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MAY EVENTS

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Hello Newcomer's,

We certainly had our share of April showers! Hopefully, May will bring warmer weather for all of the outdoor events scheduled this month. This Saturday, the NEXT young professionals group will host a membership drive and potluck at Riverside Zoo. Look under Community Events for more information. Below you will find information on our Backyard Tourism Summer Event. It is sure to become a regional favorite. Under recreational events you will find a variety of fun runs, competitive runs and golf tournaments. Be sure to participate! A regional online calendar is currently in development which will list many of the events in western Nebraska from Chadron to Sidney. As soon as it is complete, I will send you a link. If you have any questions about the any events or your new community, please don't hesitate to call me at 641-1446! Be well!

Be a Tourist in Your Own Backyard!

Two summers ago, Platte Valley Attractions, a coalition of local tourism venues ingeniously dreamed up a great way to collectively market their local events. The Backyard Tourist Passport promotion also received an award for the Outstanding Tourism Promotional Campaign from Nebraska Tourism. The passport promotion will be held again this summer! Here's how you participate. On May 30th, the passports will be available in an insert in the Star Herald. This year passport venues include the Midwest Theater, the North Platte Valley Museum, Riverside Zoo, Ft. Laramie National Historic Site, Trailside Museum, West Nebraska Arts Center, Wildcat Hills Nature Center, Wildlife World, Agate Fossil Beds National Monument, Chimney Rock, Oregon Trail Wagon Train, Ever Green House, Farm & Ranch Museum, Scottsbluff National Monument, and Lake Minatare.



The purpose is to visit each venue and receive a stamp in your passport. You will have an opportunity to register for drawings for give-a ways at each location. Participants will also have an opportunity to be involved in a 'Where's Hiram' contest, as a life size model of Hiram Scott will travel from venue to venue during the summer. At the conclusion, participants will turn in their passports at any participating site and will be entered for a grand prize drawing. The final drawing will occur after the close of the contest on Labor Day weekend. More contest information will be available in the Star Herald the weekend of May 30th. A series of articles will be written throughout the summer on the contest and the history of Hiram Scott. If you have more questions regarding this contest, please call Joanne Keder at the West Nebraska Arts Center at 632-2226.

Don't forget to check out Rick Myers column every Friday in the Star Herald for each weekend's events!

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RECREATIONAL EVENTS

Apr9-May 11-Carpenter Center Co-Ed Softball Church League-Summer Co-Ed Softball Church League 2009 Sign up and Registration is upcoming. The registration deadline is Monday, May 11th. A Captains meeting will be held Monday, May 11 at 6 p.m. at the Carpenter Center. A team can also register by calling Sam at 308-635-8422. League Dates are May 19 - July 17th. League play will be Tuesday and Friday evenings at the Carpenter Center Fields. League will play for 8 weeks and a Double Elimination tournament will follow. Cost: \$400 per team (must be submitted w/roster at Captains Meeting to play) includes team sponsorship fee. Number of players is up to each team. Adult League: ages 14 and up (age 14 by May 1st).

Apr 9-May 30-The Festival of Hope 5K Run, 5K Walk & Children's Fun Run will be Saturday, **June 20** at 7:30 a.m. at the Scotts Bluff County Fairgrounds in Mitchell. Registration forms are available at Sports Village, Sports Racquet & Western Trail Sports Post or at <http://www.festivalofhope.net/> Registrations will also be taken Sat. morning from 6:45 to 7:15 at the Fairgrounds. The Children's Fun Run will be held at 8:30 with registration from 6:45 to 8:15. 5K Run & Walk entry fees are \$15 per participant and include a T-shirt and chance in 5K drawing; Children's Fun Run entry fee is \$5 per participant and includes T-shirt and prize. T-shirts are only guaranteed with registrations postmarked by **May 30, 2009**. For registration and questions, call Vicki at 632-6129 or visit the web site. Proceeds primarily go towards assisting area cancer patients with non-medical needs during the treatment of cancer.

May 2 CMI 12th Annual "Missions Walk" 8am. Monument Valley Pathways. Choose missionary or project, get pledges, then join to walk 3,6, or 9 miles. Pledge forms available at CMI ministry offices, 209 E. 15th Street, Scottsbluff, or call 308-632-5264.

May 9-Summitt Christian College "Summit to Summit" Community walk/run or ride the shuttle. Start at the College to the top of the Monument. Start: Runners-8am. Walkers-Open start from 9-noon. Health Screening, refreshments and prizes. \$15/ adults over 16. \$10/6-16 and \$5/5 & under. Includes T-shirt. 632-6933. Register & Info: <http://www.summittcc.net>

May 8-9- 2nd Annual Lewis Zemanek Memorial Golf Classic & Client Appreciation" 1pm. Monument Shadows Golf Course, 2550 Club House Drive, Gering. Limited to first 40 teams. For more information, call Jordan Asmus, 308-641-1104 or jasmus@farmersagent.com or Rick McDonald, 308-641-0778 or rick@jolliffecapital.com.

May 16th- 1st Annual 8K Fun Run through State Recreation Area The Wildcat Hills Nature Center, along with partners, will be hosting the 2nd Annual Wildcat Hills Wildlands Event in conjunction with Free Park Day on Saturday, May 16. This year's event will highlight the 1st Annual 8K Fun Run through the State Recreation Area. Runners are encouraged to register early for what is expected to be a popular running event. The 8-kilometer run will begin near the Wildcat Hills Nature Center at 8 am. Runners will follow a course that will take them through the picnic area and campground, out to Old Stage Road to a turnaround point, then returning to the Nature Center. The 8-K Fun Run is open to all ages. Early registration is \$10 per runner, after May 1st up to the day of the run, \$12. Refreshments and t-shirts will be provided to all participants. 1st and 2nd place prizes will be awarded in two age brackets for both men and women: those over 30 and those age 30 and under. To register, stop at the Nature Center or call 436-3777.

May 16 - 17 Monument Shadows "Spring Classic" 8am, April 11th, registration for four-person scramble. Cost to enter, \$380/ per team. 2550 Clubhouse Drive, Gering. For more information, call Robert 308-635-2277.

SPORTS EVENTS

May 2-AYSO Soccer Registration-Registration for AYSO875 soccer for the 2009/2010 seasons are Saturday, April 25 and Saturday, May 2 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Landers Soccer Complex. For more information call 308-672-1706 or see www.ayso875.org.

May 2-3-Coed Volleyball Tournament at Lacy Park. Doubles & Co-ed teams. Download flyer at http://www.wncc.net/orgs/sports/2008-09pictures/WNCC_Turf-2.jpg

May 2-3-Alliance Motocross-Tri State Dirt Riders Racing in Alliance, NE. See www.alliancemx.com or call 308- 762-3876 for complete information.

May 5 & May 7-Softball Camp WNCC- <http://www.wncc.net/orgs/sports/2008-09%20PDFs/softballspringacademy.pdf>
For Summer Skill Camps check website at : <http://www.wncc.net/orgs/sports/wncchome.htm>

HISTORICAL EVENTS

Apr 30- May 2nd -The 32nd Annual Meeting and Conference of the Nebraska State Genealogical Society will be held. May 1 and 2nd the conference is open to anyone. May 1 and 2nd the cost of the course is \$42 per day or \$79 for both days. Friday there will be a banquet at the Farm & Ranch Museum. The cost is \$12 per person and you may send the money with your registration or pay at the door. For a complete itinerary and registration form contact Lori Stromberg at the HARMS Center or phone Ruth Vance at 635-2400 (West NE Family Research & History Center) or 220-4020 at home. Thursday is Librarians Day/Vendor & Society Night.

May 1-2 Farm And Ranch Museum Hosts "Heritage Nebraska Annual Meeting" 2:30-5:00pm, Friday. 8am-10:30am, Saturday. Highlight on Saturday, 9:30am, news conference announcing Nebraska's Hidden Treasures & Fading Places. For more information, contact <http://www.nebraskamainstreet.org>.

JUST FOR KIDS!

May 10-June 27-Science Camp "Buggin' Out on the Prairie" is the theme of the third annual High Plains Science Adventures camp, which will take place **June 22 thru June 26** at the Wildcat Hills Nature Center and other Panhandle sites. The camp is open to students interested in science who will have completed grades 6 through 8 by this summer. The registration fee for the camp, which is limited to 42 students, is \$125. **The registration deadline is May 27th.** The camp focuses on service learning, a process tied to school curriculum in which the students conduct a service project for the community. This year, students will restore an acre of short grass prairie at the Scotts Bluff National Monument and develop an insect and plant guide to the Wildcat Hills. Scholarships of \$50 are available for qualifying students. Forms are available at ESU 13 school principals, science teachers in grades 6 thru 8, any Children and Nature in Our Parks partner, or by contacting Anne James at the Wildcat Hills Nature Center at 308-436-3777 or anne.james@nebraska.gov

May 26-First Day of YMCA Summer Day Camp Series 7:30-5:30. Campers learn activities such as archery, canoeing, swimming, and much more. 12 weeks include themes such as Survivor, Pirates, Olympics, Cowboy, Environment, Art, Water, Wellness and More. Call the YMCA at 635-2318 to register or for more information.

*See **Sports Events** on Page 2, for additional kid's activities.

Stay tuned for **WNCC's Discovery Lab Classes and summer camps for kids and families in June and July. For information call 635-6700

***See **Community Events** on page 4 for family art events at Create Away! Summer Camp registrations begin in May. Call 635-2929 for more information.

ART & ENTERTAINMENT

Apr 19 - May 10 Scotts Bluff National Monument "Artist's Perception Show" 2-4pm. Open house. Regional artists from North Platte Valley Artist Guild will display art in various media at the Visitor Center. 190276 Old Oregon Trail, Gering.

May 1-30-West Nebraska Arts Center will present a gallery exhibit by Virginia Harimon, Friday, May 1 through Saturday, May 30th. The opening reception will be held Friday, May 1, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Gallery Hours are Mon - Fri 9-5; Sat 1-5. <http://www.nebraskarts.com>.

May 1-June 1-Coupon sheets are now available for "Summer Movie Matinee Madness" at the Historic Midwest Theater. They are available and on sale till June 1st at Platte Valley Bank (Coop, Centennial & Circle Drive locations), Scottsbluff & Gering Libraries, Midwest Theater, Compliments, Create Away or call 632-4311. Five movies for \$10 or if purchased at the door tickets are \$3.00. The movie schedule is for Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. and movies are subject to change. Dates and movies are: June 4 - "Igor" PG, 87 minutes; June 11 - "Azur & Asmar" PG, 93 minutes; June 18 - "The Tail of Despereaux" PG, 90 minutes; June 25 - "Mary Poppins" G, 139 minutes and July 2 - "Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa" G, 89 minutes.

May 7th-Catch the Beat on Broadway-Summer Concert Series-Thursday 5-7pm Between 17th & 18th on Broadway. Live Music by Monumental Rock Combo and Fire in the Pan Swingers. Come and enjoy a relaxing summer evening in downtown Scottsbluff. Food & Drinks. See what's new in the stores on Broadway. Sponsored by Downtown Scottsbluff Merchants Association.

May 9 The Underground Presents "The Phoenix Underwater" 7pm. Regret night T-Shirts 4 tomorrow. 1507 Broadway, Scottsbluff. \$5/at door.

May 9-WNCC's Theatre Department presents James Thurber's "Many Moons" at 7:30 p.m. May 8 and at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the Little Theatre. Tickets are \$3 for adults but free if accompanied by a child.

May 26 - 30 WNAC Accepting Entries For "IMAGE Photography Exhibit" Artists must complete entry forms available at WNAC. 106 E. 18th Street, Scottsbluff. Call 308-632-2226 or <http://www.nebraskarts.com> .

May 27 - May 30 Theatre West Summer Repertory "Alter Boyz" A rafter raising musical. Ticket Sales - 1601 East 27th Street, Scottsbluff. Rehearsals begin May 11th. Call 635-6794. <http://www.nebraskarts.com>.

EDUCATIONAL EVENTS

May 6 "Personal Effectiveness & Professionalism"-Getting Down to Business Series You can only expect what your image portrays. This session will help you identify what creates a positive image in the workplace, assess your current personal image and how to use that image to achieve personal and career goals. You will also be able to identify image builders and image busters. Harms Advanced Technology Center. Call 635-6700 for more information.

May 8 Regional West Health Services "One Day Leadership Event" 9am-4pm. Professional Education. Gering Civic Center, 1050 M. Street, Gering. No charge/RWHS employees & members. \$45/all others.

Stay tuned for **WNCC's Discovery Lab Classes and summer camps for kids and families in June and July. For information call 635-6700. The Discovery Lab is a Smart Lab learning environment for children of all ages. Call 635-6700 for more information.

Additional Educational Events can be found at the following link:

<http://hannibal.wncc.cc.ne.us/locations/HATC/classes/classes.pdf>

COMMUNITY EVENTS

May 2 Keep Scottsbluff/Gering Beautiful "Recycle Your Cycles" 8am-noon. NPPD, 515 First Avenue, Scottsbluff.

May 2-Create Away –Sterling Silver Jewelry making class. Come in and make something for Mother's Day!! Call Heather at 635-2929 for more information.

May 2-Next Young Professionals Peacock & Potluck Dinner-11:45am. Riverside Zoo, 1600 S. Beltline Highway W, Scottsbluff. Open to public; entire family welcome. Last name A-I: Bring appetizer or salad. J-S: Main Dish. T-Z: Dessert. Zoo admission for entire family, drinks & eating utensils provided. For more details, visit <http://www.NEXTyoungprofessionals.com>

May 2 High Plains Auto Club Cruise Nite & Poker Run-The High Plains Auto Club invites you to Cruise with us on the First Saturday of Each Month, April thru September. Classic Car buffs meet at 6pm sharp at the Scottsbluff Dairy Queen on West 27th Street and Cruise around the town or the valley. You do not have to be a member to cruise with us or to participate in the poker run. For more information call: Jim Spencer 308-247-2291 - Cars are on display at the DQ prior to the cruise. <http://www.highplainsautoclub.com>. Cindy Spencer/Jim - highplainsautoclub@charter.net

May 4-Jordan World "Circus" 4:30 and 7:30pm. Performance about 2 hrs. long. Scotts Bluff County Fairgrounds, Mitchell. Free kids tickets at area merchants. Tickets can be purchased 1 hr. before show time at gate. \$16/adults, \$14/seniors, \$12/children.

May 6-9 "Farm And Ranch Museum Hosts "USBCA National Cattle dog Finals" Dogs will compete in two classes. Open class for dogs over 36 months. Nursery class for dogs 36 months or younger. Dogs work cattle through a course of panels. \$3/daily admit, \$10/entire event. Come & relax for a day of fun & excitement. The museum will need volunteers to help make event successful. Call 308-436-1989 between 9am & 4pm weekdays

May 7 Mayor's "Prayer Breakfast" 6:45-8am. Guest Speaker, Pastor Gary Hashley. Entertainment, Community Christian College. Gering Civic Center, 1050 M. Street, Gering. Tickets, \$8; must be purchased by May 4th. Available at Gering & Scottsbluff City Halls & Gering Civic Center. No tickets sold at door. For more information, call 308-436-5096.

May 7 Downtown "Hot Summer Nights" 5-7pm. Balloons, popcorn, hamburgers & hot dogs. Closing street between 17th & 18th on Broadway, 4-8pm. Any questions, call Lela Franklin, 632-6407.

May 9 - 10 Monument Mall "Arts & Crafts Show" 10am. 2302 Frontage Road #5, Scottsbluff. For more information, call Terra @ 308-632-6000

May 11 The Panhandle Senior Women's Golf Association "Carry-in Luncheon" 10:30am. Lamplighter Room (formerly Pisanos), 606 E. 27th, Scottsbluff. Call Margaret Lienemann 308-254-7343 for reservations.

May 16-Tehama Shrine Circus-Ladies and Gentlemen, Boys and Girls of all ages, it's the Tehama Shrine Circus at the Gering Football Stadium. There will be two performances, at 2:00 and 7:00 p.m. at the Gering Football Stadium. Kids 12 and under are free, adult tickets are available from any local Shriner or at the gate. Proceeds benefit the Tehama Shrine Temple.

May 16 Wildcat Nature Center "2nd Annual Wildcat Hills Wildlands Day" Activities: Landowner workshop, hikes, crafts and many other activities. 210615 Highway 71, Gering. Call 308-436-3777

May 16 Keep Scottsbluff/Gering Beautiful "3rd Annual Pharmaceutical Take Back" 8am-4pm. Plaza Foods, Avenue B. & South Beltline Highway, Scottsbluff.

May-27-29 Summer Fun Camp at Create Away-Ages 4-7. Call Heather at 635-2929 for more information.

May 30-The Love and Respect Marriage Conference Video Seminar will be held Sunday, May 30 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Hampton Inn Conference Center. It will provide the secret that cracks the communication code. The conference is a presentation that unfolds three basic principles: The Crazy Cycle, The Energizing Cycle and the Rewarded Cycle. This cycle explains

REGIONAL EVENTS

May 9-Margaret Coel, best selling author of mysteries set among the Arapahos on Wyoming's Wind River Reservation, is coming to Cheyenne. Ms. Coel is the featured speaker for a luncheon on Saturday, May 9 at the Holiday Inn. Individual tickets are \$25. Preferred tables (\$500) are also available. For reservations, call 635-5108 by May 6. This event is hosted by the Laramie County Library Foundation. Doors will open at 11:30 a.m. with lunch served at noon, followed by the presentation. A selection of her books will be available for purchase and signing.

May 23-25-Camp Clark Raiders Spring Rendezvous, Seybolt Park, 5 mi. S. on NE Hwy 88, Bridgeport, NE. \$30 per family for camping and events. For more information, please see: <http://www.ngpc.state.ne.us/nebland/articles/outdoors/raiders.asp>

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3 WNCC Coed Volleyball Tourney Alliance Motocross Racing	4 Jordan's World Circus	5 WNCC Girls Softball Camp	6 WNCC Girls Softball Camp "Personal Effectiveness"-HATC USBCA Cattle dog Finals (thru May 9)	7 Mayor's Prayer Breakfast Catch the Beat on Broadway Summer Concert Series Downtown "Hot Summer Nights"	8 Zemanek Golf Classic RWHS-Leadership Event	9 Zemanek Golf Classic SCC Summit to Summit Monument Mall Arts & Crafts Show "The Phoenix Underwater" @ Underground WNCC-'Many Moons'
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