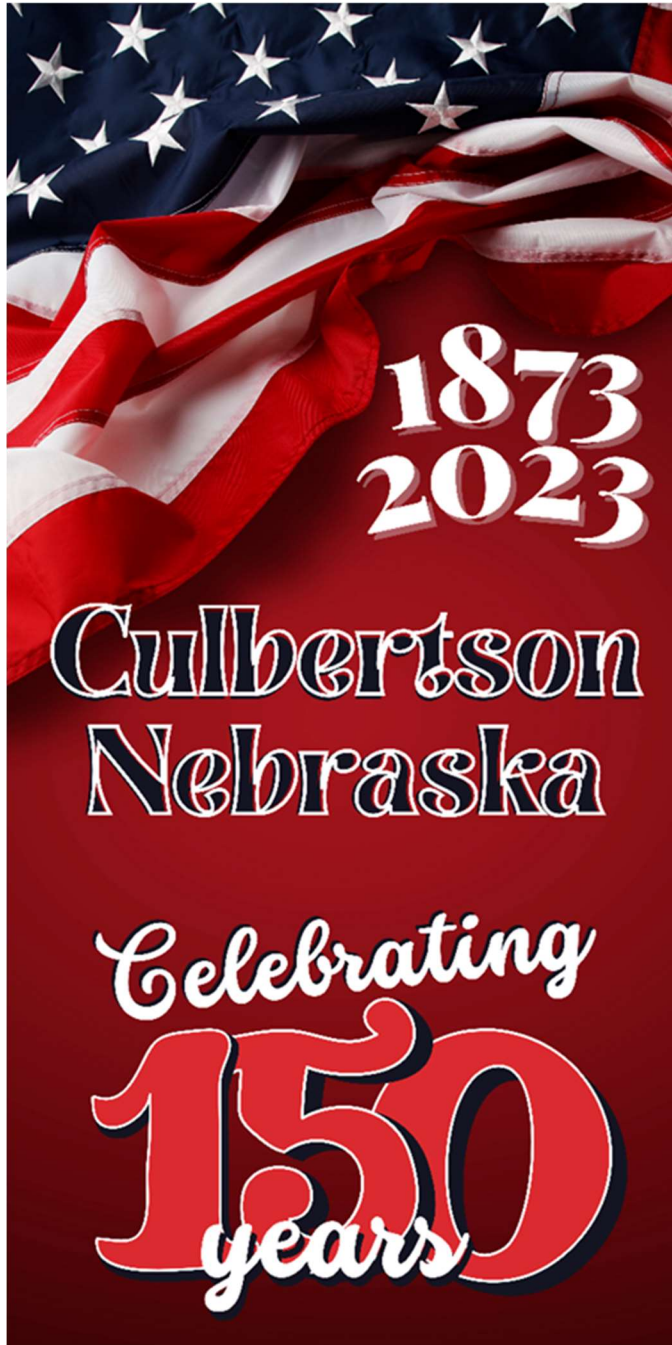


Welcome to the Village of Culbertson! A great number of individuals and organizations have spent the last year planning this extended weekend to celebrate the 150th year since the Village was founded. We hope that you have a good time and view Culbertson, as we do, as a great place to live and work.

Roma Sensel, Culbertson Village Mayor



Family Photo Opportunities:
Stop by the new mural and take your photo anytime over the weekend and at the tailgate party there will be a photo booth set up by the DJ, Night Sounds.



FREE SWIMMING JULY 1-4

@ THE VILLAGE POOL!!





Courtney Wacker Pollman was born and raised in McCook but has an extensive heritage in Culbertson. She is a descendant of the founder of the Wacker-Elliott-Wacker Company, a Culbertson enterprise that included trucking, cattle feedlots, sale barns, Ranchers Lumber Yard, ranching and farming interests and one of the original charter members of the Adam Miller American Legion Post #133.

Courtney is a member of the Stone Church Community Association; her family donated the land the Stone Church sits on and her family served on the first Board of Directors. She has a broad knowledge of Culbertson and the surrounding areas.

She has a passion for helping others and is ready to help you find the home of your dreams! You can reach Courtney at 308.340.6094 for help with any of your real estate needs! **If you happen upon Courtney this weekend, be sure to thank her for sponsoring this insert for the Culbertson Sesquicentennial Celebration and the Fourth of July!**



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Saturday, 1 July 2023

Family Fun Day!!

How about starting the day with a **KIDS PARADE**? Kids should gather at the Methodist Church by 8:30 a.m. to be guided to the fairgrounds by the Hitchcock County Sheriff! Wear your costumes, bring your bikes, skates, scooters, wagons, and feet to kick off the family fun day! Prizes will be awarded at the awards ceremony at the tailgate party for the best costume. Costumes are your choice and limited only by your imagination.

CELEBRATION HEADQUARTERS: 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Meet at the fairgrounds Ag Building for donuts and coffee while the kids are trekking to the fairgrounds. Meet up with your friends you have not seen for a long time and enjoy some yummy coffee and donuts sponsored by the Culbertson Adam Miller American Legion Auxiliary Post #133 & Wreaths Across America. This is your headquarters for information and any help you need to plan your day.

You will find the following items & activities at this location:

- Pick up your cookbook,
- t-shirts,
- & flags,
- register for the scavenger hunt,
- register for the car show and
- register for the pitch tournament,
- buy your coins,
- purchase your raffle tickets (*Culbertson memorabilia, grave markers, Henry rifles*), or
- purchase a wreath for Christmas time to be placed at one of the eight participating Hitchcock County cemeteries for a veteran. Plan your day with a burst of sugar and friendship!



ALL DAY SCAVENGER HUNT: A scavenger hunt is a game like a treasure hunt in which participants seek to gather or complete all items on a list. Participants usually work in small teams, although individuals may be allowed to participate, a full set of rules will be provided upon registration (8-12 at Ag Building). For the 150 Celebration scavenger hunt participants will solve puzzles, explore Culbertson as it is today and remember what it used to be! This is an all-day activity for all age groups

that will start with registration in the morning at the Ag Building and conclude with prizes being presented at the awards ceremony that night at the tailgate party after the car show and cruise. In between looking for items and solving puzzles you will be able to participate in the other activities during the day. Everyone is urged to participate in this activity sponsored by the Bell & Miller Families.

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Inflatables at the fairgrounds. Fun for all ages with a bounce house, a bounce and slide, interactive light play game that features randomly lit hot spots with a goal to hit as many of a particular color as possible during the time limit, obstacle course, and a 26 feet tall rock wall with 4 climbing routes and 40 square feet of climbing area.

10:00 a.m. Barn Quilt Class I: Barn quilts have become the latest crafting craze! A barn quilt takes the concept of a quilt square, just like one you would find on a cloth quilt in your home and recreates it on plywood. The square is then displayed on a barn or other structure for passersby to enjoy. Local artist Becky Dutcher is here to guide you through the creation of your own mini barn quilt! This class requires pre-registration and is \$15 to pay for materials. Meet Becky at the Ambulance Barn for this local, take home, experience!

10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Museum Open

11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Shop the Impact Closet mobile boutique at the Fairgrounds their main focus will be on curvy-sized clothing although we will carry S - 3XL sizes. We are based out of Culbertson, and you can reach us at (308) 340-1420. Check out our Facebook page "Impact Closet" or contact us at impactclosetboutique@gmail.com.

LUNCH at 12:00 p.m. there will be a FREE kids sack lunch provided at by Ron & Vicki Bauer Family and friends at the fairgrounds. Food trucks, carts, and lunch purchase options will also be available around town and at the fairgrounds.

1:00-4:00 p.m. Library events for kids in the 6-14 age group will start at **1:00 p.m.** and will include a variety of contests, races, and crafts. This event will end at **4:00 p.m.**

1:00 p.m. Barn quilt Class II

12:00-2:00 p.m. The Rippen Family is sponsoring a "Closest to the Pin" Challenge at the fairgrounds. Try your luck and win some money!!

1:00-4:00 p.m. Immerse yourself in a **4-point pitch tournament.** Our 4-point variation is played with a standard 52-card deck with Ace high. This event does not require pre-registration, but it sure would be appreciated so we know how many tables to set up. Buy in is \$10.00 with \$1.00 paid per set (low saves itself) and prizes will be dependent upon the number of people that participate.

2:00-5:00 p.m. Cruise to Culbertson north of the Culbertson Bank on Main Street for the **Car Show!** All old or new cars, pickups, rat rods, and motorcycles are welcome! Awards will be presented in the rat rod, motorcycle and top 20 categories. Every entrant gets a dash plaque and there is a \$20 entry fee. This event is being sponsored by the Phyl (Class of 1968) & Trish (Class of 1973) Rippen Family!

5:30-6:00 p.m. Cruise! Cruising is a social activity that primarily consists of driving a car. Follow the leader, Kerwin Propp (Class of 1980), on this reminiscing opportunity to see the Village of Culbertson and the changes that have occurred since you last "cruised" the town! Keep your speed low and drive whatever you have with wheels!

Make sure you pause to enjoy (and picture taking opportunity) the new **mural!** Most cities and towns have something to say, and murals have become an increasingly popular expression of art, community, and involvement. The Sesquicentennial Celebration Committee developed a mural, in cooperation with the McCook Art Guild, to honor our history and brighten up our downtown area. This mural was sponsored in part by a grant from Hitchcock County Visitors Committee and donations from Kugler and GoLight.

While you are cruising, be sure to look for the new 150 celebration banners on the street poles that have been personalized by the following families and businesses:

- Ron & Vicki Bauer
- Bell Family
- Leroy and Betty Cook
- Dack Family
- In Memory of David Fahrenbruch
- Grafel Farms In Memory of Wayne & Betty
- Hartzer Family
- Milton Florance Hegwood
- Holub's 1975
- Jumps Family
- Kehler Family
- Ken Kolbet Family
- Memory of Roland Miller
- Pollmann Custom Farming
- Pollmann Family
- The Schafer's Brian, Donnetta, Tate, Ty

- Clint & Kayla Schafer
- Ron & Joann Schafer
- Loren Agela Wagner
- Memory of Jack Nina Wagner
- CB Seamless Gutter & Construction
- 2B Storage
- Hillside Perk
- Culbertson Auto Body
- The Culbertson Bank Est. 1886
- Gohl Home Protection
- Grafel Farms in memory of Wayne & Betty
- Lewis Motor Sports
- Culbertson Methodist Church
- Rippen Oil
- Shear Shack
- Kugler
- GoLight
- Village of Culbertson
- Culbertson Heritage Museum
- Kugler
- KEZL-FM

When you are done cruising and reminiscing about growing up in Culbertson bring your favorite tailgate foods and come to the fairgrounds for an evening full of fun! Whether you share your tailgate foods or buy something from the local vendors you will have plenty of opportunities to walk around and run into people you have not seen in a long time.

Eat up as there is a **dessert contest** after you finish eating and you get to sample all the contestants' foods! Rory and Judith Cook (Class of 1977) are sponsoring **DJ Entertainment (Jason with Night Sounds from Imperial)** who will play your favorite music in the background as you work your way through the **watermelon seed** contest hosted by Clyde Bell, Sr. (remember Spike? Class of 1969). The **Mustache/Beard Contest** hosted by local hair stylists Karma Rousselle and Aimee Hazlett will feature five categories: best mustache, best goatee, longest bears, neatest beard, and prettiest beard.

The evening will be capped off with an awards ceremony honoring all the winners of the day, the drawing for the grave marker raffle items by the oldest and youngest veterans present at the event, and the Culbertson Memorabilia items will be raffled off.

Sunday, 2 July 2023

Community Worship - History Day



Sunday the day starts at 10:00 a.m. with Community Worship at the Fairground hosted by the Culbertson Methodist and New Life Churches and supplemented with Brad Randall music. We then go right into a breakfast brunch and social time hosted by the Methodist and New Life Churches of Culbertson.

At 1:00 p.m. the Culbertson Woman's Club is delighted to introduce Sue McLain, owner of Yesterday's Lady, a vintage fashion museum/store in Beatrice, Nebraska. Ms. McLain will walk us through a step back in time to discover the history of fashion from 1870 through 1970 and see authentic clothing from the past. Ms. McLain has been traveling the Midwest since 1991 sharing her extensive collection of clothing from 1840 through 1980 and teaching groups about the history of fashion. Sue has been collecting fashions since 1985 and they are currently housed in an 1887 historic building in downtown Beatrice. To learn more about Sue McLain's shop visit <http://www.yesterdayslady.net/>

2:00 p.m. will be a historical video presentation by Jacob Viox at the fairgrounds ag building. This video features many of your friends, relatives, and neighbors reminiscing about early Culbertson life. Preview clips have shown off and on but for the first time the oral history video will be shown in its entirety. This same video will be available online at a later date at www.varsityimagery.com. This video has been a community collaboration that includes interviews highlighting the Culbertson community through the years. It was made possible through grants from the Hitchcock County Visitors Committee and donations from Kugler and GoLight. Thank you to the talents of Jacob Viox and Varsity Imagery!!

3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. The Culbertson Improvement Program is then hosting the popular Bingo game. The game has a \$15 buy in, and the winnings are dependent upon the number of players that participate. The game will be supplemented by free snacks and lots of laughs and socializing!!

Monday, 3 July 2023

Walking Tour & Vendor Fair & Pool BBQ Benefit

Monday is a full day beginning with a walking tour at 8:00 a.m. to see locations of historic homes and businesses as you hear stories of how things used to be. Those interested in this activity should meet at the mural on the south side of the Bear Cave at 8:00 a.m. and it will last approximately one hour. Then go to the vendor fair at the agricultural building at the fairgrounds from 9:00-3:00 p.m. Come see the following vendors with a variety of crafts, clothing, and food that will be for sale all day:

Cindy McCollum	Mary Kay	Suzee Bair	308 Coffee
Gloriann Spencer	Wreaths, floral arrangements	Becky Dutcher	Watercolor paintings, cards, quilting & wood items
Ardith Tracy	Horseshoe crafts, towel crochet animals	Teresa Honeycutt	Wood flags/crosses

Monte Cooper	150 th Coins	Andrea Haller	Weaves rugs, potholders, placemats, mugs
Marie Sutton	Wood, crochet items; hot pads, baby blankets	Teresa Peterson (Back Country Creations)	Crochet animals & other crochet goods
Kristie Brittan	Crafts, color street nails	Bill Sailors	Necklaces & rock jewelry
Tiffany Hardy	Dusti Rhodes ladies western accessories	Anna Larson	Discovery Toys
J2 Glass Creations	Fused glass creations		

At 5:00p.m. the Culbertson Pool Committee will host the annual Bar-B-Q. This feast includes DJ Hammond providing entertainment, an auction of a wide variety of donated items to raise funds to improve the Village Pool, and there will be free swimming and pool games for the children. The drawing for the Henry Rifles will be held at this event. You will not want to miss this unique and annual small-town picnic at Hillside Park.

Tuesday, 4 July 2023

Independence Day



6:30-7:30 a.m. arrive at race to pick up packets between 6:30-7:30 a.m.

6:30 - 9:30 am - Free will breakfast at the Hitchcock County Fairgrounds – Served by Marlene's Kitchen

7:35 12 & under kids start the 1/2-mile fun run. 8:00 a.m. the 5k race starts. Shirts will be available to purchase on McCook Lettering's website and Race registrations will be free this year in celebration of the 20th annual Freedom Run and Culbertson's 150th celebration. You can register online at the YMCA website.

9:30 – Box Turtle Race before the parade (Free for kids 12 and under – Each kid may bring 1 box turtle to compete in the race, it will be in front of the fire barn and cash prizes will be awarded _ 1st place \$25, 2nd place – \$15 and 3rd place \$10.

10:00 a.m. Parade featuring the best of our community! Floats, cars, tractors, First Responders, horses, bands and maybe even a chance to get wet! Parade – Contact Travis Rousselle @ travis.rousselle@yahoo.com

Car & tractor show immediately following the parade, downtown by the Tumbleweed. A downtown site will be roped off for any cars and tractors wishing to be viewed after the parade.

12:00 p.m. Horseshoe tournament. Call Will Miller at 308-737-5061 to pre-register.



12:30 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament at the Downtown park. \$5 per person. Register at the park starting at 12:30 PM or contact Brett Melchert @ 308-293-6784

12:30 Sand Volleyball at the fairgrounds. Limit 12 teams Play starts at 1:00. Co-ed up to 6 players with half women and half men. \$30 per team. To pre-register call Shonda Jacob @ 308-737-0682

1:00 Cornhole Tournament call Jack Smith @ 308-340-0614.

1:00 p.m. Money dive for kids at the Culbertson Swimming Pool

1:00 p.m. Duck race at the walking trail; buy your ducks in front of Shear Shack or from a Duckmobile (your duck purchase helps pay for next year's fireworks!!) WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE DUCK RACE at the walking trail.

3:00-5:00 p.m. The Culbertson Improvement Program is hosting the popular Bingo game. The game has a \$15 buy in, and the winnings are dependent upon the number of players that participate. The game will be supplemented by free snacks and lots of laughs and socializing!!

10:00 p.m. Firework Display is always one of the best in the area! Please do not light off personal fireworks at the Fairgrounds.

****Special thanks to Culbertson fire Department for lighting off the Fireworks. ****

****Special thanks to all our sponsors and volunteers for making this day possible. ****

****FOOD**FOOD**FOOD****

Hillside Perk is on Highway 83, across the street from the cemetery. The Hillside Perk features a lunch special daily, fun drinks, and homemade desserts. They will be open Saturday from 6 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and Monday from 6 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

K&B Liquor is on Highway 83, across the street from the former Hil-Top Hotel. It is in one of the oldest houses in Culbertson.

LMK Enterprises: LMK carries many essential items and plenty of snacks and ice-cold drinks. This general store will surely have something for you! Lloyd is also a certified sewing machine repairman. See him for all your sewing machine needs!

Pemberton's: JULY 1-3 will be provided by Pemberton's! Breakfast: pancakes, French toast, breakfast burrito, sausage gravy & biscuits Lunch/Dinner: Hamburger, Hotdogs, chili dogs, chips & cheese, pretzels, funnel cakes & cotton candy. All Day lemonade & coffee.

Come meet **AG's Cream Can** July 1-3 to cool off during all the fun activities!

July 1st 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. The **Adam Miller American Legion Post #133 Auxiliary** will be serving coffee, water, donuts, bars, cake, etc. for a free will offering during the registration at the Ag Building.

Marlene will be serving lunch in the Ag Building on July 1st. On July 4th you will find Marlene providing FREE breakfast and you can purchase lunch from her in the Ag Building.

Piglee Wiglee BBQ will be at the Culbertson fairgrounds Saturday July 1st to help celebrate Culbertson's 150-year anniversary. They will be there on July 4th at Culbertson City Park to celebrate the Fourth of July. Piglee Wiglee will be serving its famous slow cooked brisket along with our pulled pork and your choice of sides.

FREE kids sack lunch provided by Ron & Vicki Bauer Family at the fairgrounds @ 12:00 p.m. July 1st.

The Scoop serves quality, locally sourced ice cream made right here in Nebraska! They will be in the Ag Building on **July 1st & 2nd!!**

Fatty McGill specializes in slow smoked locally sourced meats and scratch made desserts. Find him at the fairgrounds on **July 1, from 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. & July 2 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Pahulus will be at the Culbertson fairgrounds on **July 1 from 11 a.m.** till the food runs out! They specialize in Japanese, South American and Pacific Islander main dishes.

July 2nd, 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Breakfast Brunch provided by the **Methodist & New Life Churches** at fairgrounds Ag building.

July 3rd during the Vendor Fair, the **Shawn Carney Family** will be serving breakfast burritos & cinnamon rolls for breakfast and will have walking tacos and a taco bar in the Ag Building.

July 3rd @ 5:00 p.m. Pool Committee **Freewill BBQ.**

July 4th @ 11:30 a.m. the **Lutheran Church** will be serving at the Tumbleweed & **Cheerleaders** are serving lunch for fundraising at the park July 4th.

July 4th Free Ice Cream will be served by the Culbertson Rescue Squad at the Ambulance barn.

Sno-Place will be located at the Fairgrounds July 4th.