

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: Potter, Nebraska

Potter, Nebraska

Potter, in western Cheyenne County, owes its early establishment to the Union Pacific Railroad. The station house, built in 1870, was the only building for a number of years so it served as a station, a post office, and a school with a teacher from Omaha. First cattlemen, but gradually some settlers staked their claims. In 1885 a hotel was built and soon there were several stores, a newspaper and a Lutheran church. In the winter of 1886 the grangers to the north would bring in red cedar posts and trade for groceries. In 1892 a big crop triggered the need for grain storage houses, but the drought the next three years changed that. Many settlers left and the town suffered hard times.

In 1907 a bank was organized along with several other improvements such as sidewalks, city lights, and a water system. By 1915, the town had a brick schoolhouse that included a basement, gymnasium, science room and clay molding class. In the

1920s the town added a public library, a community dump, and a power plant with a second generating unit.

During the Depression many local businesses operated by allowing customer credit, while convenient, not all survived. The city approved a volunteer fire department, had an annual city clean-up, and sold electric power to the town of Dix.

A softball association was formed in 1934. The city helped by putting lights in the city park, but shut them off at 10:30pm regardless of the status of the game. The town also had a band led by Dale Chambers and played summer concerts. Civic pride was shown by the organization of Potter Days in 1936, where the first prize in the drawing was a brand new Chevrolet!

The tradition of Potter Days has continued with parades, drawings, contests, exhibits,

and dances.

Potter has progressed over the years, with slow-downs during the periods of hard times on the farm, and great spurts of improvements during the good times. To this day, the town is holding strong with a population of around 350, approximately 30 businesses, two churches and many organizations.

Another change occurred in 1987 with the consolidation of the Potter and Dix school districts. The pride of the consolidation is being shown in the successes of the students in athletics, speech and drama, and scholarships. This union of the schools will assure residents in both communities receive a quality education, with local control and pride, for many years to come. For more information go to www.potterne.com.



POTTER
Nebraska

Oregon Trails Days

This annual event in Gering, Nebraska is a celebration dedicated to recognizing the people who settled in this great region.

The event is filled with old-fashioned parades, an art show, a chili cook-off, live concerts, street dances, a community barbeque, an international food fair, a 5-mile run, a unique kiddie parade, a car show, a bicycle hill climb and so much more.

In fact there is so much going on during Oregon Trails Days it takes this whole web site just to tell you about it:

www.oregontrailsdays.com/index.html

Activities, Festivals and Celebrations

What is there to do in Potter, NE? There are plenty of options for daily activities, annual events and celebrations. Take a look below and make plans now to visit Potter, NE.

Annual Events

Potter Days, Friday, Saturday and Sunday Sept 2, 3, & 4, 2011
Crowning of Ms. Potter Children's Sidewalk Chalk Art Contest, 4-H, Quilts, Crafts, Pies, Fun Run/Walk, Parade Band Concert, Street Dance with Money Shot, Golf Tournament, Craft and food booths.

Old Fashioned Christmas, December 4, 2011
Activities will include a breakfast, church service, crafts, parade, activities, soup supper, and much more! Museums will be open and serving hot cider

Potter Mellerdrama - July 7, 8 and 9
American Legion Hall. A show you are sure to remember!

Venues

A Collective Gathering
Antiques ~ Flea Market ~ Crafts ~ Gifts ~ and more....
326 Chestnut St/PO
Box 46 Potter NE 69156
308-879-4311
acg08@actcom.net

10 am - 5 pm Monday - Saturday

The Potter Sundry
324 Chestnut Street, Potter, Ne 69156,
308-879-4548

Savor a bit of nostalgia at this old-fashioned soda fountain, which claims to have created the original Tin Roof Sundae.

Monday - Thursday
7am-5 pm
Fridays
7am-8 pm
with a Friday night special
Saturdays
7am-2pm
Closed most Holidays.

Bags' Bar & Steakhouse
Where Friends Meet to Eat!

www.bagsbarpotter.com/
Open 2pm-1am Mon & Tues
10am-1am Wed.-Sat.
Kitchen Open 5-9pm
Mon & Tues
10am-9pm Wed-Sat
Breakfast served 10am-2pm

Library
308-879-4345
Children's reading programs - outdoor reading garden - copy machine
Wednesday 9 am - 12pm & 1-5pm
Saturday 9 am - 12pm

Museums

Potter Historical Museum
- Sherman Street,

Potter Depot Museum -
Front Street.

Parks & Recreation

American Legion Park - Front Street between Rose and Locust. Playground, restrooms, tables, grills and horseshoe pit.

Sand Volleyball Court
- downtown on Sherman Street

Reading Garden -
downtown between library and senior citizens center

Railroad Park - Front Street downtown between Chestnut and Elm.

Potter's Duckpin Bowling Alley (Owned by the Potter Historical Foundation)
Upstairs 328 Chestnut St, Potter, NE 69156

Prairie Pines Golf Course - 7 Holes
402 Prairie Pine Dr
Potter, Nebraska 69156
Tee times not required.
Prairie Pines is Nebraska's only seven hole course.

www.golfingnebraska.com/course-description/potter-prairiepines.shtml

Class Project to promote Potter!



A group of Potter/Dix English students made a presentation for their class in order to draw attention and promote their community.

Click [here](#) or on the image to watch the video about Potter, NE.

Save the Date:
Heritage Days in Alliance, NE

Heritage Days 2011 will be held Tuesday, July 19th through the 24th in downtown Alliance.

For more information contact the Alliance Chamber of Commerce at 308-762-1520 or www.alliancechamber.com

You know what they say about Potter

This clever saying is found on the community's website, www.potterne.com and really sums up the character of the town and people living there!

You know you're in a small town when

.. your area code is as large as the population.

.. children are our most important commodity.

.. you hear a dog barking and you know whose it is.

.. you get a wrong number and talk for 15 minutes anyway.

.. the main street really is.

.. the talk over the backyard fence isn't always gossip!

.. Sundays are what Sundays should be.

.. the only time you need to lock your car is during zucchini season.

.. you can't walk for exercise, because everyone who drives by offers you a ride.



The Riverside Discovery Center

1500 S Beltline Highway West
Scottsbluff, NE 69361

Treasure Trek Days

Join the Region's
Biggest Quest
for Antiques,
Collectibles,
and Genuine
Fun!

Participating Communities:

- Alliance
- Arthur
- Ashby
- Bridgeport
- Chadron
- Chappell
- Crawford
- Hyannis
- Potter

For more
information and
a Shoppers
Guide visit the
website:

[www.treasuretr
ekne.com/](http://www.treasuretr
ekne.com/)

There is a great line-up of summer camps scheduled for the Riverside Discovery Center. Classes are for pre-K youth & a parent, up through middle school aged students. Discoveries, excitement, meeting the animals, and lots of fun is planned.

Please visit their website for additional information and other events.
www.riversidediscoverycenter.org

June 20-24: High Plains Science Adventures – H2 Oh! 8am – 4pm
Students who have completed 5th –8th grade. Students will become citizen scientists and work with resource specialists to learn about one of our most important resources – WATER! Presented by Children and Nature in Our Parks.

June 29: Printmaking
3rd – 4th grade, \$40, 9am-11am
1st – 2nd grade, \$40, 1pm-3pm
Creative Art! Students will make note cards and print a t-shirt using various items. Receive a snack, t-shirt & note cards.

July 5: Furry, Slinky, Flying Animals

1st – 2nd grade, \$30, 10am-12pm
Learn about the wild world of animals. Receive a snack & t-shirt.

July 8: Momma Bear & Baby Bear

Pre-K child and parent, \$25, 9am-10:30am
Learn about wild animal parents and how they care for their young. Receive a snack & t-shirt.

July 12-13: Marsh Mushers

3rd – 4th grade \$40, 9am-12pm
Become a Jr. Scientist by investigating the nature of a wetland. Receive a snack & t-shirt.

July 18: Tell Me a Story About Animals

Pre-K child and parent, \$25, 10am-11:30am
Learn about animals at the zoo through stories. Receive a snack & t-shirt.

July 20-21: Feet Will Get You There

1st – 2nd grade, \$40, 9am-12pm
Learn about animal locomotion and the variety of ways animals get around. Receive a snack & t-shirt.

July 27-28: Wildlife Photography

4th – 5th grade, \$50, 10am-12pm
Students will use digital cameras to photograph nature. Students will receive prints of their photos, a snack & t-shirt.

August 2: Nature Journaling

3rd – 5th grade, \$30, 10am-12pm
Make a nature journal. Sketching, writing, and documenting nature that you see on your explorations. Receive a snack, t-shirt, & nature journal.

August 4-5: Species Survival

4th – 5th grade, \$40, 9am-12pm
Learn about threatened and endangered species and how we can help them. Receive a snack & t-shirt.

August 9: I Get Around

Pre-K & parent, \$25, 10am-11:30am
Let's walk like the animals! Learn about the different ways animals move around. Receive a snack & t-shirt.

Be Social!



Fourth of July

Independence Day is a federal holiday commemorating the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. Many people celebrate the event with extended weekends, picnics, parades, patriotic decorations and firework displays.

Check out the local community celebrations in the area below. If you know of any other celebrations please [contact](#) us!

Crawford, NE - July 4th Celebration starts at 8pm with the Old West Trail Rodeo with Fireworks to follow.

Kimball, NE - Sunday, July 3, 2011 at around 9:00 pm from Horseshoe Hill. The show is free and can be seen throughout town or you can go to the high school bleachers to watch the show. The Kimball Volunteer Fire Department donates their time and energy to put on the show.

Oshkosh, NE - July 4th Parade, Free BBQ, Games, and Fireworks!

Chappell, NE - Sunday, July 3 – fireworks display at Chappell Lake starting at

DUSK – Sponsored by Chappell Volunteer Fire Department.

Lodgepole, NE - July 4th. Enjoy the fireworks and softball game.

Sidney, NE-Sunday, July 3, Volunteer Fire Department will start the fireworks at dusk. Bring your lawn chair to the Soccer fields or WNCC parking lot to get a great view! The Cheyenne County Ladies Chamber will host an Independence Day social at the Visitor's Center at 6pm.

The Post Playhouse

The Post Playhouse at the Fort Robinson State Park has provided theatrical entertainment for the communities of Western Nebraska and for the tourists visiting the area for the past 44 years. They appreciate their patrons, the local businesses, the community, and the visitors of Fort Robinson State Park.

Typical show times are 8 pm Tuesday through Saturday, with many 2pm matinees scheduled for weekends and Wednesdays late in the season. The season ends August 14.

For more information visit their website at:

www.postplayhouse.com/

Hank Williams

June 14-18, 19 (2pm), 21, 22
July 1, 5, 14, 17 (2pm), 19, 27 (2pm)
August 4, 6, 10, 13 (2pm)

Forever Plaid

June 24-25, 26 (2pm), 30
July 6, 13, 16 (2pm), 23, 29, 31 (2pm)
August 6 (2pm), 11

The Marvelous Wonderettes

June 28, 29
July 2, 3 (2pm), 12, 16, 21, 23 (2pm), 28, 30
August 3, 7 (2pm), 10 (2:00), 12

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee

July 8-9, 10 (2pm), 15, 20, 26, 30 (2pm)
August 3 (2pm), 5, 9, 13, 14 (2pm)

Broadway: A Cabaret

July 22, 24 (2pm), 27
August 2



Above: The Post Playhouse theater. Courtesy of their website.

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Mystery Photo



Hint: It's alive!

E-mail your submission!

Nobody guessed correctly for last month's Mystery Photo. The photo was taken on Chadron's Main Street during Fur Trade Days.

High Plains Compass Events!

June 17-18: Ash Hollow Pageant, "The Lighter Side of Life on the Oregon Trail", Ash Hollow Historical Park, Lewellen, NE

June 18: Dandelion Daze Car Show, Show & Shine, Food, Vendors, Crafts and more! 9am-3pm, Holyoke, CO

June 18: Sullivan Hills Quilt Auction, Good food, great fun and lots of beautiful quilts, Sullivan Hills Camp, 11am, Lodgepole, NE

June 18-19: Kimball FFA Alumni Ag Society Annual Progress Show, Hog, Beef, Sheep and Goat Show, Kimball County Fairgrounds, Kimball, NE

June 17-19: High Plains Music Fest, Expo and Tractor Pull, Tons of family fun a bicycle rodeo, children's fishing contest, crafts, food, music, all weekend long, Sterling, CO

June 24: Colgate Country Showdown, Music Contest, Holiday Inn, 7pm, Sidney, NE

June 25: Sullivan Hills Camp Classic, Golf Tournament with prizes and food, Chappell Golf Club, Chappell, NE

June 25: Annual Golf Tournament, Team-mates Mentoring Program fundraiser for scholarship program, Four Winds Golf Course, 12pm, Kimball, NE

June 25: 39th Annual Mini Fair & Rodeo, Full day of fun with cowboy entertainment, La Grange, WY

July 1-4: Crawford's 4th of July & Rodeo, PRC A Rodeo, Parade, Fireworks, and much more! Crawford, NE

July 2: 9th Annual Ribs & More Cook-off Competition, Ribs/Chicken, Baked Beans, Corn Bread and Pies Divisions, 4pm, Kimball, NE

July 4: Heritage Festival, Music, Food, Dancing, and much more, Overland Trail Museum, Sterling, CO

July 6: Glenn Miller Orchestra, Historic Midwest Theater, 7pm, Scottsbluff, NE

July 7-8: Cattle Capital Rodeo, Alliance Rodeo Grounds. Gates open at 5pm, Alliance, NE

July 8-10: Fur Trade Days, Community festival with crafts/quilts/antiques show/flea market and Rodeo, City-wide, Chadron, NE

July 9: Ovid Days, Street Dance, BBQ, Duck Races and Car Show, Ovid, CO

July 14-17: Oregon Trail Days, Annual community celebration with parade/crafts/concerts and much more! Gering, NE

July 15-16: Horse Creek Annual Rendezvous Days, fun and activities, Morrill, NE

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

Sign Up For Our Upcoming Events Here!