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Grand Island, NE

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

2018

Oct 27.....The Big Grape Oct 27-28 G.I. Rifle Club Gun Show Nov 2-3 Breeders' Cup Weekend Nov 9..... Newsboys Concert Nov 11 ACAP Children's Festival Nov 30.....REO Speedwagon Concert

Dec 14-15...... Flatwater Fracas Wrestling Tournament

Jan 5...... NE National Guard "Going Away" Ceremony Jan 11-13..... Fonner Park Outdoor Expo Jan 13.....Gl Modelers' Airplane Auction Jan 18-20 Central Nebraska Home and Builders Show Feb 2-3......Nebraska Muzzleloaders' Gun Show Feb 8 Build A Dream Fundraiser/Auction

2019

Feb 9 Heartland Hoops Classic Feb 15-16...... Nebraska Cheer and Dance Championships Feb 16-17 Tri-City Street Rods

Feb 23 Red Cross Chili Cook-Off

Feb 28-Mar 2... Rodeo Grand Island

Mar 1-2.....UNL Block & Bridle Prospect Show

Mar 16-17...... Nebraska USA State Wrestling

Mar 23-24 Grand Comic Con

Apr 11-13 Skills USA Conference

Apr 20-21 AKC Dog Show

Apr 23-24 Shrine Circus

May 4Central Community College Graduation

May 13-19 NE Volunteer Fire School

May 19 Grand Island Senior High Graduation









HORSE RACING • TRADE SHOWS • SPORTING EVENTS • CONCERTS • CONVENTIONS • AG SHOWS • REGIONAL & NATIONAL LIVESTOCK SHOWS WEDDING RECEPTIONS • BANQUETS • MEETINGS • LIVE DRAW KENO • FINISH LINE RESTAURANT & SPORTS LOUNGE









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feet above sea level

CLIMATE

SummerAvg high 87°, low 64°AutumnAvg high 64°, low 39°WinterAvg high 32°, low 12°SpringAvg high 62°, low 38°PrecipAnnual avg 24.9 inches

AIRPORT

3773 Sky Park Rd • 308-385-5170 • FlyGrandIsland.com

Central Nebraska Regional Airport offers flights from American Eagle (800-433-7300; daily nonstop jet service between GRI and Dallas/Ft Worth (DFW)) and Allegiant (702-505-8888 twice weekly nonstop flights to Las Vegas (LAS) and Phoenix-Mesa (AZA/IWA)). Afternooner's restaurant is located in the terminal.

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Budget Rent-A-Car

3215 N Hwy 281 • 308-381-7100 • BudgetNebraska.com

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703 W 2nd • 308-384-3073 • MSASauto.com

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308-381-1010

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3231 Ramada Rd • 308-382-1810 • BurlingtonOnTrailways.com

Navigator Airport Express

800-888-9793 • NavigatorAirportExpress.com

Shuttle from Bosselman Travel Plaza to Omaha airport.

Hall County Transportation

308-385-5324

Public shuttle service for Grand Island, Mon-Fri 8am-5pm.









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Grand Island has so much to offer, whether it's your home or destination. Take the time to explore! Look up VisitGrandIsland.com to learn more about our city and its people, and remember that the visitors bureau is here to assist you.

> Ben Mellem Grand Island CVB **Executive Director**





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How can i see the granes

The first sandhill cranes can be seen as early as mid-February, however large numbers usually appear in early March. Timing of early arrivals varies considerably year to year depending, partly, on the severity of the current winter.

Middle March is the usual peak of the sandhill crane migration, with bird counts tallying more than a half-million cranes in the central Platte River valley. The first arrivals generally roost south of Grand Island and Alda. Later arrivals fill in portions of the river to the west, so while more cranes may be in the region as a whole it may not be noticeable in a particular spot on a day-to-day basis. Even so, mid-March is generally the best and safest crane-viewing bet.

In early April sandhill cranes begin to leave, but viewing can still be quite good. By this time the cranes' main source of food — waste corn from the previous Autumn's harvest — runs low in fields near the Platte River, forcing the birds to spread out as far as 12 miles either side of the river. Flocks at this time are often more dispersed, but the evening gatherings along the river are still awe-inspiring. Longer, warmer days and later sunsets make for more comfortable conditions; cranes are often full of corn, and they'll sometimes linger in one place for longer stretches.

Early April is also your best chance of seeing a rare whooping crane.

Early April is also your best chance of seeing a rare whooping crane. With about 500 or so in the central flyway's flock, your odds of seeing this tallest of North American birds are fairly slim but not none.

Day-to-day weather effects how the cranes behave. A warm, sunny day may keep them in the fields longer; a windy, snowy day often brings birds to the river before sunset. If you're traveling here specifically for the sandhill cranes, allow two days of viewing if possible so bad weather on one of the days doesn't spoil your entire trip. Learn more at **SeeTheCranes.com**.

Adapted from an article by Dan Glomski

Book your guided tour

The best (although not the only) way to see the sandhill cranes up close is with a Crane Trust viewing blind tour at dawn or dusk. Blinds are situated near traditionally successful roosts along the Platte River. After an orientation, a guide will take you to the blind.

A free option that doesn't require reservations is a public viewing deck along the River, roughly three miles south of I-80 exit 305.

Call the trust (308-382-1820) or visit its website (Crane Trust.org) to reserve a spot on a viewing blind tour.

What to bring

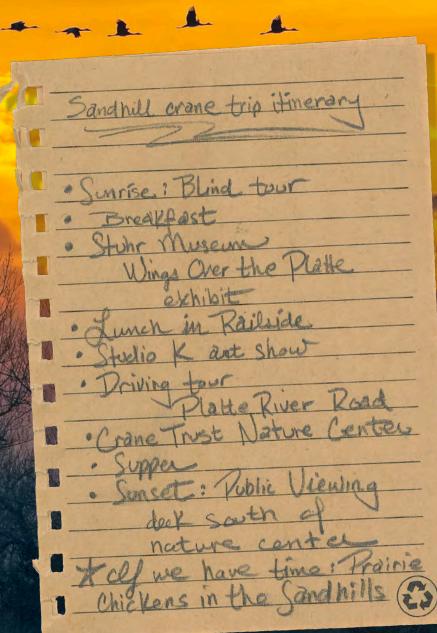
- Binoculars or spotting scope
- Camera (no flash in the blinds)
- Birding guide
- Warm clothing with layers
- Waterproof footwear, umbrella
- Good friends
- A hotel reservation

The Sandhill Crane

Height	3-4 feet
Wingspan	6 feet
Weight	8-12 lbs
Color	Gray
Migration	170-450 miles/day
Flight Speed	~38 mph
Nesting Area	N. Canada, Alaska, Siberia
Mating	Begins at 3-4 years
Eggs	2 per year
Lifespan	20 years in the wild

The Central Flyway











Photographer Jorn Olsen (background image) is the featured artist at Stuhr Museum's Wings Over the Platte exhibit in 2019 (Feb 15-Apr 7). Originally from Portland, Oregon, Olsen now resides in Hastings, Nebraska, with his wife Mary.

Since a very young age, Olsen has been an avid outdoorsman; his appreciation of wild and untamed landscapes comes naturally and is what led him to pick up a camera and create the amazing imagery we see today.



by Charity Adams

What are they? Why are they? I like them. That one is weird, strange, funny, beautiful, quirky, awesome. That one reminds me of my struggle, my triumph, my grandma, the day. That one inspires me to do better, be better, feel better. That one

makes me angry, makes me wonder, makes me question.

That is the purpose of public art: To make you think, to open your mind to possibility, to bring joy.

If you've strolled around Railside in the

last few months, you are sure to have come across a whole new manifestation of wings. Everywhere you turn there are wings on walls.

Occasionally people approach Karen Neppl, artist and owner of Studio K Art Gallery in Railside, with an idea to produce specific



pieces. It was on one of these occasions that Wings Across the Heartland took flight.

asked Neppl to create public art, to paint a set of crane wings on a building. She asked where the idea came from and Whitecalf told her to look on the internet for wings. Neppl discovered the work of Colette Miller. Los Angeles in 2012. If it worked in L.A.,

Grand Island," Neppl said.

Neppl's first wings are the fire wings located on her husband's Hydrotech building on

East Highway 30. From there, bat wings landed on The Chocolate Bar in Railside, and rainbow wings soon followed.

Island, she began to visualize different wings on various buildings. She approached building owners about painting the wings, and most of them agreed. Wings are

specifically placed on the outside of buildings because she wants them accessible to everyone, 24 hours a day.

Neppl has placed one set inside with a specific purpose. The Crisis Center requested a set of butterfly wings. The color purple

represents domestic abuse and turquoise represents sexual abuse. The Crisis Center purple and turquoise butterfly wings are a symbol of hope. As clients go through Crisis Center programs, Neppl hopes her painting inspires clients to get their wings.

Originally she had a goal of 20 wings. She has reached that goal and will soon surpass it. As others have seen the project, they've wanted wings in their own communities too. You will soon find wings supported by the Cairo Community Foundation near the Medina Street Vault in Cairo. There are plans



to bring wings to Aurora and Minden

The Sandhills Journey Scenic Byway is interested in working with Neppl to bring wings to communities on Highway 2 from Grand Island to Alliance.

"I would hope that the wings bring the community together, make it a 'something to do' in Grand Island, see how the many wings they can get, etc.," Neppl said.

As is evident on the Wings Across the Heartland Facebook page, her goal for the project is in full swing. The page has only been up for a few months, but people are already taking pictures and tagging them #WingsAcrosstheHeartland and posting them for everyone to see.

The list of wings is always growing. You can find the list at Studio K Art Gallery. Look

for a website and brochure soon to provide a self-guided tour of Wings Across the Heartland.

Charity Adams is the Community and Economic Development Director for Cairo, Nebraska and works with Sandhills Journey Scenic Byway and Greater Grand Island Arts & Humanities to build awareness of the great possibilities our area has to offer.







No matter what season, there's always big events, exhibits and activities happening at Stuhr Museum.

With over 200 acres, over a half dozen rotating exhibits, historic programs and much more, there are plenty of ways to experience the passion and inspiration of our pioneer history. Find a full list of activities and events at www.stuhrmuseum.org.



3133 W. Hwy 34, Grand Island www.stuhrmuseum.org (308) 385-5316 Open 7 Days a Week









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Attractions

Cairo Roots Museum

306 Berber St (Cairo) • 308-485-4400 • Cairo-RootsMuseum.org

Preserving the history of Cairo and northwest Hall County including the townships of Mayfield, South Loup, Cameron, and Harrison. Open Saturday 10am-noon or by appointment.

Fonner Park & Heartland Events Center

700 E Stolley Park Rd • 308-382-4515 • FonnerPark.com, Heartland Events Center.com
The tradition continues in Grand Island when the gates open
for live thoroughbred horse racing every February through
May at Fonner Park. The adjacent events center hosts concerts,
monster trucks, indoor football, trade shows, rodeo, and just
about anything else you can think of.

Fred's Flying Circus

503 E 4th St • 308-384-8808

The late automotive sculptor Fred Schritt created a garden of fantastic, flying cartoon cars along Fabulous Fourth Street.

The Grand Theatre

316 W 3rd St • 308-381-2667 • GrandMovieTheatre.com

Railside's lovingly restored movie house offers an experience you won't find at any modern cineplex for less than half the price. Films are shown Friday-Sunday nights in the 1937 art-deco theater that is also available for events during the week.

Heartland Public Shooting Park

6788 W Husker Hwy • 308-385-5048 • Heartland Public Shooting Park.com

This 420-acre venue boasts lighted skeet ranges, lighted trap ranges, a 10-station sporting clay range, and complete rifle and pistol ranges from 25 to 600 yards. The park plays host to regional and national events every year. An Olympic bunker trap range was added in 2018.

Island Oasis Water Park

321 E Fonner Park Rd • 308-385-5444 • Grand-Island.com/Oasis

More than six acres of refreshing family fun! Brave the wave pool, relax in the lazy river, race down six-story high-speed slides or one of four curvaceous 150-foot slides.

Monuments and Memorials

308-382-4400 • VisitGrandIsland.com

- Eagle Catcher, Grand Island City Hall
- Nebraska Law Enforcement Memorial, Fonner Park
- Soldier, Hall County Courthouse
- Statue of Liberty, Pier Park

Stuhr Museum of the Prairie Pioneer

3133 W Highway 34 • 308-385-5316 • StuhrMuseum.org

Praised as "one of the top ten places to re-live America's past" (Good Housekeeping), Stuhr Museum tells the story of early pioneers settling on the plains. Its 200 acres offer spectacular architecture, a recreated railroad town staffed by historic interpreters during the summer and holidays, Native American displays, and much more. Call for hours and admission, which vary with the season and events.

The Townsley-Murdock Site

Alda Rd & Guenther Rd • 308-382-4400 • VisitGrandIsland.com

See some of the only remaining Mormon Trail wagon ruts or swales on this 2.4-acre prairie.

Railroad Hot Spot

Railside (downtown) • 308-382-4400 • VisitGrandIsland.com

During peak seasons, up to 160 trains pass through Railside in Grand Island daily. The most action happens at the flyover; another good spot is the pedestrian bridge in Wood River. North of Railside is the restored Burlington Station, which hosts events and houses the Tri-City Model Railroad Assocation's layout. Stuhr Museum offers static train displays and an 1890s railroad town. A miniature railroad offers rides in Stolley Park during the summer.

Raising Nebraska

501 E Fonner Park Rd • 308-385-3967 • RaisingNebraska.net

Raising Nebraska is a large agriculture display detailing how our food goes from farm to fork. Its museum-quality, interactive displays include a walkable map, a touchscreen dining table, a full-size center pivot section, and an adjacent 1-acre educational garden. Open Monday-Friday 9am-noon and 1-4pm.

Nature & Wildlife

Bader Park

898 Bader Park Rd (Chapman) • 308-986-2522 • BaderPark.com

This 270-acre public park is open year round and offers hiking, biking, and equestrian trails. It includes Platte River and Wood River access, wetlands, a cottonwood forest, and a tall grass prairie all with abundant wildlife viewing opportunities. RV and tent camping are available.

Crane Trust Nature & Visitor Center

9325 S Alda Rd • 308-382-1820 • CraneTrust.org

The Crane Trust Nature & Visitor Center is your gateway to Nebraska's Platte River and your headquarters for the spring migration of the sandhill cranes. Relax in the art gallery, hike, or check out one of the trust's guided excursions. Explore the butterfly garden during the summer months. A genetically pure herd of bison roams its prairies. Open Monday-Saturday 9am-5pm, except during March when they are also open Sundays.

Derr House Prairie

13650 S Platte River Dr (Wood River) • 402-694-4191 • Nature.org/Nebraska

The Nature Conservancy's Derr House has public trails through restored prairies. They host prairie days that offer talks and tours.

Gjerloff Prairie & Farm/Sherman Ranch

Platte River Valley • 402-694-5535 • PrairiePlains.org

Gjerloff Prairie's 390 acres offer trails on open prairie, gulleys, steep cliffs, and a half mile of riverfront. An education center is being constructed on the property as well. The Prairie Plains Resource Institute completed the purchase of the nearby 650-acre Sherman Ranch in 2016.

Outdoor Learning Center

501 E Fonner Park Rd • 308-382-4400

The Groundwater Guardian's learning center on the east side of the Nebraska Building at Fonner Park educates the public about water quantity and quality, groundwater stewardship, natural filtration techniques, efficient water use, and the Ogallala Aquifer.



Lincoln Highway Historic Byway

US Highway 30 • LincolnHighwayNebraskaByway.com
Lincoln Highway landmarks located in the area
include the one-of-a-kind Seedling Mile, Shady
Bend, Kensinger's Service Station, the first
FCC monitoring station, and the Gloe Brothers
Service Station in Wood River.

Loup Rivers Scenic Byway

Highway 91/11, Wood River to Dunning • LoupRiversScenicByway.com
Rolling farmland surrounds the scenic Loup
River Basin, giving way to the Sandhills as your
travel west. This byway is also home to the
300+-mile Junk Jaunt.

Sandhills Journey Scenic Byway

Highway 2, Grand Island to Alliance • Sandhills Journey.com
This 272-mile stretch of Nebraska Highway 2
rolls through the Sandhills, the largest area
of grass-covered sand dunes in the Western
hemisphere. The World Wildlife Fund compares
the ecological importance of the Sandhills to
regions such as the Amazon and Antarctica.

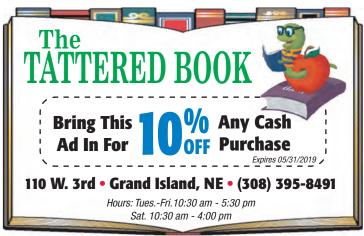


















Merchandise Mile

Grand Island has grown over the past ten years into a more significant retail hub than ever. New stores open yearly offering an everwidening array of products. New specialty stores along Highway 281's Merchandise Mile offer sporting goods, kitchen and bath supplies, pet supplies, big and tall mens clothing, and more. Remodeling your house or throwing a party, you'll find your supplies along Merchandise Mile.

Western Wear

Grand Island has been and remains a staunchly agricultural community. Surrounded by fertile farmland in the Platte River valley and ripe with ag-related industry, it's no surprise there are some great western shops in the city. Along Merchandise Mile, Western Edge is a large retail roundup of the latest styles. Fourth Street's Old Town Boot Barn will sell you new kicks or repair your favorite pair.

RAILSIDE

Our historic downtown, Railside, continues to thrive. Antique stores, from quaint to cavernous, line Third Street. Treasures gleaned from across Nebraska fill their shelves in basements and on mezzanines, memories show up in window displays, and unique furnishings can be found to complete your own style. A number of boutiques are alos located in the Railside district.

Antiques

Alley Cat Antique Mall

213 W 3rd St • 308-384-9876

Clutter Bug

219 W 3rd St • 308-382-0369

Farmhouse No. 508 Antiques

508 W 3rd St • 308-380-8822

Heartland Antique Mall

216 W 3rd St • 308-384-6018 • HeartlandAntiques.com

Milestone Gallery

301 W 3rd St • 308-382-5269

The Rusty Lamp

322 W 3rd St • 308-382-2868

Railroad Towne Antique Mall

319 W 3rd St • 308-398-2222 • rrTowneAntiqueMallGl.com

Shady Bend Antiques

1507 W North Front Rd • 308-394-4677



Boutiques

Around the Block

109 W Plum St (Doniphan) • 308-845-2025

845 Boutique

102 E Plum St (Doniphan) • 402-750-2632

Goldenrod Boutique

2418 N Webb Rd, Ste 1 • 308-390-2896

The Happy Brush

305 W 3rd St • 308-383-4609 • TheHappyBrushGl.com

The Rustic Seagull

2418 N Webb Rd • 308-750-3709 • RusticSeagullBoutique.com

Silo

201 N Locust • 308-395-8987 • SiloStore.com

Strut Boutique

124 W 3rd St • 308-675-1700 • StrutShop.com

West Anna Boutique

116 E 3rd St • 308-675-3003 • WestAnnaBoutique.com



Wine & Brew

Cedar Hills Vinevard

48970 375th Rd (Ravenna) • 308-452-3181 • CedarHillsVineyard.com

HELGOTH'S ROADSIDE MARKET

A picturesque vineyard overlooking the winding South Loup River, Cedar Hills specializes in fruit wines.

The Chicken Coop

120 E Third St • 308-398-2500 • ChickenCoopSportsBar.com Brewing root beer and cream soda on site, and serving Thunderhead Brewery beers.

Kinkaider Brewing Co.

316 N Pine St • 308-339-3873 • KinkaiderBrewing.com Taproom and kitchen in an old theater.

Loup River Distilling

503 Howard Ave (St Paul) • 308-754-2242 • LoupRiverDistilling.net Distilled from corn on the family farm.

Miletta Vista Winery

1732 N Hwy 281 (St. Paul) • 308-754-4416 • MilettaVistaWinery.com

Enjoy a meal and breathtaking view of the prairie with these award-winning wines.

Moonlight Ridge Vineyard

8150 N Hwy 281 • 308-381-2337 • MoonlightRidgeVineyard.com Moonlight Ridge features a beautiful tasting room and large outdoor pavillion. Closed mid-December through March.

Prairie Creek Vineyard

1600 16th St (Central City) • 308-940-3863 • PrairieCreekWine.com

Prairie Creek Vineyard is all about the complete wine-tasting experience.

Prairie Pride Brewing Co.

115 E S Front St • 308-390-7424 • PrairiePrideBrewery.com Taproom with a brewery on site.

FARMERS MARKETS & Local Produce

Farmers Markets

In season at

- Ace Hardware, 1704 W 3rd St
- Conestoga Mall, 3404 W 13th St
- Doniphan, Doniphan-Trumball School
- Orscheln's, 515 S Webb Rd

Garcia Farms

18270 W Lepin Rd (Wood River) • 308-647-6420 • GarciaFarms.com

A 35-year family affair offering free-range meats and locally-raised vegetables.

Grain Place Foods

1904 N Hwy 14 (Marquette) • 888-714-7246 • GrainPlaceFoods.com

Organic grains since 1953, Grain Place markets and sells for family farms.

Helgoth's Roadside Market

Hwy 281 (St Libory) • 308-379-4275

Roadside stand on north Hwy 281, 9am-8pm in season.

Placke's Melons & Produce

Hwy 281 (St Libory) • 308-687-6338 Roadside stand north Hwy 281, Mon-Sat, 9am-9pm in season.

Prairie Pride Poultry

4059 W Schimmer Dr • 402-217-2797 •

Facebook.com/PrairiePridePoultry

A "one-stop omelette shop!" Free-range poultry and pork along with vegetables.

Nebraska Mushroom

1982 E Citation Way • 308-384-1430 • NebraskaMushroom.com 20 varieties available through the Nebraska Food Cooperative and area farmers markets.

Urwiller's Melon Patch

6 miles west of Cairo on Nebraska Hwy 2 • UrwillersMelonPatch.com

Selling produce for more than 30 years.









Centura Hills Golf Club

312 Centura Hills Dr (Cairo) • 308-485-4650 • Centura Hills.com Eighteen-hole course with putting green, driving range, carts, snack bar.

Dannebrog Country Club

East Hwy 58 (Dannebrog) • 308-226-2359 • Facebook.com/DannebrogCountryClub
A unique 9-hole golf course in a former cow pasture with sand greens.

Indianhead Golf Club

4100 Husker Hwy • 308-381-4653 • Indian HeadGolf.com Eighteen holes plus pro shop, putting green, driving range, carts, snack bar.

Jackrabbit Run Golf Course

2800 N Shady Bend Rd • 308-385-5340 • JackRabbitRunGolf.com Eighteen-hole course with putting green, driving range, carts, snack bar.

Wood River Municipal Golf Course

11937 W Holling Rd (Wood River) • 308-583-2225 Nine-hole course with restaurant, pool, putting green, driving range, carts.

Parks and Pools

Eagle Scout Park & Lake

3050 N Broadwell St

A trail loops around a lake that offers fishing, picnic shelters, a playground.

Hall County Park

3138 W Schimmer Dr • 308-385-5087

A wooded park with trails, camping (April-Sept), and Life Trail exercise equipment.

Island Oasis Water Park

321 E Fonner Park Rd • 308-385-5444 • Grand-Island.com/Oasis

L.E. Ray Park & Lake

3315 S Blaine • 308-385-5444

A disc golf course along with nonmotorized boating, fishing, a dog park, picnic shelters, and a playground.

Mormon Island

I-80 Exit 312 • 308-385-6211 April-Sept, 402-471-1414 anytime • Permit required

A state recreation area offering swimming, fishing and non-powered boating, modern camping facilities, and picnic tables.

Pier Park & Skate Park

500 S Oak St • 308-385-5444

Picturesque Pier Park includes ball fields, tennis courts, and a pond along with a 14,000-square-foot skate park.

Lincoln Pool

1018 E 7th St • 308-385-5444

Stolley Park & Kids Kingdom

2103 W Stolley Park Rd • 308-385-5444

A 33-acre park with disc golf, wading pool, horseshoes, arboretum, historical home, and miniature rail line (May-Aug).

YMCA pool

221 E South Front St • 308-395-9622

Wood River Municipal Pool

11937 W. Holling Rd (Wood River) •308-583-2066

Call 308-382-4400 for more about Grand Island's trails and parks.

Mini Golf, Bowling & Skating

Cairo Bowl & Restaurant

322 S High St (Cairo) • 308-485-5911

Skate Island & Andy's Isle of Fun

2310 N Webb Rd • 308-382-8270

Super Bowl Family Fun Plex

1010 E Bismark Rd • 308-382-5200

Westside Bowling Lanes

112 Kaufmann Ave • 308-381-0300

SPORTS FACILITIES

Grand Island Fieldhouse

525 E Fonner Park Rd • 308-384-1999

Heartland Public Shooting Park

6788 W Husker Hwy (Alda) • 308-385-5048

Veterans Athletic Complex

2820 N Broadwell • 308-385-5444

Third City Archers

Indoor Range, 317 N Elm • Outdoor Range, 3917 W Schimmer Dr

Grand Island Tennis Center

2204 Bellwood Dr • 308-675-1616

YMCA

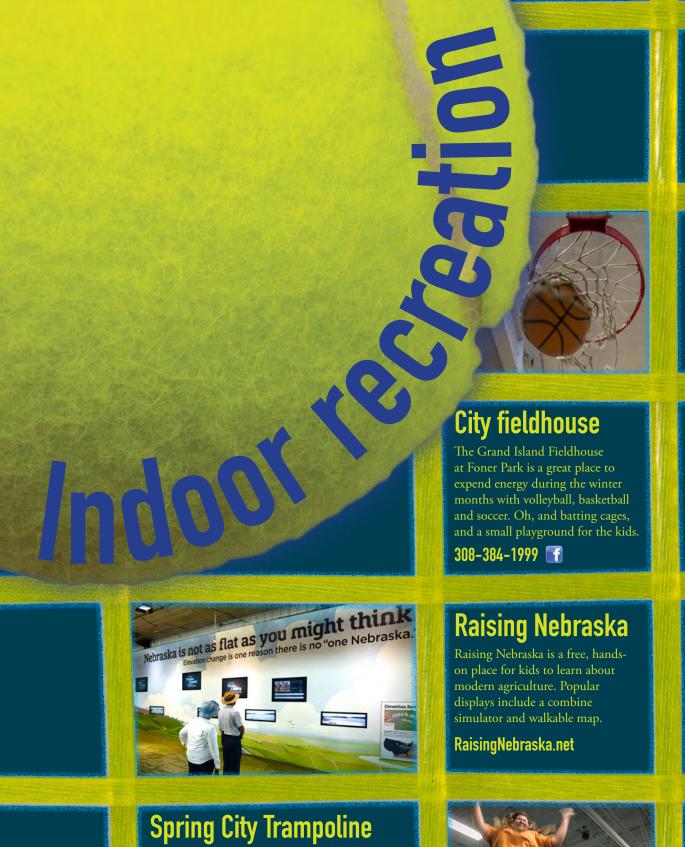
221 E South Front St • 308-395-9622

Call 308-382-4400 for more about Grand Island sporting facilities.

Grand Island

Sixteen miles of paved, offstreet trails offer hikers and cyclists transportation and recreation throughout the city (see city map on pages 6-7). Mountain bikers can explore the hills along the Platte River east of town at Gjerloff Prairie.

TRAILS



So much more than just trampolines, this place will turn you into air Jordan and then let you go rock climbing all in the same trip. Dodgeball with trampolines and a ninja warrior course will keep you busy if you tire of those.

JumpSpringCity.com





Stuhr Museum

Inside the west end of the Stuhr Building is an open space for children to explore history. They can dress up or fill up and follow their imaginations.

StuhrMuseum.org



Bearded Buffalo Golf

Rain and snow? No problem. Bearded Buffalo Golf allows people of all skill levels to play courses from around the world in the dead of winter with the help of simulators.

BeardedBuffaloGolf.com

Grand Island Tennis Center

The Grand Island Tennis Center offers year-round tennis and pickleball courts indoors. Play for fun with friends or sign up for a tournament. If you're new to the sport, you can sign up for lessons.

GrandIslandTennisCenter.com



Skate Island

Look for the giant skate! Forward, backward, or in-line, roll around this wooden rink during cold winter weather. Skate Island also has an arcade and miniature golf for warmer days. Look for their seasonal hours on Facebook.

308-382-8270



Bowling

Three area bowling alleys are open to the public daily. For the adventurous, a fourth – untouched sinced the 1960s – is available to members of the Liederkranz (\$30/year) in their basement.

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Guides and outfitters

Broken Arrow Wilderness

308-536-2441 (Fullerton): Canoe and kayak

Calamus Outfitters

308-346-4697 (Burwell): Birding; kayak, canoe, and tanking

Calamus Webfooters

308-383-2318 (Burwell): Waterfowl hunting

Chad Gideon

308-383-6913 (Grand Island): Sandhill cranes

Peak Performance Outfitters

308-527-3426 (Sargent): Fishing and hunting

Sandhills Safari Tours

308-346-4697 (Burwell): Sandhills tours

T&T Canoe Service

308-497-2120 (Spalding): Canoe and kayak

Tooth & Whisker Guide Service

402-875-0524 (Rockville): Fishing

"Sometimes it is well worth the effort to invest in a local guide so that an individual can get the most out of their outdoor experience in Central Nebraska."

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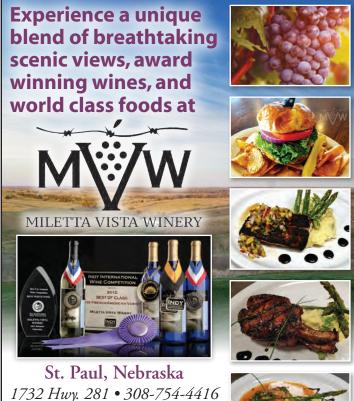
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Nov 23-25 La Camerata Madrigal Singers Christmas feast, Ramada Midtown

Nov 30 Railside Christmas, Railside

Nov 30-Dec 1, Dec 7-9 Christmas Past & Present, Stuhr Museum

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Dec 1-2, City Singers' Chrismas Concert, St Paul's Lutheran Church

Dec 9 Christmas Cantata, Wood River High School (Wood River)

Nov 23- Jan 3 Fantasy of Trees Exhibit, Stuhr Museum

Dec 14-15 Flatwater Fracas, Heartland Events Center

Dec 25 Community Christmas Dinner, St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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Feb 9 Heartland Hoops Classic, Heartland Events Center

Feb 15-Apr 7 Wings Over the Platte Art Show, Stuhr Museum

Feb 15-16 Nebraska State Cheer & Dance, Heartland Event Center

Feb 16-17 Tri-City Street Rods, Pinnacle Bank Expo Center

Feb 28-Mar 2 Rodeo Grand Island, Heartland Event Center

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Mar 8 Family Game Night, Stuhr Museum

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Mar 16-17 USA Folkstyle Wrestling Tournament, Heartland Events Center

Mar 22-24 Grand Comic Con: Volume 2, Aurora Cooperative Pavilion

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Apr 11-13 Cowboy Action Shooting Championships, Heartland Public Shooting Park

Apr 14 Black Powder Action Shooting Championships, Heartland Public Shooting Park

Apr 14 Easter Cantata, St Mary's Catholic Church (Wood River)

Apr 20-21 AKC Dog Show, Pinnacle Bank Expo Center

Apr 23-24 Shrine Circus, Heartland Events Center

Apr 6 Race For Grace, Railside

Apr 13-May 5 Hall County Student Art Show

May 1 Opening day in Railroad Town, Stuhr Museum

May 2-4 Cornhusker Trap Shoot, Doniphan

May 4 Kentucky Derby Weekend, Fonner Park

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A vision for vintage

by Paul Nielsen

ong before Railside experienced its revival over this past decade, Third Street in downtown Grand Island was known for its antique stores. They appropriately dubbed themselves Antique Avenue and continue to dig up treasures to please their customers.

I remember my first purchase in a Third Street antique shop as a high schooler in the mid-1990s. Wandering around the Heartland Antique Mall, one of the stalwart anchors of the district at the time, I bought an old container of flypaper as a white elephant gift.

Antique dealers from the coasts come looking for items they can mark up in big cities while the antique shops here in Grand Island, serving as a wholesaler of sorts, are also able to make money. Other regular clients of Antique Avenue in Railside include local and regional collectors and baby boomers.

Nostalgia is a powerful thing, and baby boomers like to have reminders of their childhood: The doll they cared for growing up, the Lionel train they received for Christmas. Others shop antiques looking for ways to replace broken dishes from china sets they have at home.

Younger generations also frequent antique shops. Shopping for vintage

objects is still popular with millennials, and last I checked mid-century modern furniture was still a hot ticket. Hipsters carrying Kodak Brownies and medium-format film cameras most likely purchased them at antique or second-hand stores.

I recently asked a couple in their early 20s, Angelica and Jake Morrow, if I could tag along as they shopped along Third Street in Railside. They were up for it, even though the time we agreed on was during the first half of a Husker football game.

It had only been two weeks since they'd last shopped in Railside.

Jake and Ang are both recent graduates and were just married this summer. A welcome and unexpected job opportunity brought them back to Grand Island, where they are both from, after graduation. It had only been two weeks since they'd last shopped in Railside, when they purchased some things to decorate their porch. Angelica mentioned that they shop Railside once a month, although she arrives Railside much more often at The Chocolate Bar for business.

I strolled with them through most of the antique shops on a cool, Autumn afternoon;

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lenty of shopping for antiques exist outside of Railside as well. Shady Bend Antiques is just a mile west on the north side of the tracks. Fifteen minutes south in Doniphan, Around the Block offers vintage and decorative items. Visit Franken Tools and Antiques twenty minutes to the west in Wood River.

The icing on the antique cake, however, is Nebraska's Junk Jaunt. This event stretches from Grand Island west along the Loup River and Sandhills Journey Scenic Byways the last weekend in September. People from nearly every state and Canada hunt for treasure along this 300-mile long garage sale.

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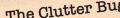
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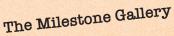


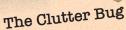






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a family commitment prevented them from visiting all of them on that particular Saturday.

"He's been really into reading lately," Angelica told me as Jake purchased yellowed copies of two out of the three Lord of the Rings series at Alley Cat Antiques, our second stop. I later expected Jake to take home a sword he examined very closely, but he put it back (maybe it will end up under the Christmas tree with his name on it in a couple of months).

Jake and his younger brother, Carter, who was tagging along with us, were finding inspiration in old architectural objects in the basement of the Heartland Antique Mall. They picked through piles of balusters and finials imagining what kind of furniture they could craft from the salvaged wood.

"I prefer stores with fewer knick knacks," Angelica replied when I asked her if she had a favorite Railside antique retailer. Their favorite at the moment is Railroad Towne Antique Mall, where they purchased items for their porch ensemble.

However, Angelica was very smitten with the newest antique store in Railside, Farmhouse No. 508 Antiques. "This is my kind of store," she announced as we walked in. She hadn't visited the Farmhouse, the westernmost antique shop on Third Street, before our little outing. The owners of the Farmhouse have sold antiques as vendors in Railside for years, but when a new opportunity presented itself last year they jumped on it and opened their own store.





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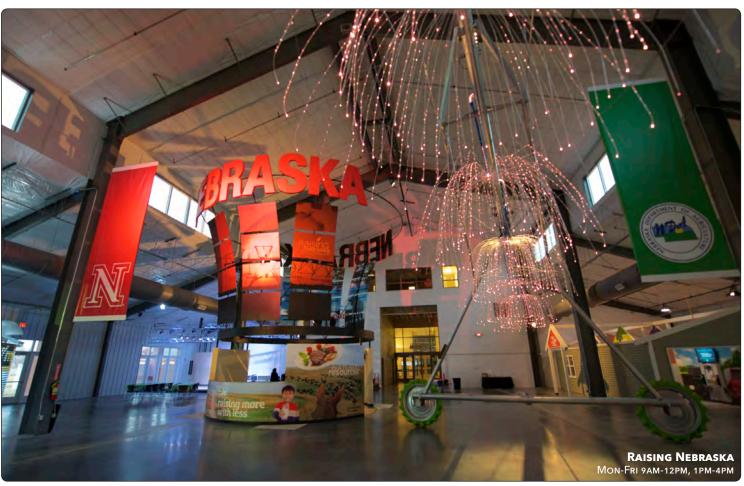


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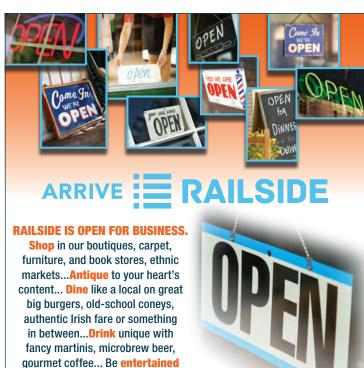
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