

2026

# Summer

RECREATION  
GUIDE

JUNE ~ SEPTEMBER



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### AINSWORTH EVENTS

June 12-14..... Middle of Nowhere Carnival  
 June 28-29..... Alumni Weekend /Parade  
 July 4 ..... Bob Buckles Car Show,  
 ..... Show & Shine, Cruise Night, Fireworks  
 Aug. 1 ..... Celtic Riders RG Poker Run Benefit  
 Aug. 4 ..... National Night Out

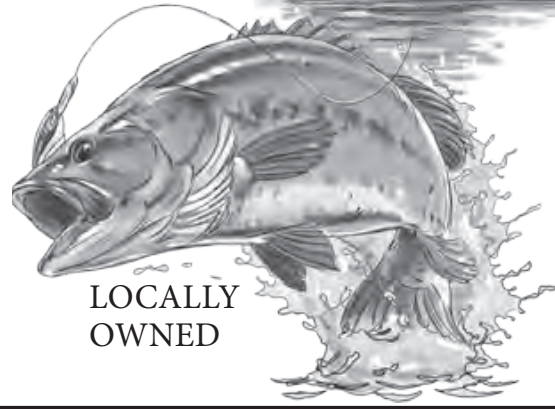
### ATKINSON EVENTS

May 23..... Alumni Banquet  
 June 6..... City Wide Rummage Sales  
 June TBD..... D.C. Lynch Carnival  
 July 17-18..... Christmas in July  
 Aug. 21-23..... Hay Days Celebration  
 Aug. 22 ..... Hay Days BBQ  
 Sept. 25-26..... Cowboy 200 and Cowboy 100



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 Admission: \$15  
 Calcutta @ 7pm, Event @ 8pm

**SUNDAY** July 12  
 Parade 1:30pm  
 Pedal Tractor Pull 3pm  
 Tanner Pelster Memorial Race 4pm

**MONDAY** July 13  
 Kid's Day 3-6pm  
 Grandstand Entertainment  
 Zero Turn Mower Barrel Races  
 Skid Plate Races  
 Admission: \$15, Start Time: 7pm

**TUESDAY** July 14  
 Senior Day 1-3pm  
**BRAXTON KEITH CONCERT**  
 General Admission: \$25  
 Pit Admission: \$45  
 Start Time: 7pm

**WEDNESDAY** July 15  
 Women's Day 1-3pm  
 Grandstand Entertainment  
 Combine Demo Derby  
 Trailer Demo Derby  
 Admission: \$15, Start Time: 7pm

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**JULY 11<sup>TH</sup> - 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**



## See What's In Store for summer!

### FAMILY FUN WORD SEARCH

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

- Find the answer key later in this issue! -

## ATKINSON LIONS CLUB RANCH RODEO

Friday & Saturday  
 August 21 & 22 - Atkinson Rodeo Grounds

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While the number of existing fish species is commonly estimated to be 20,000, NOAA reports there may be as many as **20,000 MORE!**

**2** Fish life spans vary by species. **The orange roughy lives more than 100 YEARS!**

**4** The world's smallest fish is the tiny goby, which rarely grows longer than half an inch.  
← ½ inch →

**3** Scientists measure a fish's age by counting the growth rings known as otoliths on its scales or ear bones. These rings mark seasonal changes in fish growth, similar to the annual rings in tree trunks.

**5** The largest fish in the world is the whale shark. It can grow to be more than 50 feet long and may weigh several tons.



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**Annual Events to Check Out:**  
 City Wide Garage Sale (June 6)  
 Flag Appreciation Ceremony (June 13)  
 Christmas in July (July 10-11)  
 Hay Days Celebration & Ranch Rodeo (August 14 - 16)  
 Holiday Open House (November 7)  
 Parade of Light (November 29)

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**BLOOMFIELD EVENTS**  
June 4-7..... Appreciation Days

**BURWELL EVENTS**  
May 16..... Fishing is Fun at Kamp Kaleo  
May 16-17..... "Death on the Plains" at Fort Hartsuff  
May 14-June 18..... "Dynolympics"  
June 12..... Sacred Heart Festival  
June 16-18..... D.C. Lynch Carnival  
June 26-27..... Burwell City Wide Garage Sales  
June 27..... SummerFEST  
July 4..... Fire Dept. BBQ and Fireworks  
July 16..... Culpepper & Merriweather Circus  
July 20-25..... Garfield County Fair  
July 22-25..... Nebraska's Big Rodeo

**BUTTE EVENTS**  
June 27..... Tractor Pull  
June 30-July 2..... Pancake Days

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- Tractor Pull
- Pedal Tractor Pull (Sanctioned)
- Craft Vendor Show
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**BBQ COMPETITION REGISTRATION**  
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June 21

CREIGHTON EVENTS	
June 18-21.....	Berry Pepper Days
June 21.....	Fly-In Walk-In Breakfast
EWING EVENTS	
May 23-25.....	Funfest
July 4.....	July 4th Celebration



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Long Pine Days: June 5-6  
Fall Craft/Vendor Fair & Car Show: October 10



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 July 17-19.....Greeley Days  
 Sept. 19.....Greeley Irish Festival

**LONG PINE EVENTS**  
 June 5-6.....Long Pine Days

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Source: Harvard Health Publishing



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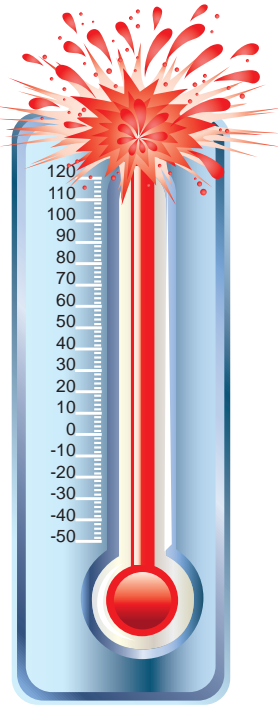
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Rearrange these letters to spell something pertaining to farmers markets.

W L F S R E O

Answer: FLOWERS

Rearrange these letters to spell something pertaining to state fairs.

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Answer: CONTEST

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## Barbecue Spare Ribs

Makes 6 servings

2 tablespoons paprika

½ teaspoon cayenne pepper

2 tablespoons garlic powder

1 tablespoon salt

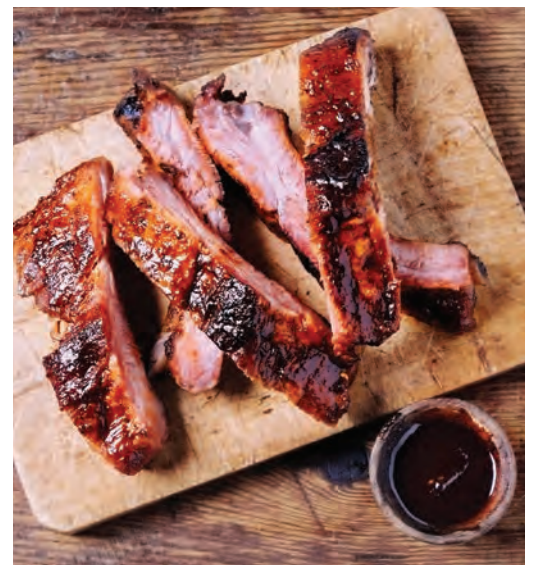
1 teaspoon freshly ground black peppercorns

6 lbs. spare ribs, racks cleaned and trimmed

13 ounces barbecue sauce, low sugar, if possible

1 ounce flat-leaf parsley, torn

1. Stir together the paprika, cayenne, garlic powder, salt, and pepper in a mixing bowl.
2. Thoroughly rub the spice mix into the rib racks. Place in a shallow dish, cover and chill for at least 8 hours.
3. After chilling, remove the ribs from the fridge. Preheat a gas or charcoal grill to about 300 F.
4. Cook the ribs on the grill, covered with a lid, until the meat is tender and pulls away from the bone, about 2 hours.
5. As the ribs cook, periodically brush them with some barbecue sauce, reserving any unused sauce.
6. When ready, remove the ribs from the grill and let them rest under aluminum foil for at least 10 minutes.
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## for KIDS & PETS

### Keeping Kids Safe

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- Make sure kids drink plenty of water to stay hydrated in hot weather at all times, and especially during active play.
- Apply sunscreen every two hours when in the sun, and after swimming or sweating. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends a broad-spectrum sunscreen with SPF of 15 or higher for children over six months.
- Sunscreen is not recommended for babies under six months of age. Instead, keep them out of direct sunlight and use clothing and hats to shield them from the sun.
- Try to keep kids out of the sun between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. when UV rays are strongest.
- Never leave kids unattended around water, and make sure kids wear life vests at all times when on a watercraft.
- Check skin and hair for ticks, and use bug spray to ward off bites. The American Academy of Pediatrics advises repellents do not exceed more than 30% concentration of DEET, and to avoid using insect repellent on children under two months of age.



### Protecting Pets

Follow these warm-weather tips to protect your furry friend from sun exposure, dehydration and potentially fatal heatstroke:

- Make sure pets always have access to plenty of fresh water.
- Make sure pets have access to ample shade when they are outdoors.
- Avoid walking on hot pavement, sidewalks and trails with pets.
- During hot months, walk pets during the cooler early morning or evening hours.
- Apply a sunscreen formulated specifically for pets to areas with little or no hair like the stomach, tips of the ears and bridge of the nose.
- Don't shave pets. When trimming, leave at least one inch of hair to protect your pet's skin from sunburns.
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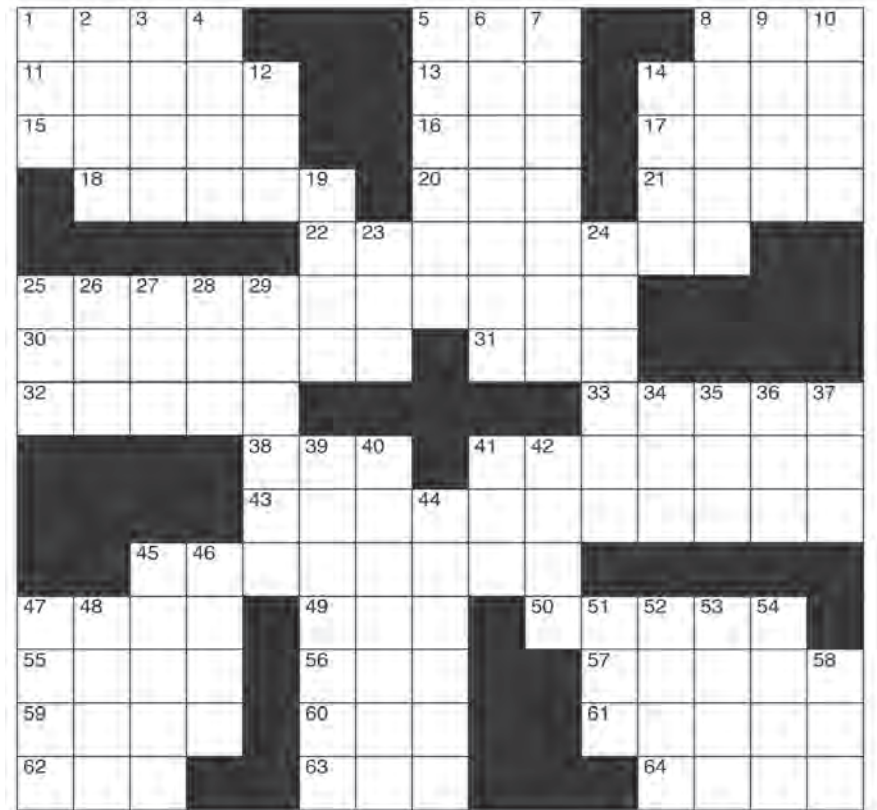
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- 5. A young canine
- 8. Cologne
- 11. Fictional British P.I.
- 13. Midway between northeast and east
- 14. A place to shop
- 15. Minneapolis suburb
- 16. Single lens reflex
- 17. NY Mets great Tommie
- 18. Informal loan clubs
- 20. Habitual twitching
- 21. Holm oak
- 22. Willing to consent or submit
- 25. In an early way
- 30. Made possible
- 31. Language in Ghana
- 32. Relating to one's birth
- 33. Deep-bodied fishes
- 38. Defunct European currency
- 41. Small American songbird
- 43. One from L.A.
- 45. After tenth
- 47. Hillside
- 49. Red deer
- 50. Partner to "oohed"
- 55. Indian musical pattern
- 56. Israeli city \_\_\_ Aviv
- 57. Golden peas plant
- 59. Breezed through
- 60. Midway between east and southeast
- 61. Frameworks
- 62. Danish krone
- 63. Fall back
- 64. Influential Korean leader

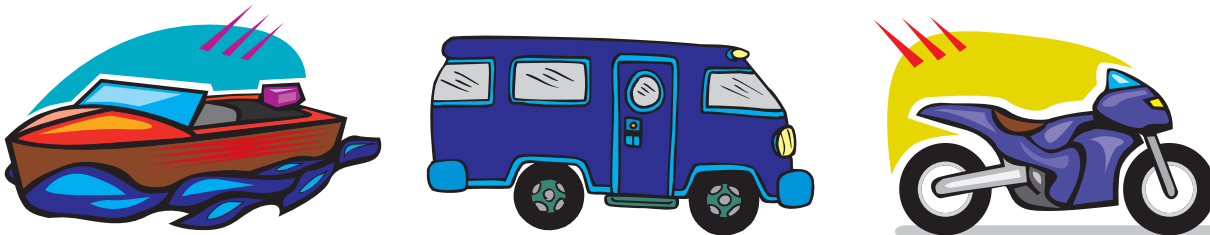
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- 1. Bridge building degree
- 2. Expression of sorrow or pity
- 3. Large, stocky lizard
- 4. Turkish leader title
- 5. Nag
- 6. Blank
- 7. Closely woven cotton fabric
- 8. A nice shot in golf
- 9. Away from wind
- 10. Evergreen shrub genus
- 12. Large African antelope
- 14. Something you receive
- 19. Satisfy
- 23. Wet dirt
- 24. No longer here
- 25. Writing utensil
- 26. Ribonucleic acid
- 27. Consume food
- 28. Licensed for Wall Street
- 29. Alternative forms of a gene

- 34. Buddy
- 35. We all do it
- 36. Chicken
- 37. No seats available
- 39. Yearned to possess
- 40. Ineffectual
- 41. Explosive
- 42. Turkish title
- 44. Worn near the foot
- 45. Impatient
- 46. Set an example for others
- 47. Actor Pitt
- 48. Instrument of torture
- 51. Swiss river
- 52. Grayish white
- 53. A way to print
- 54. Storied college hoops program
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**4** Coffee and tea count toward **fluid intake**. Drinking your favorite tea or coffee is another way to take in fluids. A 2016 meta-analysis published in the Journal of Science and Medicine in Sport found that caffeine doesn't contribute to dehydration for healthy adults, so having a cup or two should be fine.

**1** Consume a glass of water when you wake up. Start the day off with some water to give you an energy boost and get your metabolism moving.

**3** Certain foods are hydrating as well. Hydrating foods include cucumbers, celery, tomatoes, watermelon, strawberries, grapefruit, and peppers. The Mayo Clinic says the average person gets 20 percent of his fluid intake from food.

**2** Make water more fun. Add unsweetened flavoring to water if you find plain water too bland. You can squeeze in lemon or lime juice, or float cucumber or apple slices in the water for some flavor.

**5** Reach for calorie-free beverages before food. It's easy to mistake the signs of dehydration for hunger. By drinking a glass of water or another unsweetened beverage prior to every meal, you can stay hydrated and reduce the amount of food you eat. This can be part of a healthy weight loss plan.

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July 24-26 ..... Orchard Free Days

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<p><b>ALL 2026 DATES:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- MAY 16, 23, 30</li> <li>- JUNE 4, 13, 20, 27</li> <li>- JULY 2, 11, 18, 25</li> <li>- AUG 1, 6, 15, 22, 29</li> <li>- SEPTEMBER 3 &amp; 12</li> </ul>	<p><b>PRODUCTS SOLD:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Local Produce &amp; Honey</li> <li>- Baked Goods</li> <li>- Local Meat &amp; Eggs</li> <li>- Garden Seeds</li> <li>- Knits &amp; Crochets</li> <li>- Flea Market Items &amp; More!</li> </ul>
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Skin cancer, particularly non-melanoma skin cancer, is one of the most common cancers worldwide. Its leading cause is exposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the sun.

**Protect your skin from UV rays with these tips from the Skin Cancer Foundation:**

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- Seek shade whenever possible.
- Apply protective window film to your car and home.

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# CRUISE Night and Dance

**Saturday, June 13, 2026**

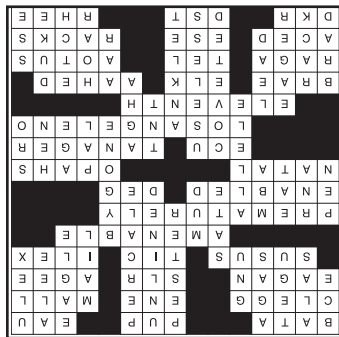
Starting at 5 p.m. Music Provided by DJ Alan Temme

**John Scalia and the Dirty Dirty**  
Dance To: Starting at 9:30 p.m.

<b>Poker Run</b> Check-in at the 386 Tap west of the grocery store 10 a.m. Kicks Starts up at 11 a.m.	<b>Cruise the Burg</b> 5-8 p.m.	<b>BBQ Supper</b> 5 p.m. Free Will Donation	<b>Raffle Drawing</b> 9 p.m.
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**14-32 CRUISERS Show and Shine**

2-5 p.m.  
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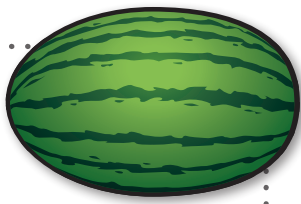
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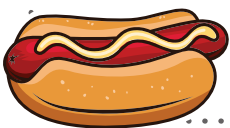
**10ft 1.26 in (3.08 m)**

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June 7-13, 2026

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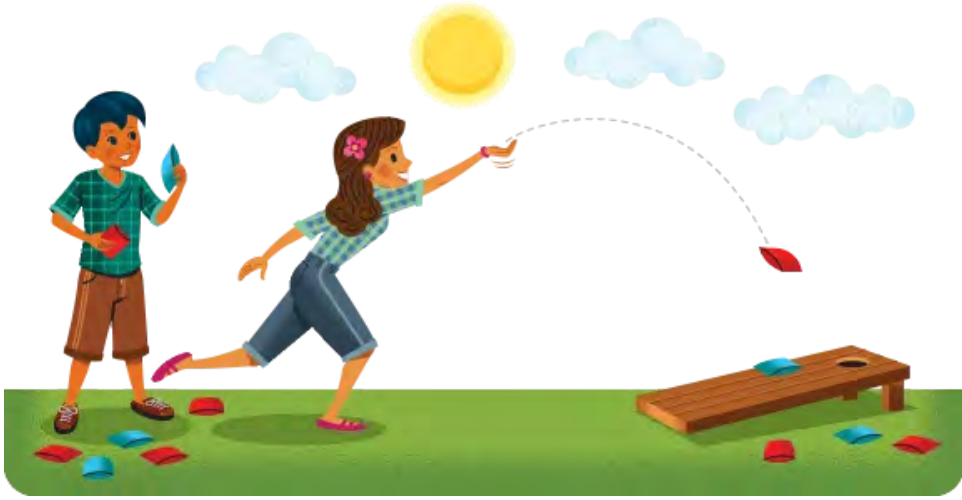
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# summer

# summer *Vacation & Leisure*

- Find the answer key later in this issue! -



## SUDOKU

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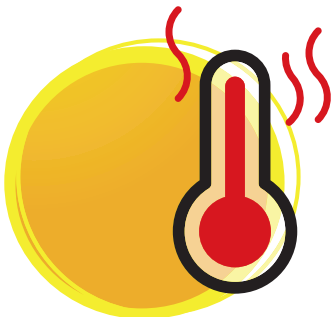
Particularly warm days, which can arise as spring gives way to the dog days of summer, can be both uncomfortable and unhealthy. Such days also can prove deadly. Despite that threat, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention notes that heat-related illnesses are preventable. Harmful outcomes also are preventable when people learn to distinguish between heat-related illnesses. Heatstroke and heat exhaustion are easily confused, but the two conditions produce noticeably different symptoms. Recognition of that can help anyone stay healthy or help someone in need as the mercury rises this summer.

### Heatstroke Symptoms

- Elevated body temperature, typically 103 F or 104 F or higher
- Hot, red, dry, or damp skin
- Fast, strong pulse
- Headache
- Dizziness
- Nausea
- Confusion
- Loss of consciousness

### Heat Exhaustion Symptoms

- Heavy sweating
- Cold, pale and clammy skin
- Fast, weak pulse
- Nausea or vomiting
- Muscle cramps
- Feelings of tiredness or weakness
- Dizziness
- Headache
- Fainting



#### SPENCER EVENTS

- May 16..... Car Show & Shine
- June 8..... BRAN
- June 26..... Fireman's Burger & Brats
- June 27..... Alumni
- July 15..... SCED Quarter Auction
- July 21-25..... Boyd County Fair
- Sept 19..... Rescue Unit BBQ

#### KEYA PAHA & SPRINGVIEW EVENTS

- May 22..... Classic Car Show & Cruise Night
- May 22..... Alumni Golf Tournament @ Springview
- May 23..... Keya Paha County Alumni Banquet
- May 23..... Springview Splash Pad Opens
- May 23..... Norden Dance-Classic Country Club Memorial Weekend..... Niobrara River Outfitters Open
- June 6..... Ranch Rodeo @ Norden
- June 6..... Norden Dance-Brady Nichols
- June 12..... Golf Tour @ Springview
- June 20..... Norden Dance-Koolwater Stallions
- June 21..... Father's Day Golf Tour @ Springview
- July 4..... Parade, Potluck, Baseball, Fireworks
- July 11..... Norden Dance-Country Rush
- July 12..... Springview Golf Club Open Tour
- July 25..... Golf Tour @ Springview
- July 25..... Norden Dance-Westbound
- Aug. 1..... Springview Fire & Rescue Water Fight ..... and Fun Days
- Aug. 8..... Glow Ball Golf Tour @ Springview
- Aug. 14-16..... Keya Paha County Fair @ Norden
- Aug. 14-15..... Norden Dance-Jessica Loobey Band
- Aug. 15..... Women's Only Golf Tour @ Springview
- Aug. 29..... Mixed Golf Tour @ Springview
- Sept. 12..... Norden Dance-Westbound

Anyone experiencing these or other abnormal symptoms on hot days is urged to immediately move to a cool place and seek medical help. The CDC notes that heatstroke is a medical emergency, so individuals who suspect they or someone in their presence is experiencing heatstroke should call 911 immediately. If heat exhaustion is suspected, seek immediate medical help if a person is vomiting, experiencing symptoms that are worsening or sticking around for one hour or longer. More information about heat-related illnesses is available at [cdc.gov](http://cdc.gov).

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### 2026 Open Houses

# OPEN HOUSE POOL PARTY

# SPENCER POOL

THURSDAY, JULY 23<sup>RD</sup> | 4-7 PM

## Cast Iron Bar & Grille in Stuart

Tues., August 4th  
5-7 pm

**RSVP** [www.NNTC.net/Open](http://www.NNTC.net/Open)

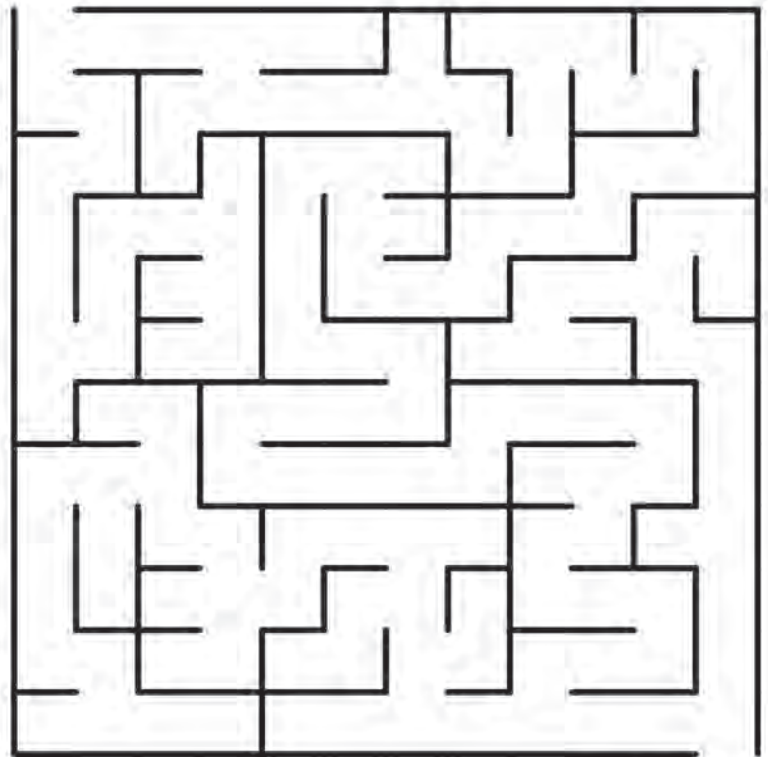
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JULY 5TH: INDEPENDENCE DAY SPECIAL WITH LARGE FIREWORKS DISPLAY

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**TILDEN EVENTS**  
 July 24-26 ..... Prairie Days

**VALENTINE EVENTS**  
 June 6 ..... Sandhills Marathon  
 Jun 13 ..... Valentine Chamber Golf Tournament  
 July 4 ..... Demo Derby, Fireworks  
 July 12-17 ..... 31st Annual Nebraska Star Party  
 July 18 ..... City Wide Garage Sales



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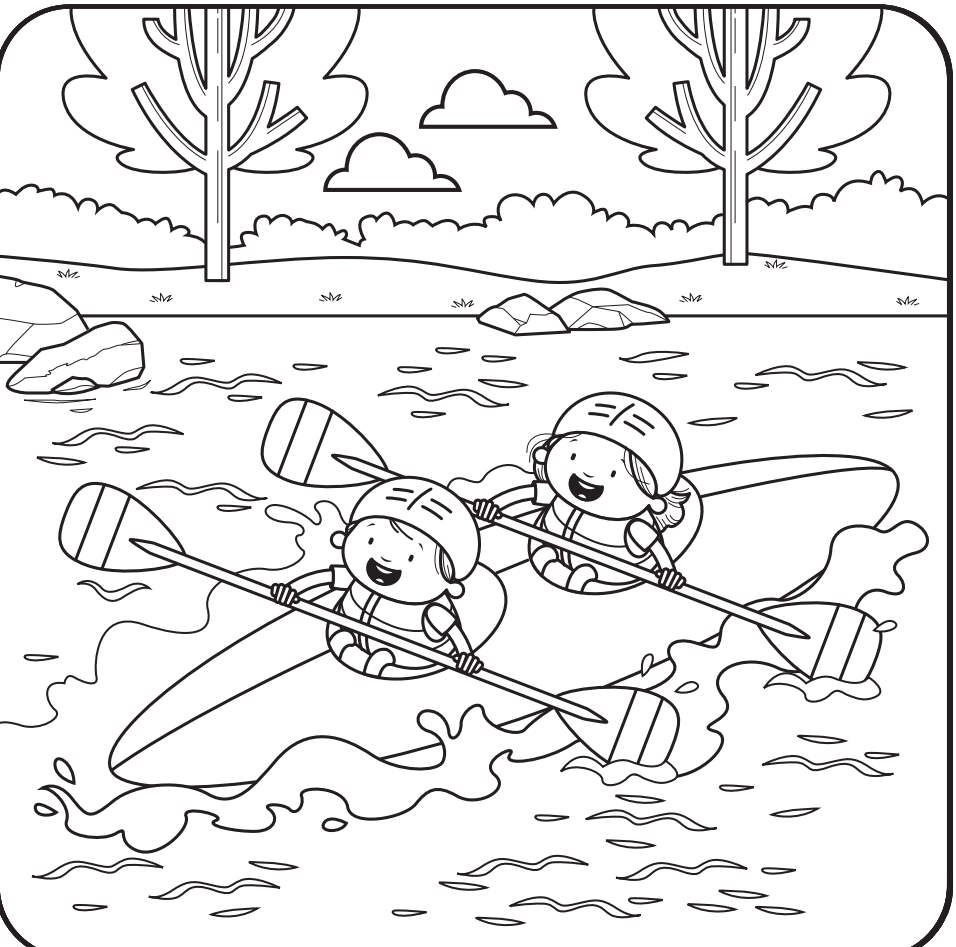
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**Tilden PRAIRIE DAYS**

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- \* Pancake Feed \* Beauty and the Beast Car Show
- \* "Junk in the Truck" Sales \* Pool Party
- \* Fire Hose Water Fights \* Bouncy House
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### VERDIGRE EVENTS

June 12-14..... Kolach Days



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**Renegades**  
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**TRAIL RIDE**  
**Sunday, September 6, 2026**  
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## Stuart Silver Fox Ranch

Stuart, Nebraska



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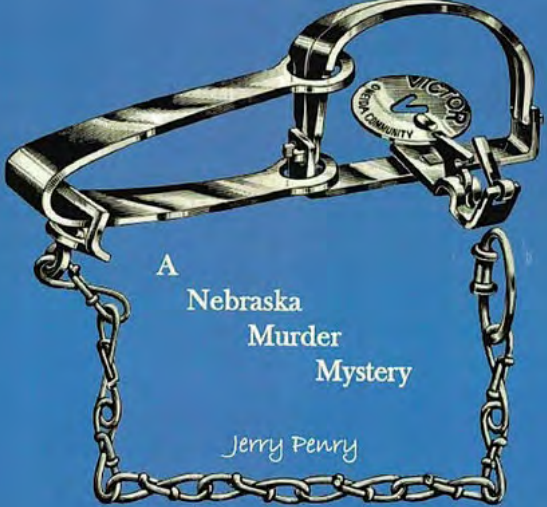
**Preface**

With the passage of more than seventy years since it closed, the former Silver Fox Ranch that was once located nine miles north of Stuart, NE, has mostly slipped into obscurity. From newspaper accounts of the late 1920's and into the 1940's, it was portrayed as being a truly magnificent operation. It put Stuart on the map as being the largest facility of its kind in the entire Midwest.

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# CHICKEN FINGERS MAKE PICNICS FUN

Picnics are a fun way to bring people together to enjoy food and conversation. While there are no limitations to what a picnic may entail, when it comes to food, it may be best to pack items that are portable and do not require many accoutrements for eating. That is why finger foods make such great picnic fare.

Fried chicken long has been a popular picnic menu item, but other chicken dishes can fill in for this staple quite easily. For example, this recipe for "Sesame Chicken Fingers with Honey Dip" can be enjoyed by kids and adults on a picnic or even at casual events at home. This recipe, from "125 Best Chicken Recipes" (Robert Rose) by Rose Murray, features a sweet honey dip, but other dips can complement the meal as well.



## Sesame Chicken Fingers with Honey Dip

Serves 4

- 1/3 cup light mayonnaise
- 3 tablespoons liquid honey
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
- 1/4 cup light mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 1/3 cup dry bread crumbs
- 3 tablespoons sesame seeds
- 1 teaspoon dried Italian herb seasoning

- 1 pound skinless boneless chicken breasts cut into fingers, 2 inches long by 1/2-inch wide

1. Honey Dip: In a small bowl, stir together the 1/3 cup mayonnaise, honey and 1 tablespoon lemon juice until well combined. Refrigerate if making ahead.
2. In a small bowl, combine the 1/4 cup mayonnaise, Dijon mustard and 2 tablespoons lemon juice.
3. On waxed paper or in a shallow bowl, combine the bread crumbs, sesame seeds and Italian seasoning.
4. Coat chicken with mayonnaise mixture, then with bread crumb mixture. Place on prepared cookie sheet. Bake in preheated oven for 15 to 20 minutes or until golden brown and the chicken is no longer pink inside, turning once. Serve hot with the honey dip and potato wedges, if desired.



### 11th annual Gene Topp Memorial Car Show

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June 21st, 2026 1-4PM

Main Street Winside, NE

**FREE TO THE PUBLIC - FREE TO ENTER**

Kiddie Parade & Family Activities All Afternoon! | **FREE Face Painting & Bounce Houses!**  
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Registration: 10am to 1pm Marotz Seed/Fontanelle Hybrids, 307 Main St.  
For Questions Call Sheila at 402-841-1420  
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## 66th Annual WOLBACH DAYS RODEO

Friday, Saturday, Sunday  
June 26 - 27 - 28, 2026

7:30 p.m. CDST

Wolbach Rodeo Arena  
Wolbach, NE

PROFESSIONAL EVENTS:  
Saddle Bronc Riding  
Team Roping  
Breakaway Roping  
Bull Riding  
Bareback Riding  
Steer Wrestling  
Calf Roping  
Barrel Racing

Other Events:  
Sheep Riding (Ages 4-7, Sun.)  
Friday & Saturday Nights:  
Steer Riding (Ages 9-14, Limit 7 per night)  
Ranch Bronc Riding (Limit 5 per night)  
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Friday, June 26	Saturday, June 27	Sunday, June 28
10:00 AM - Kiddie Parade 10:30 AM - Fishing Derby - Cottonwood Park Lunch at the Park following the Fishing Derby 12:00 PM - Eynrud's Opens 1:00 PM - Swimming Pool Games & Boat Races 7:30 PM - Rodeo at Arena with Ranch Bronc Riding, Steer Riding, and Cow Scramble	8:30 AM - Fun Run/Walk Registration 9:00 AM - Fun Run/Walk begins 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM - Craft Show at the Community Center Face Painting / Animal Balloons 10:30 AM - Bicycle Rodeo - Main Street Water Balloon Volleyball at Grossart's Lot Dunking Booth at Grossart's Lot 12:00 PM - Eynrud's Opens 2:00 PM - Kids' races and games at Grossart's 5:00 PM - Beef BBQ at Community Center 7:30 p.m. - Rodeo at Arena with Ranch Bronc Riding, Steer Riding & Cow Scramble 9:00 p.m. - Street Dance with Food Stand	9:00 AM - Breakfast at Community Center 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM - CAR & MOTORCYCLE SHOW Registration @ 9:00 AM Call Logan at 308-370-2504 for info 1:30 PM - Bingo, Community Center Food, Pie, Root Beer Floats 12:00 PM - Eynrud's Opens Turtle Races: Registration starts at 1:00 PM in the Gazebo - 2 entries per person (NO snappers) 2:00 PM - Turtle Races on Main Street 3:00 p.m. - Duck Races on Main Street Sponsored by Wolbach Fire & Rescue 7:30 p.m. - Rodeo at Arena Sheep Riding at the Rodeo: \$5 entry fee, sign up at 7:00 PM

Vendors: Friday: Kettle Corn  
Saturday: Kettle Corn, Nacho's Taco's

ALL EVENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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**Tegan Nissen**  
8:30 pm



**Trace Adkins**  
9:30 pm

**Thursday, July 23**

**Ultimate Bull Riding**  
7:30 pm

**Friday, July 24**  
**The Outlaws**

**Truck & Tractor Pull**  
6:30 pm

**Sunday, July 26**  
**Demo Derby**  
6:00 pm

**Thursday, July 23 to Sunday, July 26**

**Season Pass**  
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Sources: USDA Forest Service,  
Journal of Aging and Health,  
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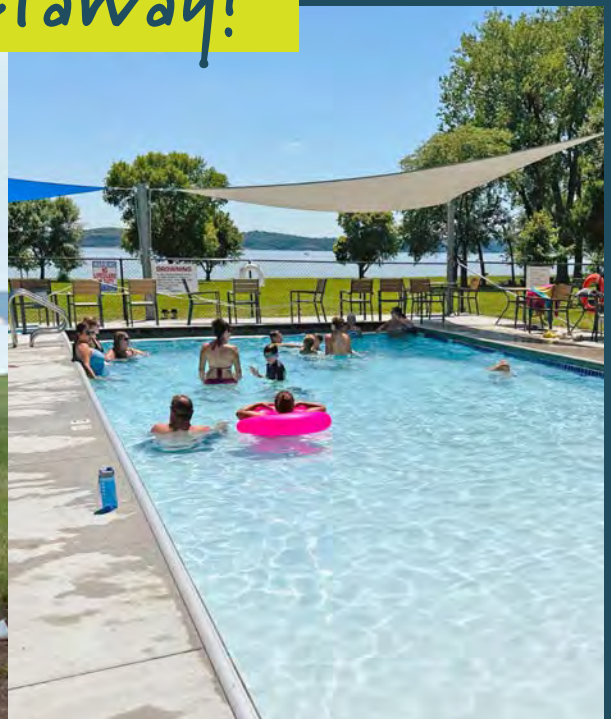
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