8867 nsqg.org

Oct 13 & 20

Ponca, Dixon County

Hallowfest at Ponca State Park

88090 Spur 26E The park's annual autumn event featuring haunted hayrack rides, pumpkin rolling and carving contest, campsite decorating contest and more. (402) 755-2284 www.outdoornebraska.org

Oct 13-14

Beatrice, Gage County

Family History Weekend

Homestead National Monument of America, 8523 W. Hwy 4 A lesson in family genealogy and history! 1-5pm, Free Susan Cook (402) 223-3514
www.nps.gov/home

Oct 13-27

Shubert, Richardson County

Haunted Hollow Hayrack Rides at Indian Cave State Park

Indian Cave State Park Enjoy spooky hayrack rides at night through the park. Weekends of Oct 13, 19-20, 26-27, \$7-\$5, park entry permit required (402) 883-2575 www.outdoornebraska.org

Oct 13-Dec 31

Omaha, Douglas County

Itty Bitty City

Omaha Children's Museum, 500 S. 20th St The entire city is kid-sized and kid-powered. The city comes to life in the exhibit as kids work, live and play in a city designed just for them. Museum admission +\$2 (402) 342-6164 www.ocm.org

Oct 14

Ohiowa, Fillmore County

Ohiowa Craft Day

Auditorium Crafts, cookbooks, homemade items, food and more. (402) 295-2515

Oct 14

Omaha, Douglas County

FOOZ: Zoo Run

Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo, 3701 S. 10th St Lace up your shoes for the 31st annual Zoo Run! For runners of all levels, 5 mile run or 1 mile run/walk. 8-11am, \$15-\$25, register early for free T-shirt Steph Husman (402) 738-2047 www.omahazoo.com

Oct 14

York, York County

October Czechfest

City auditorium, 6th & Nebraska Sts Authentic Czech foods, accordian jam, raffle, silent auction, demonstrations and geneology information. 9:30am--5:30pm, Free JoAnn Kuester (402) 362-6413
www.nebraskaczehsofyork.org

Oct 14-20

Hastings, Adams County

32nd Annual Nebraska Country Music Foundation Festival

Adams County Fairgrounds, 947 S. Baltimore Ave Performers of all ages including amateur, semi-professional and professional acts. 7pm, \$5-\$7 Deb Shaw (402) 726-2140 www.necmf.net

Oct 15-Nov 17

Fort Calhoun, Washington County

Museum on Main Street and Journey Stories, a Smithsonian Exhibition

Washington County Museum Cultural events, hands-on activities and guest lectures. Exhibit shows how America's evolving mobility changed a young nation. Free (402) 468-5740 www.newwashcohist.org

Oct 19-20

Grand Island, Hall County

All Hallows Evenings

Stuhr Museum, 3133 W. US Hwy 34 The spooks of Railroad Town are waiting for you. Grab some candy on the treat trail, bob for doughnuts or get a fun fright in the Haunted Field. 6-9pm, \$6-\$8 Mike Bockoven (308) 385-5316 www.stuhrmuseum.org

Oct 19-20 & 26-27

Plattsmouth, Cass County

Haunted Victorian Ghost Walk

Historic Victorian homes Follow the night watchman to homes nestled in the haunted hills of Plattsmouth. Frightful ghost stories portrayed by a cast of actors. 7:30-10pm, \$20 Leigh Jean Koinzan (402) 498-6617 www.plattsmouthconservancy.org

Oct 19-21

Omaha, Douglas County

Fall Home and Garden Expo

CenturyLink Center, 455 N. 10th St The Midwest's largest fall home show with all things for indoor and outdoor living. Fri, 5-9pm; Sat, 11am-10pm; Sun, 11am-5pm, \$7, children under 12 yrs free admission (402) 346-8003
www.showofficeonline.com

Oct 19-21 & 26-28

Scotia, Greeley County

Haunted Hallow at Happy Jack Peak & Chalk Mine

NE Hwy 11 Don't miss this halloween event at the chalk mine. Guided tours, transportation provided from Scotia. (308) 245-3276
www.happyjackchalkmine.com

Oct 20

Beatrice, Gage County

Howling Homestead

Homestead National Monument of America, 8523 W. Hwy 4 A fun family event celebrating the end of harvest season. (402) 223-3514
www.nps.gov/home

Oct 20

Howells, Colfax County

Craft Show

Howells Ballroom More than 50 exhibitors of crafts and home décor, book sales, bake sale and concessions. 9am-4pm, \$1 Lisa Bayer (402) 986-1552 www.ci.howells.ne.us

Oct 21

Schuyler, Colfax County

Songs and Prayers from St. Augustyn Indian Mission

St. Benedict Center Members of the Winnebago and Omaha tribes will perform with Father Dave Korth, native flute artist and Director of the St. Augustine Indian Mission. 3pm, Donation Joni Fichtl (402) 352-8819 www.stbenedictcenter.com

Oct 25

Beatrice, Gage County

Night of the Great Pumpkin

Downtown Witches kettle, pony rides, scream contest, haunted house, free pumpkins and treats, pumpkin contest and more. 5-7pm, Free Alexis Winder (402) 223-3244 www.mainstreetbeatrice.org

Oct 25-26

York, York County

Scream on the Square

Downtown Join all the ghouls at York's official Halloween celebration featuring the National Scream Contest and the Troll Stroll. (402) 362-5531
www.yorkchamber.org

Oct 26

Chadron, Dawes County

Moonlight Madness

Main Street Costume contest, penny carnival, games, pumpkin chunkin, haunted house and chili cook-off. 4-6pm, Free (308) 432-4401
www.chadron.com

Oct 27

Kearney, Buffalo County

2nd Annual Old-Fashioned Halloween Party

Trails & Rails Museum, 710 W. 11th St A safe, family-friendly event. Dress up and have a blast learning about Buffalo County's past Halloweens. \$3 Jennifer Murrish (308) 234-3041 www.bchs.us

Oct 27-28

Falls City, Richardson County

Halloween Dance and Spooks on the Square

Downtown (402) 245-2851
www.fallscitynebraska.org

Oct 28

Petersburg, Boone County

Petersburg's Punkin' Chunkin'

1 mi. E. of town on Hwy 32 Shoot, launch, throw or fling a 6-12 pound pumpkin in the Punkin' Chunkin' Contest. There is a \$500 award for longest distance. Pie eating contest, petting zoo, kid's candy shoot and more. 1pm Larry & Shirley Henn (402) 386-5420 www.ci.petersburg.ne.us

Oct 28

York, York County

Boo on the Farm

Wessels Living History Farm, 1 mi. S. of I-80 Exit 353 Celebrate Halloween on the farm with games, prizes, free pumpkins and more. 1:30-3:30pm, \$3 per child Dale Clark (402) 710-0682
www.livinghistoryfarm.org

Listing of Events by Month

Nov 1-30

Madison, Madison County

2012 Rails and Trails Event: Ethnic Influence Exhibit

Madison County Historical Society Museum, 210 W. 3rd St A highlight of the journeys of various ethnic groups who helped shape Nebraska. Mon-Fri, 1-4pm, Free Carol Robertson (402) 992-1221 www.madisoncountyhistory.org

Nov 1-Dec 22

Springfield, Sarpy County

Celebrate a Platte River Christmas

Springfield Artworks, 183 Main St Artists at work, unique pieces on display. Special exhibits each weekend. Tue-Fri, 1-5pm; Sat, 11am-4:30pm, Free Margie Trembley (402) 301-9162 www.springfieldartworks.com

Nov 1-Dec 31

Grand Island, Hall County

Celebrate

Prairie Winds Art Center, 112 W. 3rd St A fantasy of art and gifts to put you into the holiday spirit. Open House Nov 2, 5:30-8pm (308) 381-4001 www.prairiewindsart.com

Nov TBA

Sidney, Cheyenne County

Taste of Sidney

Cheyenne County Community Center Sample food and drink from local merchants or bid in the silent auction. 5:30-8pm (308) 254-2984 www.cheyennecountychamber.com

Nov 2

Lincoln, Lancaster County

First Friday's Main Gallery Exhibit: Linda Benton and 3-D

Burkholder Project, 719 P St Check website for additional gallery exhibits and details. 7-9pm, Free Lisa Holmquist (402) 477-3305 www.burkholderproject.com

Nov 2-3

Beatrice, Gage County

Governor's Pheasant Hunt

Beatrice Gun Club, 5954 W. Hoyt Rd Standard hunt, clay shoot and optional European-style hunt. \$250 Alexis Winder (402) 223-3244 www.mainstreetbeatrice.org

Nov 3

Bertrand, Phelps County

38th Annual Bertrand Fall Craft Show

Community Building and high school More than 100 vendors with unique creations. 9am-3pm, Free Janice Gengenbach (308) 472-5092 www.ci.bertrand.ne.us

Nov 3

Grand Island, Hall County

Downtown Antique Stores' Christmas Celebration

Downtown Eight shops representing more than 200 dealers celebrate the Christmas season. 6-9pm, Free James Pohl (308) 384-6018 www.visitgrandisland.com

Nov 3-4

North Platte, Lincoln County

Cowboy Christmas Craft Show

D&N Event Center, 501 E. Walker Rd Unique Christmas gifts, crafts, concert, children's rodeo and other scheduled activities. (308) 530-4396 www.visitnorthplatte.com

Nov 10

Kearney, Buffalo County

Holiday Splendor Craft and Trade Show

Buffalo County Fairgrounds Crafters, home-based businesses and trades. Your one-stop-shop for the holidays! 9am-4pm, Free Kyla Martin (308) 440-0153 www.communityactionmidne.com

Nov 10

Linwood, Butler County

Holidays with the Merrills

Moses Merrill Camp, 2849 Rd 31 Holiday festival with storytelling, music, crafters, food and more. 10am-4pm, Free MaryBeth Robertson (402) 666-5639 www.campmerrill.com

Nov 10

Neligh, Antelope County

Rafts of Crafts

Elmer Lindahl Gym Crafts of all kinds, home baked goods and commercial vendors. 10am-5pm Kay Stearns (402) 887-5128 www.neligh.net

Nov 14-15

McCook, Red Willow County

McCook Farm and Ranch Expo

Red Willow County Fairgrounds More than 350 vendors from 20 states and Canada display the latest in agriculture and livestock equipment. Nov 14, 9am-7pm; Nov 15, 9am-4pm, Free Darren Dale (735) 426-2092 www.mccookfarmandranchexpo.net

Nov 15

Blair, Washington County

Sugar Plum Festival

Downtown Kick off the holidays with the Sugar Plum Walk, chili feed and hayrack rides. (402) 533-4455 www.blairchamber.org

Nov 15-18

Omaha, Douglas County

Lewis & Clark Cluster Dog Show

CenturyLink Center, 455 N. 10th St Four days of agility, obedience and rally for all breeds. 8am-5pm, \$5-\$7 Paula Steenson (402) 346-3950

Nov 16

Hartington, Cedar County

Hartington's Candlelight Christmas and Lighted Vehicle Parade

Downtown on Broadway Silhouette lighting, art exhibit, crafts, chili feed, visits from Santa, luminaries and a lighted vehicle parade 5pm, Free Carey Ponce (307) 331-0545 www.ci.hartington.ne.us/chamber.asp

Nov 16

Stanton, Stanton County

Blues and Bleus at Café Rouqfert

Uptown Café, 801 10th St French songs and supper with entertainment. 7pm (402) 439-5100

Nov 17

Ogallala, Keith County

Annual Arts and Crafts Show

Fairgrounds Crafts, quilts and art show. (308) 284-4066 www.visitogallala.com

Nov 19

Humboldt, Richardson County

Christmas Window Opening

City-wide Shopping, games, soup supper, vendors, visits from Santa and horse and buggy rides. (402) 862-2821 www.ci.humboldt.ne.us

Nov 19

Lodgepole, Cheyenne County

Christmas Decorating Party

Lodgepole Museum on Hwy 30 Hand-strung popcorn and hayrack/sleigh rides for all. (308) 483-5353

Nov 19-Dec 24

Geneva, Fillmore County

Holiday Cheer in Geneva

Downtown Visit from Santa, children's movie, music and activities. (402) 759-1155 www.visitfillmorecounty.org

Nov 20-Dec 19

Brownville, Nemaha County

Brownville Old Time Christmas

City-wide Open houses, holiday lights and concerts. weekends, 8am-5pm, Free Jay Tallmon (402) 825-3982 www.brownville-ne.com

Nov 22-Dec 31

Hemingford, Box Butte County

Hemingford Community Christmas

City-wide Drive through the life-sized holiday scenes. Christmas music plays from 4-9pm, scenes are illuminated until midnight. (308) 487-1176 www.ci.hemingford.ne.us

Nov 23

Falls City, Richardson County

Christmas Open House

Downtown (402) 245-2851 www.fallscitynebraska.org

Nov 23

Sidney, Cheyenne County

Old-Fashioned Christmas and Lamplight Tours

Hickory Street Square & Ft. Sidney Museum Visits from Santa, hayrack rides, hot chocolate, music and lamplight tours of the museum's decorated buildings. (308) 254-5851 www.cheyennecountychamber.com

Nov 23-Dec 30

Grand Island, Hall County

Fantasy of Trees

Stuhr Museum, 3133 W. Hwy 34 Nearly 100 lavishly decorated trees are on display. Mon-Sat, 9am-5pm; Sun, noon-5pm, \$6-\$8 Mike Bockoven (308) 385-5316 www.stuhrmuseum.org

Nov 23-Dec 31

Beatrice, Gage County

Winter Festival of Prairie Cultures

Homestead National Monument of America, 8523 W. Hwy 4 Special exhibits for many of the ethnic groups with settled the Great Plains. Special programs on Nov 25, Dec 2 & 9 begin at 2pm. 9am-5pm, Free Susan Cook (402) 223-3514 www.nps.gov/home

Nov 23-Dec 31

Omaha, Douglas County

LightPlay

Omaha Children's Museum, 500 S. 20th St Celebrate the holidays with playful lights that dance to music. (402) 342-6164 www.ocm.org

Nov 24

Henderson, York County

Holiday Tour of Homes

Heritage Park Tour homes fully decorated for the season. 4-7pm, \$10 Marjorie Smith (402) 723-5793 www.hendersonheritage.org

Nov 24

Odell, Gage County

Odell Craft Show

9am-4pm Mary Jo Bures (402) 766-3677

Nov 24-25

Fordyce, Cedar County

WJ Ranch Cowboy Christmas

WJ Ranch, 5565 892 Rd Featuring arts from more than 50 vendors, buggy and pony rides, roping shows, family activities, visit from Santa, refreshments and more. 9am-5pm, Free Jan Schiferl (402) 357-2102 www.schiferlswjranch.com

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Nov 25-Dec 31

Madison, Madison County

Journey Stories, a Smithsonian Exhibition

Madison County Historical Society Museum Exhibit shows how America's evolving mobility changed a young nation. Mon-Fri, 1-4pm, Free (402) 992-1221 www.nebraskahumanities.org

Nov 25-Dec 9

Schuyler, Colfax County

Christmas on the Hill

St. Benedict Center, 1126 Rd I Wide variety of crafts and gifts by area artists. View a unique display of nativity scenes from around the world. Pageant will be held Dec 1 at 5 & 7pm. Mon-Fri, 2-6:30pm; Sat-Sun, 10am-7pm, Free Joni Fichtl (402) 352-8819 www.stbenedictcenter.com

Dec 1

Chambers, Holt County

Christmas Open House

City-wide Large craft show, visit from Santa, horse-drawn hayrack rides and more. (402) 336-1504 www.holtcountynebraska.com

Dec 1

Crawford, Dawes County

Historical Christmas Dinner and Lighting of the Fort

Fort Robinson State Park, 3200 Hwy 20 Featuring the year 1946. Family-style meal and the lighting of holiday lights. (308) 665-2900 www.outdoornebraska.org

Dec 1

Merriman, Cherry County

Christmas at the Bowring

Bowring Ranch State Historical Park Enjoy a tasty meal and evening entertainment. 5-8pm, Meal ticket and park permit required Diane Burress (308) 684-3428 www.outdoornebraska.org

Dec 1

Niobrara, Knox County

Christmas Festival

WFLA Hall Craft show, children's games, visit from Santa, giveaways and more. 9am-4pm, Free Sharon Scott (402) 857-3838 www.niobrarane.com

Dec 1

Schuyler, Colfax County

Downtown Christmas and Parade of Trees

Downtown Santa arrives by fire truck, storytime at the library, games, crafts, photo opportunities, carriage rides and goodies for the kiddies. 10am-noon, Free Lora Johnson (402) 352-5472 schuylernebraska.net

Dec 1

Weeping Water, Cass County

Come Home for Christmas

Downtown Craft show, children's crafts, visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus, museum tours and parade of trees. 9am-4pm, Free Kay Gerdes (402) 267-5152 www.weepingwaternebraska.com

Dec 1 & 7-9

Grand Island, Hall County

Christmas Past and Present

Stuhr Museum, 3133 W. Hwy 34 Beautiful lamp lit tours of Railroad Town, cooking, crafts, decorations, live music and the sights, sounds and smells of Christmas. Dec 1, 7-8, 6-9pm; Dec 9, 2-5pm, \$6-\$8 (308) 385-5316 www.stuhrmuseum.org

Dec 1-2 & 8-9

Kearney, Buffalo County

25th Annual Christmas Tree Walk

Trails & Rails Museum, 710 W. 11th St Stroll through the buildings filled to the brim with Christmas joy, enjoy old-fashioned holiday music and taste some homemade goodies. 1-5pm, \$2-\$5 Jennifer Murrish (308) 234-3041 www.bchs.us

Dec 1-9

Red Cloud, Webster County

Festival of Trees

Webster County Historical Museum, 721 W. 4th Ave Mon-Fri, 3-7pm; Sat-Sun, 1-5pm, Donation Teresa Young (402) 746-2444 www.redcloudguiderock.com

Dec TBA

Lincoln, Lancaster County

Minerals and Meteorites!

Morrill Hall, 14th & Vine Sts See a spectacular display of rare minerals and meteorites. \$3-\$5, or \$10/family Dana Ludvik (402) 472-2642 www.museum.unl.edu

Dec 2

Auburn, Nemaha County

Christmas on the Square

Nemaha Valley Museum, 1423 19th St & Courthouse Square Santa visits, crafts, cookies and hot chocolate. 1-4pm, Free Maxine Schatz (402) 274-3735 www.nemahavalleymuseum.org

Dec 2

Dannebrog, Howard County

Danish Christmas

City-wide Small town holiday celebration with Father Christmas and Santa. (308) 226-8226 www.dannebrog.org

Dec 2

Madison, Madison County

Christmas in Madison

Downtown & Madison County Museum Visits from Santa Claus, craft show, caroling, tour of homes and more. Railroad models depict the rail era of settlement at the Madison County Museum. (402) 454-3733 www.madisoncountyhistory.org

Dec 2

Omaha, Douglas County

Christmas in Germany

German American Society, 3717 S. 120th St German food, singing, dancing, puppet show, Christkindel market and more. 11:30-6pm, Free (402) 333-6615 www.germanamericansociety.org

Dec 2

Potter, Cheyenne County

Old-Fashioned Christmas

Downtown Caroling, hayrack rides, food vendors and visits from Santa. 5pm, Free (308) 879-4332 www.potterne.com

Dec 2

Wisner, Cuming County

Christmas Celebration

City-wide Activities for all ages including caroling, games, visit from Santa, living window displays and tree lighting. 11am-5pm (402) 529-3212 www.wisnerareachamberofcommerce.com

Dec 5

Callaway, Custer County

Old-Fashioned Christmas

Downtown Prizes, treats, photos with Santa, fire engine rides and more. 9am-8pm Ken Pitkin (402) 836-2362 www.callaway-ne.com

Dec 7

Brule, Keith County

Homestead Holiday Open House

Community Center (308) 284-4066 www.ci.brule.ne.us

Dec 7

Lincoln, Lancaster County

Holiday Show

Burkholder Project, 719 P St Check website for gallery information. 7-9pm, Free Lisa Holmquist (402) 477-3305 www.burkholderproject.com

Dec 7 & 9

Omaha, Douglas County

Christmas at the Cathedral

St. Cecelia Cathedral, 701 N. 40th St The Omaha Symphonic Chorus is joined by the Omaha Symphony Chamber Orchestra. Fri, 8pm; Sun, 2pm, \$15-\$25 (402) 398-1766 www.omahasymphonicchorus.org

Dec 7-8

Cozad, Dawson County

Holiday at the Henri and Tour of Homes

Robert Henri Museum, 218 E. 8th St Enjoy wine at the museum and a tour of homes. (308) 325-2119 www.roberthenrimuseum.org

Dec 8

Fort Calhoun, Washington County

Christmas in Calhoun

Washington County Museum and other sites Holiday displays and cultural events follow the theme of "Let it Snow." 9am-7pm (402) 468-5740 www.newwashcohist.org

Dec 8-16

Boys Town, Douglas County

Nollaig Shona Duit: Irish Christmas at Boys Town

Father Flanagan House, 14153 Grodinsky Cir The house is filled with traditional decorations. Enjoy the evening light displays around the village. 10am-4:30pm, Free Thomas Lynch (402) 498-1186 www.boystown.org

Dec 8-23

York, York County

Christmas on the Farm

Wessels Living History Farm, 1 mi. S. of I-80 Exit 353 Experience the sights, sounds, smells and tastes of the 1920s. Modern lighted village and refreshments. 1-4pm, \$2-\$5 Dale Clark (402) 710-0682 www.livinghistoryfarm.org

Dec 14

Ponca, Dixon County

Annual Christmas Bird Count at Ponca State Park

88090 Spur 26E Amateur and expert bird watchers can compare notes and enjoy a free chili feed. (402) 755-2284 www.outdoornebraska.org

Dec 15-18

North Platte, Lincoln County

Christmas at the Cody's

Buffalo Bill Ranch State Historical Park Horse drawn hayrack rides, roasted chestnuts, hot apple cider, Santa and Buffalo Bill visit and a variety of trees decorated for the holidays. 5:30-8pm, \$5, ages 12 & under free (308) 535-8035 www.outdoornebraska.org

Dec 28-29

Omaha, Douglas County

Penguins and Pancakes

Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo, 3701 S. 10th St Enjoy pancakes from the Pancake Man, crafts and animal visits from the African penguins. 8:30-10am, \$12-\$15 (402) 738-2047 www.omahazoo.com

Dec 31

Omaha, Douglas County

Noon Year's Eve

Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo, 3701 S. 10th St Party with the animals! Activities, entertainment and an early countdown to 2013 complete with a beach ball drop. 10am-1pm (402) 738-2047 www.omahazoo.com