



A special Holiday Edition of “Ask Me About Gering, Scottsbluff & Area”

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Scotts Bluff National Monument, Legacy of the Plains Museum, Chimney Rock National Historic Site, the Gering Merchants and Downtown Scottsbluff Associations will host special activities this Saturday, December 2, 2023. Come Celebrate the Holidays with us!

Saturday, December 2, 2023

“Gering Merchants Present Santa’s Village”Gering Civic Center Parking Lot”

Where: 1050 M Street (Gering) – Gering Civic Center east parking lot

When: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

What: Gering Merchants Association present **Santa’s Village this Saturday hosted by this week’s sponsors the Gering Kiwanis Club and Gering Jr. High Builder Club. Cookies sponsored by Fresh Foods!** Bring the whole family for some holiday fun featuring SANTA and tours of the Santa’s Village houses, free hot chocolate and cookies for all, candy goodie bags for children visiting Santa. Bring your cameras for pictures with Santa and drop letters in Santa’s mailbox.

As part of Gering’s attractions celebrating “Christmas on the Prairie and High Plains Christmas” on Saturday; Pony Express Riders will arrive at Santa’s Village at approximately 12:30 pm on Saturday to deliver letters to Santa on horseback!

Saturday, December 2, 2023

“Christmas on the Prairie”.....at Scotts Bluff National Monument

Where: 190276 Old Oregon Trail (Gering) – Scotts Bluff National Monument

When: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

What: “Christmas on the Prairie” at **Scotts Bluff National Monument** offers residents and visitors the opportunity to make a variety of holiday ornaments including popcorn strings, paper lanterns and stars, dough ornaments to paint, as well as covered wagons and bird ornaments. Refreshments will be provided by Black Hills Parks and Forests Association, the official non-profit partner of Scotts Bluff National Monument. **For more information; call the Monument at 308-436-9700 or visit website at: <http://www.nps.gov/scbl/index.htm> or on Facebook.**

Saturday, December 2, 2023

“High Plains Christmas & Trees Along the Trail”.....at Legacy of the Plains Museum

Where: 2930 Old Oregon Trail (Gering) – Legacy of the Plains Museum

When: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

What: Legacy of the Plains is gearing up for Christmas with **“High Plains Christmas & Trees Along the Trail”**. Residents and visitors will enjoy some outdoor and indoor fun including hay rack rides, build a Christmas ornament, write a letter to Santa to send via Pony Express, live music. Festive fun for the whole family; purchase a delicious lunch from 11 am to 2 pm; Homemade soups and bread meal for \$6.00 and hot dog meal for kids for \$5.00. High Plains Christmas will kick off the **“Trees Along the Trail”** contest. The contest is over 30 trees decorated by community non-profit organizations competing for votes; ballots to vote for your favorite trees will be available for \$1.00 each. “Trees Along the Trail will continue thru December 22nd to benefit both the Museum and the area charities. **For more information; visit Legacy of the Plains Museum on Facebook or call: 308-436-1989**

Saturday, December 2, 2023

“Christmas at the Rock”.....at Chimney Rock National Historic Site near Bayard

Where: 9822 County Road 75 - (near Bayard)

When: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

What: **“Christmas at the Rock”** celebration on Saturday at **Chimney Rock National Historic Site** near Bayard. Visitors will have a chance to play games and enjoy holiday treats and music. **For more information, call: 308-586-2581.**

Saturday, December 2, 2023

“Very Merry Christmas Market”.....in Downtown Scottsbluff

Where: Downtown Scottsbluff – Along Broadway

When: 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

What: Come celebrate the spirit of the holidays at this juried **Christmas Market** featuring creative gifts, festive foods, live holiday music, Christmas wreaths, holiday movies, children’s story hour, activities and much more! Along with fabulous vendors in the Plaza, downtown shops will have their doors open so make sure to pay them a visit. Bring the whole family for the classic Christmas events in downtown Scottsbluff. **For more information and a complete Very Merry Christmas Market Schedule of events; visit Downtown Scottsbluff Association on Facebook.**

Christmas at the Midwest Theater
Monday, December 4, 2023

“Rhythm of the Yuletide Dance”.....at the Midwest Theater

Where: Midwest Theater – 1707 Broadway (Downtown Scottsbluff)

When: 7:00 p.m.

What: To celebrate the beginning of the Christmas season, the Midwest Theater features a live show Celtic step dance performance from the UK **“Rhythm of the Yuletide Dance”**. Step into the holiday season with this music and dance extravaganza. Featuring world-champion Irish dancers and traditional Irish musicians, this show embraces traditional and current Celtic styles with inspired choreography and beloved holiday music. This high-energy performance includes everything audiences enjoy about Rhythm of the Dance, wrapped up as a spectacular holiday gift. Tickets are selling fast; reserve your tickets today at www.midwesttheater.com

The historic Midwest Theater is a featured destination on the **2023 Holiday Passport Program through Nebraska Tourism**. The 2023 Holiday Passport features 20 attractions across the state, each with a holiday emphasis. Residents and visitors will have from November 17, 2023 through January 7, 2024 to visit the attractions and get their passports stamped.

***“Remaining 2023 Santa’s Village Events” in Downtown Gering
courtesy of The Gering Merchants and Sponsors”***

Saturday, December 9, 2023 – 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Saturday, December 16, 2023 – 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

***By popular demand, the Village will be open for a special “Evening Santa’s Village”
Friday, December 22, 2023 – 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm***

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