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“150 Nails” Contest winners announced

The Buffalo County Historical Society/Trails & Rails Museum held their 32nd annual Wagons West Celebration on Saturday, June 17, 2017. This event is where the entries to the ‘150 Nails’ Contest were unveiled and the winners were announced. This contest was created to coincide with the Nebraska 150th Sesquicentennial.

Trails & Rails Museum is grateful for the donated funds for the prizes from an anonymous donor and BD Construction.

We also want to thank this year’s judges:

Kacee is a former Trails & Rails Museum tour guide and a current art teacher in Lincoln, Neb.

Julie volunteers for the Kearney Area Arts Council.

Ashley owns the Paint Paradise Paint Your Own Pottery here in Kearney.

If you see these sponsors or judges out and about, please thank them for their support.

The judges had a lot of fun and we all agreed that this should be an annual event here. Stop in to the Museum or check on Facebook at “BuffaloCounty HistoricalSoceity” to find next year’s registration form with a few tweaks in it.

As stated in the criteria and registration form, the judges based their decision on the following criteria:

- were 150 nails used (if they couldn’t tell, the honor system was used)
- the size requirement
- originality
- and the completed registration form and \$5 was submitted on time.

There were 2 categories:

Category A: Participants could only use 150 nails and only 1 other medium (i.e. glue, string, wire, a base, etc.).

Category B: Participants could use any materials plus 150 nails.

There was only one entry for Category A, but unfortunately, it had too many nails. Thus, it was decided to award the four monetary prizes to the entries in Category B.

Therefore first and second place each received \$150 cash and the third and fourth places received the 150 quarters.

The fourth place ‘150 Nails’ Winner was Jeni Perez with her piece “Nebraska the Good Life”.

Third place winner was Paula Holder with her item ‘Family Tree Roots Run Deep’.

Second place, winning \$150, was Mary Christman with her ‘Windmill’.

And for the first place \$150 winner we were pleased to announce that Hunter Shiers won with his large Cross!

Congratulations, to each of these winners and to each of the participants.

The entries will be up for display for the rest of the summer. Trails & Rails Museum summer hours are 10-6 pm Monday-Saturday and Sundays are from 1-5 pm. The Museum is closed on major holidays.

At the Wagons West Celebration we also announced a new contest with the winner being announced at next year's Wagons West Celebration. We are pleased to announce the BCHS Wedding Contest. To enter, you have to submit a photo of a wedding that happened in Buffalo County, Nebraska. The details are on a flier and the winner will receive a prize package consisting of:

- a cake, to replicate the wedding cake pictured, from K-Town Cakes.
- a floral arrangement, to replicate the bride's bouquet, from Kearney Floral.
- a one-night stay at Best Western Plus Inn & Suites.
- a free yard from 'Card My Yard-Kearney'.
- a heart-themed coat rack from the T&R Blacksmith Guild.
- a free 16 x 20 canvas print of a wedding photo of the winner's choice from Eakes Office Solutions.
- additional sponsored package items may be added in the near future

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