



“Ask Me About Gering, Scottsbluff & Area”

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This weekly summer e-newsletter highlights events and things for visitors to do (Wednesday to Wednesday) in Gering, Scottsbluff and the area. Please use this [Visitor’s Service Tool](#) when summer guests patronize your business and ask your frontline staffs “What should I see and do while I’m here?” Published by the Gering Visitors Bureau, for more information call 308.436.6886 or go to our website at www.VisitGering.com

What Visitors & Locals Will Want to Do This Week!

July 24th thru July 31st, 2024

(This week’s events – Wednesday through Wednesday)

It is Time for the “137th Annual.....Scotts Bluff County Fair”

July 27 thru August 3, 2024 – Scotts Bluff County Fairgrounds in Mitchell

For the complete schedule of events and tickets; visit

www.scottsbluffcountyfairgrounds.com

Daily at Scotts Bluff National Monument in Gering

“Bluffs Banter”.....Daily Ranger Talks at the Monument

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

When: 9:30 am to 10:30 am, and 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

What: **Bluffs Banter daily at the Monument!** Come out the Monument any day and join a ranger on the lawn of the visitors’ center for a short talk about topics ranging from geology, to plants, to wildlife, to history. This program is offered in the morning and afternoon. In the event of inclement weather (storms or temperatures above 95 degrees F), this program will move inside the visitors’ center. **For more information, contact the Monument at 308-436-9700.**

Thursday, July 25, 2024 in Gering

“Pulitzer Prize Finalist Gregg Jones”.....at Legacy of the Plains Museum

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

When: 1:30 PM

What: **Legacy of the Plains Museum will host author and Pulitzer Prize finalist Gregg Jones!** As part of the Japanese Hall and History Project; Jones will be discussing his new book, “*Most Honorable Son: A Forgotten Hero’s Fight Against Fascism and Hate During World War II*”. The book discusses the life and experiences of Ben Kuroki, a Japanese American from Nebraska, who fought with distinction in World War II. The event is FREE. **For more information, contact the Museum at 308-436-1989.**

Thursday, July 25, 2024 in Scottsbluff

Bands on Broadway Summer Concert Series.....18th Street Plaza in Downtown Scottsbluff

Where: 18th Street Plaza (1800 Broadway – Downtown Scottsbluff)

When: 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

What: **The 2024 Bands on Broadway Downtown Summer Concert Series!** Live music on stage, an assortment of food trucks, beverages and fun for the whole family. Bring your lawn chair; this week's featured bands are: "Back in the Day" and "Kid Shelleen". *Concerts are FREE OF CHARGE; for more information visit: www.Facebook.com/bandsonbroadway*

Friday, Saturday & Sunday – July 26, 27 & 28, 2024

"Twisters", Rated PG-13.....Screens this Weekend at the Midwest Theater

Where: The Midwest Theater – (1707 Broadway – Scottsbluff)

When: Friday, July 26 – 1:30 pm (afternoon matinee) and 7:00 pm
Saturday, July 27 – 7:00 pm
Sunday, July 28 – 1:30 pm (afternoon matinee)

What: **The Historic Midwest Theater presents "Twisters", Rated PG-13 (run time is 2 hours and 2 minutes)** this weekend in the air-conditioned comforts of the Theater. *An epic disaster movie returns with an adrenaline-pumping and seat-gripping big screen thrill ride!* Afternoon matinees on Friday, Saturday and Sunday; evening screenings on Friday and Saturday nights. Concessions available. *Tickets are \$4.00 per person for Ages 2-12 and for Midwest Theater members who present their member cards. \$8.00 per person for non-members. For additional information; visit: www.MidwestTheater.com*

Saturday, July 27, 2024 in Scottsbluff

"18th Street Farmers Market"18th Street Plaza in Downtown Scottsbluff

Where: 18th Street Plaza – (1800 Broadway – Scottsbluff)

When: 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM

What: **Saturday Morning Farmers Market in Downtown Scottsbluff!** Shop for locally grown fresh produce, a variety of food products, crafts, entertainment and more every Saturday morning thru September. *For more information, see 18th Street Farmers Market on Facebook.*

Tuesday, July 30, 2024 in Gering

"Mysteries of the Past".....Evening Program at Scotts Bluff National Monument

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

When: 7:00 PM – In the Monument's Visitors Center

What: **Mysteries of the Past evening program at the Monument!** Join Ranger Solomon to learn about how volcanoes and fossils tell hidden stories of the Scotts Bluff's past. We will dive into the geologic past of the Monument and look at the stories the rock layers have to tell, then will look at fossils of ancient animals who inhabited the area and finally we will examine the story behind a very old archeological discovery from the early 1900's: the Bisterfeldt Potato Cellar discovery. *For more information, contact the Monument at 308-436-9700.*

Now thru August 28, 2024 in Scottsbluff

"Old West Balloon Fest: Art in the Sky Exhibit".....at West Nebraska Arts Center

Where: West Nebraska Arts Center – (106 East 18th Street – Scottsbluff)

When: Gallery Hours are Tuesday thru Friday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Weekends – 1:00 PM to 5:00 pm
Gallery is closed on Mondays

What: WNCC Announces Old West Balloon Fest Art in the Sky Exhibit Opening! The exhibit highlights the artistic value of regional artwork and its connection to the Panhandle through celebrations. All styles and techniques which may include photographs and artwork of hot air balloons were accepted into the show. **For more information, visit www.thewnac.com**

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Year-round visitor services are available in Gering; for brochures, maps, visitor questions and area visitor information, please direct summer guests to Visitor Information Centers:

Gering Visitors Bureau's Visitors Information Center

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

Open weekdays, evenings & weekends during Civic Center Hours

Scotts Bluff Area Visitors Bureau's 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