



“Ask Me About Gering” and the Area

September 16, 2020 – Edition: 2020-15

A weekly e-newsletter highlighting the events (Wednesday to Wednesday) in Gering, Scottsbluff and the Area. Use this visitor service tool when guests patronize your business and ask “What is there to see and do”? Published by the [Gering Visitors Bureau](http://www.VisitGering.com), for more information call 308.436.6886 or visit www.VisitGering.com

What Visitors & Locals Will Want to Do?

September 16 thru September 30, 2020

This will be the final issue for Summer 2020; special holiday editions will be forthcoming in October, November & December highlighting our area’s special holiday events

Social distancing practices, hand sanitizing and cleaning protocols are in place at all attractions, facilities and events to help curb the spread of COVID-19 and to ensure consumer confidence and safety of all Visitors, Staffs & Volunteers. Masks are always encouraged.

What’s Happening in Gering September 16 thru September 30, 2020?

Saturday, September 19, 2020

“24th Annual Harvest Festival Saturday Events”at Legacy of the Plains Museum

Where: Legacy of the Plains Museum – 2930 Old Oregon Trail - Gering
Directions: (Located 1 mile west of the intersection of M Street & Five Rocks Road)

When: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.– Saturday’s Harvest Festival Hours
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. – Potato Digging
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. – OPEN – Potato Patch
9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. – Hand, Horse & Machine Corn & Potato Harvesting
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. – Live music; various panhandle musicians (outside)
11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. – Book Signing for “Nebraska Sweet Beets” with Larry Gibbs
1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. – Horse & Tractor Parade
2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. – Potato Digging
3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. – OPEN – Potato Patch
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. – Hand, Horse & Machine Corn & Potato Harvesting

Open (outside) all day on Saturday: Hay Bale Fort, Pedal Tractors, Food Vendors, live farm animals, Gentry Cabin, Wiedeman Homestead and other demonstrations

Open (inside) all day on Saturday: Bake Sale and Cookbooks for Sale, Exhibit Hall, Membership Table and Gift Shop Open.

What: **24th Annual Harvest Festival** – Enjoy a weekend dedicated to the featured crop; **CORN!** One of the premier events on the Western Nebraska calendar, thousands come for a rare glimpse of antique farm machinery in action – and the chance for hands-on participation. Demonstrations of antique farm equipment centering around Corn as this year’s featured crop. Other aspects of this family-friendly event include “dig and take home your own potatoes from the potato patch”, daily parades of horse-drawn equipment and tractors, food vendors, demonstrations of blacksmithing-small engines-corn shelling and grinding and lots of kid’s activities. Inside; the Museum there will be live music, Bale Sale, “Our Heritage through Food” Cookbook sale and Larry Gibb’s (author) will sign his new book “Nebraska Sweet Beets: A History of Sugar Valley”.

Admission to Harvest Festival is \$5.00 per person; which includes touring the Main Museum Gallery and kids under 12 are FREE. For more information, call the Museum at 308.436.1989.

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2020 High Plains Shootout.....at HiWay 92 Raceway Park

Where: East of Gering on Highway 92
Directions: (Located 4 miles east of Gering on Highway 92)
When: Grandstands open at 1:00 p.m.
Racing starts at 3:00 p.m.

What: **Last races of the Summer 2020 Season at HiWay 92 Raceway Park at the 2020 High Plains Shootout!** Enjoy the sights, sounds and thrills of weekly stock car racing throughout the summer at Gering's HiWay 92 Raceway Park; one of only two asphalt tracks in the state. Shootout racing will feature Legends, Bandoleros, Warriors, Super Stocks, Minions, Farm Trucks and Figure 8's. **Admission: \$10 for adults, \$6 for kids (9-12), kids 8 and under are FREE, \$8 for Seniors, \$6 for Vets-Military-Police-Fire and Pit Passes are \$25.00. Concessions are available. For more information visit www.highway92raceway.com**

Sunday, September 20, 2020

"24th Annual Harvest Festival Sunday Events"at Legacy of the Plains Museum

Where: Legacy of the Plains Museum – 2930 Old Oregon Trail - Gering
Directions: (Located 1 mile west of the intersection of M Street & Five Rocks Road)

When: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. – Sunday's Harvest Festival Hours
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. - Church service with Pastor Tim Hebbert open to the public
10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. – Potato Digging
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon – Live Music with Green Valley Homesteaders (inside)
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon – Hand, Horse & Machine Corn & Potato Harvest
11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. – OPEN Potato Patch
11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. – Larry Gibbs Book Signing (Inside)
1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. – Horse & Tractor Parade
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Robidoux Quick & Dirty.....Bicycle Gravel Race at the Ingress of the American West!

Where: Five Rocks Amphitheater in Gering
Directions: (¼ mile south of the intersection of M Street & Five Rocks Road in Gering)
When: 7:00 a.m. - Race Starts on Sunday morning

Post-race activities for registered participants throughout the afternoon-evening

What: **The Robidoux Quick & Dirty (all outdoor event)** began in 2015 as a way to showcase the unsung gravel terrain that flows through the Wildcat Hills of Scotts Bluff County. Shortly after the formation of the Western Nebraska Bicycle Club, the crew began work on a local gravel race event. The idea to raise awareness of the cycling opportunities in the area was at the forefront and the Robidoux Quick & Dirty was born in the heart of Oregon Trail Country. Racers from all over the country will be in attendance; participating in 3 distance options – 25 miles, 65 miles or 100 miles beginning and ending at Five Rocks Amphitheater in Gering. Music and beverages will flow after the first racers make their way across the finish line.

Participants must be pre-registered; packet pick-up on Saturday from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Five Rocks Amphitheater. For more information; visit Robidoux Quick & Dirty on Facebook.

Monday, September 21 & Monday, September 28, 2020

Last Two Farmers Markets of the Season.....at Gering Farmers Market in Gering Civic Plaza

Where: Gering Civic Plaza – Under the canopy at the corner of 11th or & Streets

When: 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. – Gering Farmers Market Hours

What: **Monday, September 21st and Monday, September 28th will be the last days to purchase end of season produce as the Gering Farmers Market concludes at the end of September.** Fall produce will be featured downtown at the Gering Farmers Market to purchase fresh, locally-grown produce and quality hand-made crafted items and the foods from a favorite local food truck at the weekly Gering Farmers Market on the north end of the Gering Civic Plaza under the shade of the canopy. *MASKS ARE ENCOURAGED for vendors and attendees for the safety of all.* **For more information; visit Gering Farmers Market on Facebook or contact Megan at geringfarmersmarket@gmail.com or call 319-512-5203.**

Saturday, September 26, 2020

9th Annual Monument Marathon sponsored by Platte Valley Companies..... at Five Rocks

Where: Start & Finish Line at Five Rocks Amphitheater – 2505 D Street - Gering

When: 7:00 a.m. – Start time for full and ½ marathon runners

12:00 Noon approximate time for Awards Ceremony

What: **9th Annual Monument Marathon** runners from across the country will experience the beautiful scenery of Gering and Scottsbluff running along part of the Oregon Trail as the course traverses thru Mitchell Pass and around Scotts Bluff National Monument which rises 800 ft. above the North Platte Valley. Full and half marathon runners as well as 5k run participants; Marathon start-end finish line at Five Rocks Amphitheater. **For more information; visit www.monumentmarathon.com**

What's Happening in Scottsbluff September 16 thru 30, 2020?

Friday, Saturday & Sunday – September 18, 19 & 20, 2020

Three Great Movies This Weekendat The SkyView Drive-In Theater

Where: Midwest SkyView Drive-In Theater near Western Nebraska Regional Airport

Directions: (100381 Airport Road – Scottsbluff)

When: **Friday, September 18th** – Showing “Harry Potter and the Prison of Azkaban”, rated PG

Saturday, September 19th – Showing “2001: A Space Odyssey”, rated PG

Sunday, September 20th– Showing “The Blind Side” rated PG-13

Retro Movie Price: \$3 per person for Midwest Members who present their cards; \$5 per person for non-members (with a maximum cost of \$15 per car)

What: The Midwest SkyView Drive-In Theater features four great movies showing this weekend. The SkyView Drive-In Theater; a new premier outdoor location with outstanding views near Western Nebraska Regional Airport in Scottsbluff. Drive-In parking for up to 165 cars with room for additional overflow; concessions offerings by walk-up order or online order/car-side delivery. Bringing in outside food is highly discouraged; portable toilets will be available. *For more information, visit www.midwesttheater.com*

Saturday, September 19 & Saturday, September 26, 2020

18th Street Farmers Market.....Every Saturday through September 2020

Where: 18th Street Plaza in Downtown Scottsbluff
Directions: (1800 Broadway in Downtown Scottsbluff)
When: 8:00 am to 11:00 am – Last Two Markets of the 2020 Summer Season!

What: Shop for locally grown fresh produce, products, crafts and more at the Saturday morning Farmers Market in Downtown Scottsbluff in the 18th Street Plaza. Last two markets of the 2020 season on September 19th and September 26th. *The Market is operating under DHM guidelines for Farmers Markets operations in summer 2020. For more information see [18th Street Farmers Market on Facebook](#).*

Saturday, September 26, 2020

Encore Drive-In Nights Presents Kane Brown.....at The SkyView Drive-In Theater

Where: Midwest SkyView Drive-In Theater near Western Nebraska Regional Airport
Directions: (100381 Airport Road – Scottsbluff)
When: Gates open at 6:00 p.m., with Concert starting at approximately 7:30 p.m.

What: The Midwest SkyView Drive-In Theater & Encore Live present “Kane Brown” as the latest music star to join the lineup of 2020’s most exciting, must see concert series. Dubbed “the future of country” Brown will air his brand-new, never-before-seen show for one night only at the Midwest SkyView Drive-In Theater. Unlike traditional concert tickets; each purchase for Encore Drive-In Nights’ concerts will admit one CARLOAD OF FANS. This means six people can enjoy this show for one price. Additional Information about Encore Drive-In Nights and tickets can be purchased at: <https://www.ticketmaster.com/encoredriveinnights>

Now Through November 1, 2020

Art in the Sky Exhibit in the Bronson GalleryAt West Nebraska Arts Center

Where: 106 East 18th Street
Directions: (Located at the corner of 1st Avenue and 18th Street)
When: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm – Tuesday through Friday Gallery Hours
1:00 pm to 5:00 pm – Saturday and Sunday Gallery Hours

What: Relive the experiences of the 2020 Old West Balloon Fest through the amazing photography collection “Art in the Sky Exhibit” on display at the West Nebraska Arts Center now through November 1st in the Bronson Gallery. *Admission to the Galley is FREE; for more information visit www.thewnac.com or call 308-632-2226.*

What’s Happening in the Area September 16 to September 30, 2020?

Saturday & Sunday, September 26 & 27, 2020

The Pumpkin Patch at BE Farm.....Opening Weekend near Bayard

Where: 11249 Road 73 - Bayard
Directions: (15.7 miles east of the Scottsbluff Sugar Factory on Highway 26 to Road 73; make a South (right) turn and go ½ mile to the red house and turn left into the driveway)

When: 10:00 am to 6:00 pm – Saturday and Sunday

What: **BE Farm Pumpkin Patch Opening Weekend!** Pumpkins of all shapes, sizes and colors; bring the whole family and pick a wagon full! *For more information; visit [The Pumpkin Patch at BE Farm on Facebook](#).*

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Year-round Visitor Information Services are available in Gering:

Gering Visitors Bureau Visitor Information Center

1050 M Street (East entrance of the Gering Civic Center) 308.436.6886

Open weekdays 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, evenings/weekends during Civic Center Hours

Scotts Bluff Area Visitors Bureau Visitor Information Center

2930 Old Oregon Trail (Inside the Legacy of the Plains Museum) 308.633.1808

Open weekdays and weekends during Legacy of the Plains Summer Hours