

# Christmas on the Prairie

December 1 & 2, 2018, 2:00-8:00 pm  
Event

29<sup>th</sup> Annual

## HATS OFF TO CHRISTMAS!

Christmas on the Prairie is celebrating 29 years at the Saunders County Museum! This year's event is scheduled for Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup> and Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. This annual event was made possible through the generous donation of time, talent, services and financial support of many individuals, businesses and organizations throughout the area.

The Christmas on the Prairie Steering Committee would like to welcome you to the Saunders County Museum and we hope that you enjoy the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas on the Prairie!

### **Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup> Activities** Schedule Subject to Change

#### **Main Museum**

2:00-5:00 pm Demonstrations in the large meeting room  
2:00-6:00 pm Player Piano Performances by Larry Schuette of Raymond and Mike Bebout of Valley in the Main Museum Loft-south end  
6:00-7:00 pm Piano Students, Andrea Wimer, teacher

#### **Weston Presbyterian Church, Museum Grounds**

2:00-3:00 pm "Hats" by Yesterday's Lady, Sue McLain (Humanities Nebraska Program)  
3:15-4:00 pm Ostry Family singers  
4:00-5:00 pm Piano Students, Andrea Wimer, teacher  
5:00-6:00 pm Select-a-Music, by Vernon Slecta  
7:00-8:00 pm Madrigal Choir

## Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> Activities

Schedule Subject to Change

### Main Museum

2:00-2:30 pm Dancing Grannies

4:00-5:00 pm “History of the Swedish in Nebraska” by Lauren Riedesel (Humanities Nebraska Program)

5:30-6:30 pm Wahoo Dance Academy

### Weston Presbyterian Church, Museum Grounds

2:00-3:00 pm Chisum Wilson

3:00-4:00 pm Piano Students Andrea Wimer, teacher

4:00-5:30 pm Marcene Havelka

## Activities Both Days

### Main Museum



**Coffee and Goodies:** In the Main Museum small meeting room, stop in for some coffee, punch or cider and grab a cookie or two! Local residents have donated lots of yummy cookies.

**Festival of Trees:** Can you find all the trees decorated throughout the Museum? Dozens of trees have been decorated by local individuals, families and organizations.



### Visit the Museum Gift Shop!

The Main Museum Gift Shop has lots of Christmas ideas! Stop by for unique gifts and pick up some delicious baked goods from our bake sale! There will be a variety of items available including hand-crafted items! Also, color prints will be available! Do your Christmas Shopping here!



**Silent Auction:** In the Zanuck Exhibit (1<sup>st</sup> Floor Main Exhibit Area) are over 40 items! Bids start at \$5, some items at \$10. Must be 18 years old to bid. Auction ends at 7:30pm on Sunday night.

**Be sure and explore the Museum grounds! All of our out buildings will be open during the event. Volunteers will be stationed in each building if you have any questions.**

**District 42 Schoolhouse, Museum Grounds**

2:00-6:00 pm Children's activities

Choose from a variety of unique crafts to make and take! There are activities for every age.



**Machine Building**

2:00-8:00 pm Rope Making demonstration by Jeremiah & Lyndon Ochsner

Stop by and see how ropes are made. You are welcome to make your own unique rope to take home!

**Museum Grounds, 2:00-dark, weather permitting**

Grandpa's Old Time Chores: Hand corn shelling; Hand sawing; Corn grinding; Wood sawing; Gas engines; Gas powered washing machine and more!



**Burlington Depot**

2:00-7:30 pm Volunteers will have the model train display up and running! Please look but don't touch!

**Union Bank, upper level (North of the Museum Grounds, across the street)**

2:00-8:00 pm Quilt display of vintage & modern quilts. 5 groups of Fiber Artists from Fremont, Lincoln and Omaha will be demonstrating their crafts, including lace-making, tatting, spinning & more!

**Memphis Post Office 2:00-7:30pm**

**Special Postal Cancellation Available**



Christmas on the Prairie Station, Wahoo, NE 68066

December 1 & 2, 2018

A unique cancellation for each day of the event!

Postcards and seasonal stamps will be available for purchase

*Special Cancellation available only during Christmas on the Prairie*



**Museum Quilt Raffle: 3 quilts and 4 other prizes will be raffled off on Sunday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>!**

Tickets will be available during the event at a table near the Gift Shop. Proceeds from the raffle support the Saunders County Museum. Tickets are \$5 each. You need not be present to win.

## **Hanson House**

Due to an accident in November, the Hanson House will not be open during our Christmas on the Prairie event. The northeast corner of the dining room was damaged when a truck hit the house. The north door was blown off, several small items broken and a trophy case and a secretary were significantly damaged. Repairs are underway and the Hanson House will be open again in early 2019.

**Safety First!** Please keep in mind that it is winter in Nebraska! While we work hard at keeping walkways and steps clear in the event of snow, please walk carefully in case of snow and ice. Also, several of the buildings will have propane heaters providing warmth. Please use caution around all of the heaters, as well as on the steps and possible uneven ground! We want you to enjoy your time here on the Museum grounds and we want you to safely return home for the holidays!



**Everyone is Welcome!** There is something for everyone to experience! For safety reasons we ask that all children under the age of 15 be accompanied AT ALL TIMES by an adult. Thank you!

## **Thank you!**

The Christmas on the Prairie Steering Committee would like to thank a large number of people for helping us create a wonderful event! Thanks to all of the volunteers who donate their time and talent in decorating, baking, and hosting buildings. Thanks to the donors of cookies, auction items and more. Thank you to the Wahoo Community Chest for providing funding. Thanks to all who support Christmas on the Prairie!

**2019:** Join us on December 7 & 8, 2019 for the 30<sup>th</sup> annual Christmas on the Prairie! The theme will be “A Pearly White Christmas! Celebrating 30 years!”

## ***Season’s Greetings from All of Us to All of You!***

*Christmas on the Prairie began in 1990 when a group of local citizens decided to establish a community festival. The goal was to promote the Saunders County Museum and the town of Wahoo. Over the past 29 years, hundreds of volunteers have worked to plan the yearly event and have contributed thousands of hours of their time and talent into creating a free, fun family event.*

*The Saunders County Historical Society was established in 1963. Its goal is to preserve the history of the county for future generations. The Museum complex contains a Main Building, the 1873 Kavan Log House, District 42 Schoolhouse, 1889 Weston Presbyterian Church, Machine Building, Memphis Post Office, the 1886 Wahoo Burlington Depot and a 1920s Caboose. Coming soon is a Wahoo Built Building. Located at 12<sup>th</sup> and Linden in Wahoo is the Howard Hanson House, birthplace of the Pulitzer*