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Event? We can
help!

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Oktoberfest?

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Chadron State is
receiving three new
facilities!

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Welcome to Whitney, Nebraska

Amanda Glenn, HPC Director

For those of you who haven't been, or rather, *experienced* Whitney, you are really missing out. Granted the town isn't that big (population of 87, according to City-Data.com) but it truly has treasures that not many would know about!

The most popular attraction that people visit is Whitney Lake. This lake has provided many memories to citizens around the area. I remember going there with my Grandpa Pat when we both just needed time away to listen to the quiet or tell stories.

This lake is also where I learned that there is a difference between "crappie" (pronounced crah-pee) and "crappie" (pronounced CRAP-ee). The latter being the very small fish that I had to throw back (which happened quite often). My Grandpa was a master fisherman with a lot of patience-who loved fishing at this lake.

Thanks to this lake, I have memories that will undoubtedly last a



*A view of Whitney looking west down
Bethel Road*

lifetime and experiences I will remember forever.

Another cool thing that can be found in this month's edition of the E-Newsletter is about a new little coffee shop in Whitney called, "Cora's Place". The people who created this quaint little coffee shop have a really neat story behind it, so be sure and check it out and if you're ever in Whitney, be sure to drop in, say "hi", and grab yourself some "cowboy coffee".

Enjoy reading about Whitney this month, we truly have great people and places to visit that make memories that last lifetimes. I hope you can make yours at Whitney.

"Whitney School has been closed down," reports Terri Haynes of Whitney. Terri advised they would like to obtain photographs, written stories, documents, etc. for display. If you have any of these types of documents or photos, please send them to Michelle Haynes at mihayn@eagles.csc.edu.

Did You Know THIS About September?

September is one of the warmest months in the Southern United States; Northern states have warm September days, but the nights get much cooler. It is also harvest time for crops, and in Switzerland, it's called "Harvest Month".

The sapphire is the gem for September.

The morning glory is the flower of the month.

Cora's Place: A New Treasure

Cora's Place, a wonderful gathering spot to talk over coffee, is one of the most quaint and cozy places to visit while you are in Whitney.

Mike Cartwright, a retired Chadron State College professor, said he and his wife opened Cora's Place with the hopes of making it a community gathering spot.

The home at 3305 Missouri Street between City Hall and the Post Office has been in the Cartwright's family for generations. The house was originally built by Cartwright's great-grandmother, Minerva Cripps. Later, his grandparents, Lewis and Cora (Cripps) Cartwright moved into the home. Lewis was the Dawes County Treasurer in 1915. The house was sold in the 1940s, but Mike and Jeanetta bought it back in 1985.

Recently, the couple decided they'd rather put the home to use for a purpose other than

renting, and Cora's Place was born.

Customers won't find gourmet-flavored coffee drinks at Cora's. Cartwright sticks strictly to what he calls "cow-boy coffee" but also offers cold drinks and homemade bread.

Long term, Mike would like to see Cora's Place become a spot where Whitney residents can gather to discuss what else they would like to see done in the community and find ways of accomplishing those goals. So far, the community has been supportive of the business, Mike said.

"We want to incorporate the community every chance we get," Mike said.

Jim Chastaine has lived in Whitney since 1994. Once Cora's opened, he quickly became a regular visitor. It

gives him a chance to get out and visit his neighbors, he said.

The Cartwright's hope to expand Cora's Place in the future. More hours, an expanded menu and additional outdoor musical performances are all future possibilities.

For now, Cora's is open from 9am - 11am and 2pm - 4pm Tuesday through Saturday and from 10am to Noon each Sunday.



Mike Cartwright (left) visits with Jim Chastaine.

Be Social!

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facebook

*Twitter.com/HPCompass
Facebook.com/HighPlainsCompass*

Our old *Facebook Profile* was deleted; but no worries, we have a new one!

Visit *Facebook.com/HighPlainsCompass* today to ensure you are updated on events, movies, and the upcoming HPC Facebook Photo Contest!

Nebraska is Great! Tell Your Friends! Together, We Can Change Perceptions!

How many of you have heard, “there’s nothing to do in Nebraska,” or “why do you live in Nebraska,?” I can’t help but think that these minds have been jaded into thinking Nebraska is a bad place to live. According to the US Census, Western Nebraska is losing population, and we need to change people’s minds, and create a new & better perception of Nebraska. There were only 3 counties that gained population in Western Nebraska. Those of us who live in Nebraska know how wonderful the state is. and it’s up to us to change minds!

You are the only person who can change people’s perceptions of Nebraska, it starts with you.

Take a look at this video to see what Nebraska’s youth are saying and thinking about living in Western Nebraska. Eye opening!



Whitney Reflections

Meet Larry & Karen Miller, the creators of the popular “Whitney Reflections” website. They both had grandparents who lived in Whitney from the 20s to the 60s and Karen lived there much of her childhood. They are in the process of refurbishing their site, so check periodically for more information and photos!



Above: Larry & Karen Miller

NSCS Board Advances Three CSC Facility Projects

Three planned facility improvements at Chadron State College received approval on September 9th at different stages of development.

The three measures, which advanced by unanimous vote of the Nebraska State College System Board of Trustees, are for the construction on a new Rangeland Complex, renovation and expansion of the Armstrong Physical Education Building, and replacement of the West Court Family Housing Complex.

To read this story in its entirety, visit the [CSC News Page!](#)

Sidney's Oktoberfest Celebration Coming Soon!

Sidney's Oktoberfest Celebration is gearing up for another year of fun! This year's Oktoberfest will begin at Noon on Sept. 30th with the “Tapping of the Keg” followed by music, dancing, beer, bratwurst, food, crafts, a parade on Saturday morning, a Rod ‘N Roll Car Show, Wiener Dog Races, the Denver Pipe Band, and more! To enter into any of the categories, please call the numbers listed below!

Parade: Christine: 308-254-4441

Wiener Dog Races: Judy: 254-4926

Craft Booth: Roxanne: 249-5862

Food Booth: Artie: 254-4941

Entertainment: Judy: 254-2932

Rod ‘N Roll: 254-6127

*Save
the
Date!*

*for the
Dalton
Fall
Festival*

The Dalton
Fall Festival
will be held
Sept. 16th-
18th in
Dalton,
Nebraska!

This Festival
offers a Day
Parade at
10:30am on
the 17th and a
Night Parade
the same day
at 8pm.

For parade
registration or
a full schedule
of events,
[contact the
HPC!](#)

We look
forward to
seeing you at
the

*Dalton
Fall
Festival!*

*Thank
You*

The High Plains
Compass would
like to thank these
communities for
contributing to the
HPC in terms of
funding. We couldn't
help spread the word
on your events, area
attractions, restau-
rants, & more, without the help you provide.

Special & Sincere Thank You To:

Bayard, Nebraska
Chappell, Nebraska
Hemingford, Nebraska
Kimball, Nebraska
Potter, Nebraska
Sidney, Nebraska

*HPC Facebook Photo Contest
Starts September 26!*

The High Plains Compass is geared up for its third
Photo Contest and we want your summer photos!
There will be three categories: Best recreational
photo, best community event photo and best ani-
mal photo.

You must state in your submission where the photo
was taken along with a title to the photo. The con-
test will conclude and be judged on October 27th,
winners will be announced October 28th and those
who win the contest will receive plaques acknowl-
edging them on their accomplishment.

By submitting a photo to the contest, you give the
High Plains Compass permission to publish it
in any manner deemed acceptable. The HPC has
already used numerous submissions in advertise-
ments across the country.

Visit our [Facebook Page](#) for event details and to
submit a photo!

**We're
SORRY**

Editor,
Thank you for sending the
High Plains Compass to me
and putting my articles in it.
My question is that I won-
der where the "9/11 Tidbits"
originated and if you can
break them up with proof. I
think that on this anniversary
of such a horrendous crime
we need to be patriotic and
prayerful. Insinuating that the
whole thing originated within
our own citizens is in very bad
taste.

Signed,
Shirley Gillespie

Dear Shirley,
*We are so sorry that you felt this
way about our tidbits. We in no
way intended for our viewers to
think this about our great coun-
try. We agree that this should be
a time of patriotism. We did, in
the header of the e-mail, show
our patriotism and compassion
for those effected by 9/11. Our
information was taken from
Architects and Engineers for 9/11,
they are a non-profit corporation
whose work is dedicated to the
victims, families, and all others
throughout the world affected by
the tragic events of 9/11/2001.
In the future, we will be sure to
take your information to heart,
and not write anything on such a
sensitive matter. We apologize.*
Signed,
Amanda Glenn, Director

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Mystery Photo



HINT: You ain't leavin' til we throw you out!

E-mail your submission!

Congratulations to Kalee Lipska, Michael Dickman, Jim Calvin, Brad Rusk, and Marge Meyer for correctly guessing last month's Mystery Photo taken at Chadron State College's Robert Elliot Football Field.

High Plains Compass Upcoming Events

Sept. 15: Ricky Nelson Remembered, Memorial Hall, Chadron, NE

Sept. 16-18: Arabian Horse Association Trail Ride, Fort Robinson State Park, Crawford, NE

Sept. 16-18: Dalton Fall Festival, Dalton, NE

Sept. 17: Mutt Strutt 5K, Legion Park, Sidney, NE

Sept. 17: Chicken Noodle Dinner, High School All Purpose Room, Dalton, NE

Sept. 17: Scotts Bluff Valley Fiber Arts Fair, Fairgrounds, Mitchell, NE

Sept. 17: Responsible Beverage Server Training, 4110 Avenue D, Scottsbluff, NE

Sept. 17-18: “Live the Spirit”, Trinity United Methodist Church, Kimball, NE

Sept. 17-18: Sugar Beet Days, Sterling, CO

Sept. 18: Hospital Foundation Golf Classic, Mulligan's Steak House & Four Winds Golf Course, Kimball, NE

Sept. 20: Mark Nizer LIVE in 3D, Midwest Theater, Scottsbluff, NE

Sept. 22: 17th Annual Alzheimer Memory Walk & 5K, Legion Park, Sidney, NE

Sept. 24: CSC Football vs. Adams State, Elliot Field, Chadron, NE

Sept. 24: Don't Litter, Spay & Neuter Dog Walk, A Keep Chadron Beautiful Event, Chadron, NE

Sept. 24: Farmers Day Parade & Festival, Downtown, Kimball, NE

Sept. 24: Great Plains Communications Tailgate Party, CSC Campus, Chadron, NE

Sept. 24-25: Dobby's Frontier Town Fall Festival, Alliance, NE

Sept. 24-25: Haxtun Corn Festival, Haxtun, CO

Sept. 30-Oct. 2: Oktoberfest, Fairgrounds, Sidney, NE

Oct. 6: Panhandle of Western NE Designation Ceremony, Gering Civic Center, Gering, NE