

2017 Calendar of Events

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Sunday, April 23 from 1-3 pm: **BCHS Annual Meeting**-A great gathering of BCHS members to reflect back on the past year's accomplishments and enjoy an entertaining program while eating yummy food. The general public is welcome to join us for the program, too!

Join the fun with the **Nebraska Passport** program. Trails & Rails Museum is one of eighty stops this year! ☺

"150 Nails" Contest: Enter your piece with the completed entry form to the Trails & Rails Museum office between the dates of May 30 and June 7 of 2017. There will be a \$5 entry fee, which must be paid when the registration form and item are delivered to Trails & Rails Museum. Entries will be accepted during regular business hours of Monday-Saturday 10-6 pm or Sundays from 1-5 pm. All entries must be in by 6 pm Wednesday, June 7. Anyone is eligible to enter. Prizes: The Grand Prize will be \$150. One grand prize winner will be determined for each category. The runner up in each category will win 150 quarters (quarters because we are dealing with metal). Prizes are gratefully sponsored by an anonymous donor and by BD Construction. E-mail bchs.us@hotmail.com for more information.

Sunday, June 11: **10th Annual 1/2 Marathon/10K/5K: Buffalo County Stampede**-registration is at 6 am-race begins at 7

Saturday, June 17 from 10-1 pm: **32nd Annual Wagons West Celebration**-Live music, delicious food, exhibitors, demonstrators, archive researchers, kids' games, and contests. FREE admission/donations are appreciated. "150 Nails" Contest pieces will be unveiled and winners will be announced during this event!

Prairie Blacksmith Association's Fall Conference-Date TBD

First two weekends in Dec. (Dec.2/3 and Dec. 9/10) from 1-5 pm: Open to the public: **30th Annual Christmas Tree Walk *****
Saturday, December 2 from 12-1pm: **Members Only Preview of the 30th Annual Christmas Tree Walk*****-check out dozens of trees decorated by area not-for-profits that tie their mission into this year's theme. Each theme is announced at the end of the current year's Tree Walk. ***All of November: **Christmas Decorating** (during regular business hours plus open late on Thursday, Nov. 2 for decorating)

Volunteers & sponsors are needed for these events. Please contact any staff or board member to help!

Education notes (see web site for additional details):

***Fabulous Fridays** are held on the 2nd Friday monthly at 2 pm. Locations vary, so check the web site.

***Listen to Mardi Anderson on KGFW 1340 AM** at 9 am on the last Friday of each month for a fabulous story about Buffalo County!

*Join the **Trails & Rails Museum Blacksmiths** (time/dates TBD) to learn about blacksmithing and/or possibly join in the fun!

*The **Archive Department** will be open on Mondays from 1:30-4 year-round or by appointment. The archives house Buffalo County records such as photos, post cards, marriage records, probate records, County documents, family files, school records, scrapbooks, yearbooks, etc. (the list goes on and on). Volunteers are always welcome!

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