

High Plains Compass

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Do you have an event coming up?
Let us know
so we can help you promote it!

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Several great events are coming up in the next few weeks!

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Community Spotlight: Morrill, NE

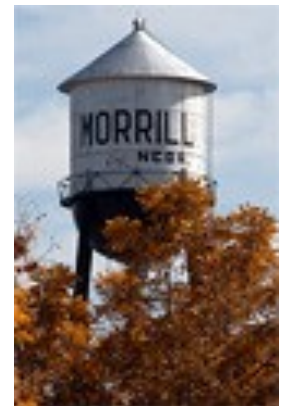
In 1886 the first settlers found a fertile valley at the mouth of the Sheep Creek draw and staked their claims. They came from Fort Collins, Colorado, in search of a new home. They called their new home Collins, which was located nearly a mile north of present Morrill.

A community is much more than just the houses and streets which lie within a set boundary. The Morrill

community is the people, organizations, events and institutions of the surrounding area as well as the cultures and traditions of its people. The Morrill community is a pleasant and friendly community to visit and live.

Incorporated in 1901, the Village of Morrill is located in the extreme west panhandle of Nebraska. It is a small community with excellent schools, progressive businesses,

and pride in community development. With a population of nearly 1,000 people, Morrill offers excellent opportunities for growth and expansion.



Horse Creek Annual Rendezvous Days

On the third weekend of July, Morrill will celebrate its annual Rendezvous Days.

A full day of fun and activities will be shared by the community and friends. Come and celebrate; everyone's invited.

Participate in the golf tournament, street dance, or take a leisurely stroll on a walking tour. There are also kids games to keep the youngsters active! Kick back and relax while watching the parade and live entertain-

ment. Car buffs will love seeing the refurbished autos in the car show. To top all the day's activities off, be sure to enjoy the great food at the barbeque.

Morrill Public Library

The Morrill Public Library offers the following services to the public: computer use, Internet access, fax and copy machine, typewriter, and income tax forms are also available.

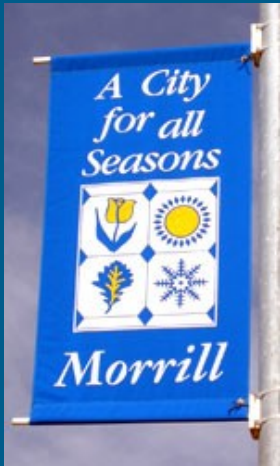
The library also has special features such as: kids book trays, Nebraska Cornhusker Corner,

reading areas for all ages, Summer Reading Program, periodical book sales, copies of the Morrill High School Yearbooks, and the Morrill Mail. The Library also offers for checkout; large print books, audio books, magazines and newspapers, National Geographic magazine, decorator cake pans, and west-

ern novels.

The Library also houses the Village Museum which is open by appointment only. The museum features rotating displays and a variety of Morrill history!

If you are a history buff be sure to check out the library!



Historical Marker: Horse Creek Treaty Marker Site

Four miles west of Morrill on Highway 26, you'll come to a historical marker.

This marker is where the largest gathering of Native Americans in history took place. More than 10,000 Plains Indians representing 10 tribes gathered in a council with United States government officials near the North Platte River and Horse Creek to sign the Treaty.

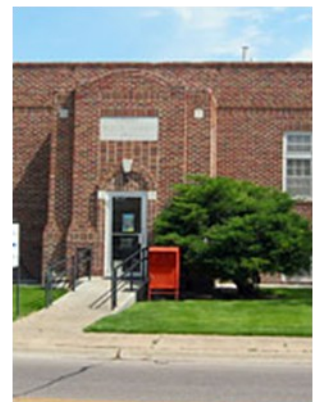
The Morrill Public Schools consist of an elementary school (K-6) and a junior/senior high school (7-12). The elementary school was built in 1980 and the high school in 1960. The pupil/teacher ratio is 15 to 1 with opportunities for distance learning for high school students through Western Nebraska Community College located in Scottsbluff. The school provides an excellent hot lunch program for its students and staff. Bus

Education

service also is provided for rural students.

In addition to the regular academic classes for each grade, music starts in kindergarten, art in the junior and senior high, and instrumental music starting in the fifth grade. The following extra-curricular activities are available for high school students: band, chorus, journalism, yearbook, one-act and all-school plays, FCCLA, cheerleading,

National Honor Society, academic decathlon and quiz bowl. Athletic programs consist of football, cross country, basketball, track, golf and wrestling for boys and volleyball, cross country, basketball, track and golf for girls.



Get Involved in Morrill, NE!

The village of Morrill provides several opportunities to be involved in community service and organizations:

Morrill Rotary Club - Meets at Everybody's Cafe each Wednesday at 12:15 to 1:15pm.

Morrill Community Development Group - A voluntary group working for the betterment of the Village of Morrill, meets every Friday morning at 7am at Everybody's Cafe.

Eastern Star - Meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm at the Masonic Hall in Mitchell.

American Legion - Meets the first Thursday after the first Monday of each month at 8pm at the Legion Hall.

Literary Club - Meets twice a month on Wednesdays. Meetings start in September and end in May.

Head Start - Meets in Lyman on the east side of Main Street.

Golf Association - Ladies-meet Tuesday mornings until noon at the Golf Course. Men - meet Wednesday evenings after 4pm at the Golf Course.

Contact the Village of Morrill at 308-247-2312 for more information.



It's Recreation Time in Morrill, NE!

Parks

Located on the west edge of Morrill along Highway 26, the park has picnic shelters and tables with playground equipment. There also is a park on the east edge of Morrill with basketball, tennis courts, sand volleyball, baseball, and ice skating facilities.

Swimming Pool

The Village operates a public outdoor swimming pool during the summer months. The pool offers a baby pool and diving

boards. Swimming lessons are offered during the month of June. Contact the Village Office for more information on lessons.

Rolling Green Golf Course

The golf course is a nine-hole public course owned and operated by the Village of Morrill. The course offers a driving range and golf carts for public use. Ladies Day is Tuesday morning until noon and Men's Night is Wednesday evening after 4:00 pm. A clubhouse is avail-

able for all occasions.

Brown's Legion Field

The Village owns a baseball field on the north-east edge of Morrill.

Baseball begins in early May and runs through July. The Morrill Athletic Club is in charge of the baseball program.

South Morrill Sand Pits

These pits are located two and one-half miles south of Morrill. The pits are the property of the Village of Morrill and are open to the public for fishing.

Did You Know?

There are several youth service organizations in Morrill. Meeting times may vary. If interested in participating in any of these, contact the Village Office at 308-247-2312 who will try to get you in touch with the current leader.

- 4-H Club
- Boy Scouts
- Cub Scouts
- Campfire
- Job's Daughters
- Girl Scouts
- Little League Baseball
- Girls Softball
- Federated Wrestling
- Basketball

**HPC
Featured in
this week's
addition of
Garden
County
News!!!**



Thank you!

Room to GROW

By Deborah Feller

What is High Plains Compass? I just wanted to share a bit of information with you. This organization/website was created to increase population and youth retention, recruitment and to communicate to the public what is available and happening in many local areas of Nebraska. Before this website was created a committee was formed to brainstorm what the people of our region wanted and needed. As we sometimes ask ourselves; "what is there to do, where can we go, what's going on"? The committee that was formed recognized that these questions were also being asked regionally. Unfortunately due to misconception or unawareness, oftentimes the answer to these questions were; "there isn't anything going on and there isn't anything to do". The committee ultimately determined what was needed was a centralized vehicle to communicate community events, happenings, and available housing. In June of 2009 a director

was hired and a website was created (www.HighPlainsCompass.com). To date there are now three means of social networking. The High Plains website (includes E-Newsletters and Upcoming events), search engine sites and advertisements in such places as Cabela's Worlds Foremost Outfitter magazine, Journey to Western Nebraska, Nebraska Life Magazine, Colorado State Alumni Magazine as well as Today at Colorado State, an online place for current students. Two billboards also advertise (one West of Lusk, Wyoming and one South of Chadron, Nebraska).

The High Plains Compass attributes its success to the many concerned citizens who sign up for events and utilize the website in its entirety. There are approximately 52 communities currently receiving E-Newsletters including Western Nebraska, South-eastern Wyoming and Northeastern Colorado. The common thread is that all of these communities, just like here in Garden

County have unique and wonderful community events and offer rural living at its best. If you visit this website you will see homes/apartments for rent, homes for sale in each community; real estate agencies; media websites as well as broadcast and newspaper sites; employment agencies and links to employer sites; lodging, restaurants, attractions, events and more. Once on-line you will have the ability to meet the staff and friends from around the region; view articles, the most popular e-newsletters, read testimonials and/or sign up to receive weekly events notices. Weekly event notifications are sent out via e-mail every Thursday and their monthly e-newsletter goes out on the 15th of every month. Facebook and Twitter are also media sites that are used to share events and special happenings. Why not take a look at this great way to communicate your local events and happenings, and also learn what other communities are doing as well.

Be Social!



Easter Egg Hunts In the Region

There are several Easter Egg Hunts in the area this month. Make time to see as many as you can!

Alliance - Box Butte General Hospital, Tues. April 19th, 4:00pm, ages 12 & under

Chadron – Baseball Fields, Sat. April 23rd, 11:00am, all ages

Dalton/Gurley – Legion Park, Sat. April 23rd,

1:30pm, ages 12 & under

Kimball – City Park, Sat. April 23rd, 11am

Potter – Schools, Thurs. April 21, 2pm, all children ages pre-school – 3rd grade

Sidney – Sidney Public Library, Sat. April 16th, 1:30pm, ages 12 & under

Sidney – Community Hunt with Fire Whistle

start, Sat. April 23, 10am, Legion Park.

Sidney – Downtown Businesses, Sat. April 23rd,



WNDN Update

The last Western Nebraska Development Network (WNDN) meeting was held March 30th, 2011 at the Gering Civic Center in Gering, Nebraska.

Travis Haggard gave a very impressive presentation on whether or not the “Smart Card” is for you. He explained that your business card needs to be something that grabs and keeps your attention. Use your business card to be remembered and to make an impact. Travis’ business card looked and felt like a drivers license! It was truly a card to be remembered. He also advised to include a barcode on your busi-

ness card that is accessible with a smart phone. It will allow for easy storing of contact information versus keeping an actual business card.

Jeanette Gourlie with Panhandle Area Development District also gave a presentation on impressing everyone you know with an awesome PowerPoint. She pointed out that you should never give too much information, keep it simple, and to use tasteful images.

There were also roundtable discussions allowing everyone

in attendance to give updates about their communities and events that are happening.

From 1pm—4pm, A Rural Regional Broadband Forum was held. Jenny from UNL Extension was the facilitator for the forum.

The next WNDN meeting will be held on May 25th at 10:30am in Chadron, Nebraska.



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Mystery Photo



Where was this photo taken?

HINT: 125 years ago this town began.

[E-mail your submission!](#)

Nobody guessed correctly for last month's Mystery Photo. The photo was taken at Bridgeport State Recreation Area!

High Plains Compass Events!

Apr 15-17: Festival of Quilts, Victory Quilts of the 1940's theme, Assumption Arena, 9am, Chadron, NE

Apr 16: MHC Health Fair, Cheyenne County Community Center, 8am-12pm, Sidney, NE

Apr 16: Empowered by Love, Photo Shoot, Kids Korner, 10am-2pm, Sidney, NE

Apr 16: Earth Day Celebration, coupons, discounts, recycling, 815 E. 3rd, 10am-2pm, Kimball, NE

Apr 16: Party for the Planet, Earth Day Extravaganza, Riverside Discovery Center, 10am-3pm, Scottsbluff, NE

Apr. 19-21: REEL Earth Festival, Three different movies, Midwest Theatre, 7:30pm, Scottsbluff, NE

Apr. 21: Massenkoff, Russian Dance and Singing Troupe, Memorial Hall, 7:30pm, Chadron, NE

Apr. 21: Sidney Youth Night, Cheyenne County Community Center, 6-8pm, Sidney, NE

Apr. 26: Girls Night Out on the Pink Carpet, Historical Downtown Sidney, 5pm, Sidney, NE

Apr. 30: Sweep Chadron Clean, Keep Chadron Beautiful, 153 Bordeaux, 9am-12pm, Chadron, NE

Apr. 30: 5K SuperHero Run/Walk, CAPstone Child Advocacy Center, 8:30am, Oregon Trail Park, Gering, NE

Apr. 30: Great Trash Race, Keep Sidney Beautiful, 10am, Sidney, NE

May 6-7: Dear Edwina, A musical, Harry McNees Auditorium, 7pm, Kimball, NE

May 7-8: Tri-State Dirt Riders, High Point Motor Speedway, 9am, Kimball, NE

To add an event,
please click [HERE!](#)

Sign Up For Our Upcoming Events Here!