



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Raising Nebraska for our FREE Youth Summer Program

July 1 – Beef Cattle

July 8 – Plant Life Cycle

July 15 – Water

July 22 – Where Your Food Comes From

July 28 – Popcorn

Time: 12-2pm

501 E. Fonner Park Rd. Suite 100

- Each week, youth will explore a new agriculture and natural resources topic through hands-on activities, games, and interactive learning experiences.
- Registration is generously sponsored by UNL Extension and the Nebraska 4-H Foundation.
- Please RSVP by using the link below by the Monday before each program so we can prepare enough materials for all participants.

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United We Celebrate

July 4th from 2-8pm

Stuhr Museum

- Celebrate Independence Day and America's 250th anniversary at Stuhr Museum with an unforgettable festival filled with live music, cultural performances, historical experiences, hands-on demonstrations, family activities, delicious food, local vendors, and unique artisan crafts. Explore booths hosted by community organizations and businesses while experiencing the energy, creativity, and community spirit that make Central Nebraska so special. A special thank you goes to Grand Island Tourism for their generous support of this event! The evening will culminate in the community fireworks show presented in partnership with the Grand Island Fireworks Celebration. Help us celebrate the birth of our nation and the settlement of Grand Island on their shared birthday -Fireworks will launch at 10 p.m. from the grounds of Stuhr Museum (on-site parking will be available). Listen in on KRGI 105.5.

Hall County Fair

July 22-26

Fonner Park

- Trailer races, DC Lynch Carnival, 5k RUN, Cruise Nite, Music concerts, 4-H exhibits.

Art in the Park

July 19th from 9am-4pm

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RESOURCES

JOIN US EVERY FRI-YAY NIGHT IN MARCH-AUGUST FOR FOUR EXTRA HOURS TO EXPLORE, UNWIND, AND ENJOY THE MUSEUM AT YOUR OWN PACE, PLUS 1/2 PRICE ADMISSION FROM 4-8 PM! STUHR MUSEUM MEMBERS WILL CONTINUE TO ENJOY FREE MUSEUM ADMISSION DURING FRI-YAY NIGHT HOURS. FRI-YAY NIGHTS WILL INCLUDE A VARIETY OF ROTATING ACTIVITIES, PROGRAMS, AND ALL YOUR FAVORITE MUSEUM ACTIVITIES OFFERED AT DIFFERENT TIMES THROUGHOUT THE SEASON. EXAMPLES OF ACTIVITIES INCLUDE GAME NIGHTS TO ENJOY WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS, CRAFTS, EXHIBIT TOURS, AND MORE. PLEASE NOTE, SOME ACTIVITIES MAY HAVE A SMALL FEE WHICH WILL BE ADVERTISED UPFRONT – NO SURPRISES!

FOR QUESTIONS RELATED TO STUHR MUSEUM HOURS OR ADMISSION, PLEASE CONTACT INFO@STUHRMUSEUM.ORG OR CALL (308) 385-5316.

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SCAN THE QR CODE TO VIEW THE FULL EVENT PROGRAM!

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Outdoor Explorers: Family Night

CRANE TRUST

Soak up a summer sunset on the prairie. View the bison herd from an evening hayrack ride, explore fireflies & moths, and make s'mores!

**Thursday July 23
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JULIO 2025

EDN Newsletter

411 W. 3rd Street, Grand Island, NE 68801
Ph: 308-398-6567



Nebraska Early
Development Network

Babies can't wait

f Region 26

EVENTOS COMUNITARIOS

"Raising Nebraska": Programa de verano gratuito para jóvenes

1 de julio - Ganado vacuno

8 de julio - Ciclo de vida de las plantas

15 de julio - El agua

22 de julio - El origen de los alimentos

28 de julio - Palomitas de maíz

Horario: 12:00 p. m. a 2:00 p. m.

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- Cada semana, los jóvenes explorarán un nuevo tema relacionado con la agricultura y los recursos naturales mediante actividades prácticas, juegos y experiencias de aprendizaje interactivas.
- La inscripción cuenta con el generoso patrocinio de UNL Extension y la Nebraska 4-H Foundation.
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4 de julio, de 2:00 p. m. a 8:00 p. m.

Museo Stuhr

- Celebre el Día de la Independencia y el 250.º aniversario de Estados Unidos en el Museo Stuhr con un festival inolvidable lleno de música en vivo, presentaciones culturales, experiencias históricas, demostraciones prácticas, actividades familiares, comida deliciosa, vendedores locales y artesanías únicas. Explore los puestos de organizaciones comunitarias y empresas mientras disfruta de la energía, la creatividad y el espíritu comunitario que hacen que el centro de Nebraska sea tan especial. ¡Un agradecimiento especial a Grand Island Tourism por su generoso apoyo a este evento! La velada culminará con el espectáculo comunitario de fuegos artificiales, presentado en colaboración con la Grand Island Fireworks Celebration. Acompáñenos a celebrar el nacimiento de nuestra nación y la fundación de Grand Island en su aniversario compartido; los fuegos artificiales se lanzarán a las 10:00 p. m. desde los terrenos del Museo Stuhr (habrá estacionamiento disponible en el lugar). Sintonice la emisora KRGI 105.5.

Feria del Condado de Hall (Hall County Fair)

Del 22 al 26 de julio

Fonner Park

- Carreras de remolques, feria ambulante DC Lynch, carrera de 5 km, Cruise Nite, conciertos musicales, exposiciones de 4-H.

Arte en el parque (Art in the Park)

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ACOMPÁÑANOS TODOS LOS VIERNES POR LA NOCHE, DE MARZO A AGOSTO, PARA DISFRUTAR DE CUATRO HORAS ADICIONALES EN LAS QUE PODRÁS EXPLORAR, RELAJARTE Y RECORRER EL MUSEO A TU PROPIO RITMO; ADEMÁS, ¡LA ENTRADA CUESTA LA MITAD DE PRECIO DE 4:00 P. M. A 8:00 P. M.! LOS MIEMBROS DEL STUHR MUSEUM SEGUIRÁN DISFRUTANDO DE ENTRADA GRATUITA DURANTE EL HORARIO DE ESTAS NOCHES DE VIERNES.

ESTAS NOCHES ESPECIALES INCLUIRÁN UNA VARIEDAD DE ACTIVIDADES Y PROGRAMAS ROTATIVOS, ASÍ COMO TUS ACTIVIDADES FAVORITAS DEL MUSEO, OFRECIDAS EN DISTINTOS MOMENTOS A LO LARGO DE LA TEMPORADA. ENTRE LAS ACTIVIDADES SE INCLUYEN NOCHES DE JUEGOS PARA COMPARTIR CON FAMILIARES Y AMIGOS, MANUALIDADES, VISITAS GUIADAS A LAS EXPOSICIONES Y MUCHO MÁS. TEN EN CUENTA QUE ALGUNAS ACTIVIDADES PUEDEN TENER UN COSTO ADICIONAL, EL CUAL SE ANUNCIARÁ CON ANTELACIÓN: ¡SIN SORPRESAS!

SI TIENES PREGUNTAS SOBRE EL HORARIO O LA ENTRADA AL STUHR MUSEUM, POR FAVOR ESCRIBE A INFO@STUHRMUSEUM.ORG O LLAMA AL (308) 385-5316.

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