

Hello the Camp!

Fur Trade Days

A historic celebration of
buckskinners, traders and
Native Americans.

Chadron, NE

Join us July 13-16, 2023 in
Chadron, Nebraska.



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What's That You Say?!

Hello The Camp is a free monthly newsletter about that thing we all wish we heard more about all year long: FUR TRADE DAYS!

Hello The Camp covers the history of the event itself, 1976-Present. Remember that beard and mustache competition? Had your 30th High School Reunion? Tossed the furthest buffalo chip in '08? Hello The Camp wants to remember, immortalize, and eternally glorify all that has gone into Fur Trade Days over the years.

This inaugural issue will mainly recap some of the great events we had in 2022. Future issues will also cover the historical days of the Fur Trade. From James Bordeaux, to Louis B. Chartran, to the Native Americans who first populated this region, Hello The Camp will explore these histories in many ways.

Welcome!

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"HELLO THE CAMP" - *A traditional greeting given before entering any strange camp. Better given at a slight distance or the visitor may not leave in the same manner that he entered.*

—A Glossary of American Mountain Men
Terms, Words & Expressions

Compiled by Walt Hayward & Brad McDade

www.mtmen.org



Photo by Kevin Oleksy

Live Music

The Sounds of Fur Trade Nights 2022

Former Chadronite **ALEXA WINSTON** kicked off Fur Trade Days 2022 Live Music on Thursday at Downtown Plaza, following Bands on Bordeaux.

2022 was the first year Fur Trade Days brought live music downtown on a Thursday night, and the Board intends to make this an annual tradition.

Chadron-area farrier, **PETE BUTLER**, performed old-time country music Saturday, after the Lion's Club Parade at the Dawes County Courthouse Gazebo to a festive crowd.

Photos by Barbara Hockenbary



BRIANNA HELBLING, left, brought her best in Country/Rock/Pop/Original with her full band Friday night on the GMC of Chadron Stage.

Helbling has recently been in Nashville recording new material that will be released late spring or early summer.

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JOHNNY COCHRAN, below, guitar-slinging country pop artist from South Louisiana, performed from the GMC of Chadron Stage Saturday night and thrilled the audience with his effortless vocals and familiar selection of songs.



The **Nebraska National Guard - 43rd Army Band** played at the Dawes County Courthouse Friday, July 8 at 7 p.m. to a packed lawn.

"This was an absolutely amazing concert," said 2022 FTD President Dave Hockenbary. "We are honored they performed for our community."

2022
FUR
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Tarin Jespersen won
Dawes County
Ag Society's
Demolition Derby

Melvin Oldaker of
Chadron won Chadron
Rotary's Buffalo Chip
Throw with a toss of
156'21"

Phil Duncan won
Chadron Rotary's
Colter Run for 6th time

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Carnival

MAC'S CARNIVAL, out of South Dakota, returned for its third play at Fur Trade Days and brought fourteen rides, a multitude of games, and a fully-stocked midway.

Staples like the Ferris Wheel, Carousel and Paratrooper were back, dominating the intersection at East 2nd Street and Bordeaux Street. Kids of all ages squealed with delight as they rode new rides Aladdin and Tornado.

The carnival has been a popular addition to Fur Trade Days since it was reintroduced in 2018. Community surveys collected prior to planning FTD 2018 showed overwhelming support for bringing a carnival back to the festivities.

Through partnership with Homestead Bank, the FTD Board arranged for every K-4 student at Chadron Public School to



Courtesy photos

“ I joined the Board intent on bringing a carnival back to Fur Trade Days. We're delighted to have a clean, quality carnival for the last three years. ”

Jessy Roberts

Family Events Chair



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receive a free carnival wristband voucher.

Without Homestead Bank's steadfast support, that program would not have been possible. THANK YOU, Homestead Bank of Chadron.



Next Year

Mac's Carnival is scheduled to return Thursday, July 13 through Saturday, July 15, 2023. Carnival hours will be 6 p.m. until midnight, with a wristband good for unlimited rides all six hours.

Advanced sales for wristband vouchers will begin in April or May. Stay tuned for more information.





RETURNING IN 2023

TEDDY BEAR MOBILE - CENTRAL NEBRASKA is slated to return to the Traders' Market in 2023.

The booth, where children of all ages create their own custom stuffed animals, was a popular stop for families in 2021.

Fur Trade Days plans the Traders' Market year-round, with an emphasis the last few years on increasing the number of vendors and food trucks participating in the event.

Twice as many vendors and food trucks were at the Courthouse in 2022 than in 2021, and we hope for more in 2023.

That said, help us spread the word! Vendors and food trucks are **WANTED**. Information and applications are available at our website, furtradedays.com.

IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO SIGN UP!

Traders' Market
2023

SUBMIT YOUR
APPLICATION TODAY! at
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The String Beans



Family-friendly children's music performers **THE STRING BEANS** played Chadron Friday, July 8, 2022 from the Dawes County Courthouse gazebo. This is the second time they have performed in Chadron during Fur Trade Days; in 2021, rain washed away their outside concert but the show did go on inside the First Congregational Church of Chadron, across West 4th Street from the Courthouse lawn.

From pop and country to rap and rock n' roll, these goofy guys perform a wide variety of original, family-friendly songs about all the things kids love: animals, cartoons, food, science, sports and more! Each show is hilarious, inclusive and spontaneous, and each catchy tune is designed to get every audience dancing and singing along!

The multi-generational audience in Chadron delighted in the zany program and many took part in the fun, from hula hoops to lifting and dropping a giant parachute for the children to run underneath.

Another highlight of the show was the ever-popular "Right Here in Nebraska" song, an original ditty that celebrates the many quirky aspects of the Cornhusker State, including Kool-Aid, Carhenge and one of Fur Trade Days' favorite institutions, The Museum of the Fur Trade on Highway 20.

THE STRING BEANS will return to Fur Trade Days 2023 to perform after the Annual Lion's Club Parade (approximately 11 a.m.) at the Dawes County Courthouse. The show will run about an hour and is sure to entertain Fur Traders of all ages.

Photo by Kevin Oleksy



Black Hills Raptor Show



MAGGIE AND MARY SUE of the Black Hills Raptor Center returned to Fur Trade Days to educate and entertain a multi-generational audience at the Dawes County Courthouse on Friday, July 8, 2022 from noon until a little after 1 p.m.

They conveyed their mission, to conserve and protect native birds of prey and their natural habitats through education, rehabilitation, and research, by introducing several raptors and engaging the crowd by asking questions and sharing interesting facts.

A highlight of the show was when Hendrix, an American Kestrel, disturbed the native robin population living in the trees at Wilson Park and the local birds "dive-bombed" him in an effort to scare him away. The American Kestrel is the smallest species of

falcon in North America (and the most colorful).

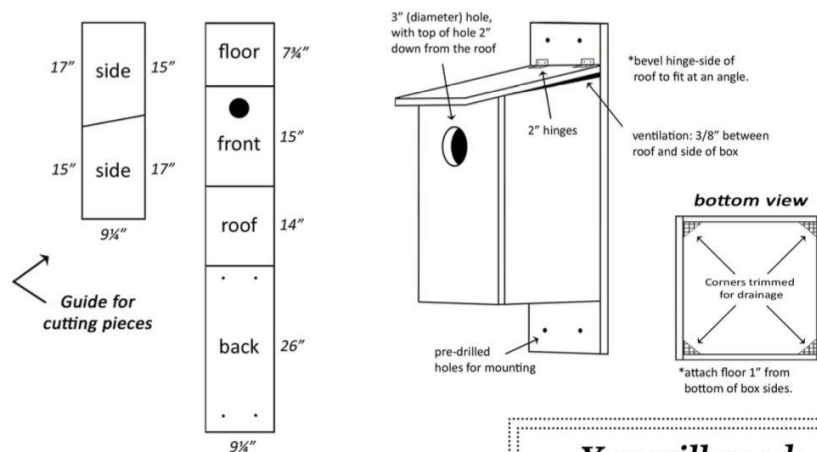
Hendrix and the other raptors featured during the show are all unable to return to the wild, for various reasons. During development, Hendrix accidentally imprinted on humans, so, as they describe on their website, "he is confused about his species."

Maggie shared information about American Kestrel Nesting Boxes. They can be purchased online at blackhillsraptorcenter.org or you can make your own!

The Black Hills Raptor Show will return Fur Trade Days Friday, July 8, 2023, time to be determined, at the Dawes County Courthouse. This show is not to be missed!

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Plans for Installing an American Kestrel Nest Box



Instructions

- Cut lumber using a table saw and entrance hole using a jig saw. Assemble box as shown, with wood screws. Pre-drill holes in back if using 3" screws to mount box.
- Do not use paint or preservatives.
- Place 2" of wood shavings in the bottom of the box for bedding.
- Mount box at least 8 feet off the ground. Space multiple boxes 1/2 mile apart.
- Install nest box by mid-February, before the breeding season.
- Clean the box, make repairs, and replace wood shavings every January.

A note on placement: For kestrel parents to find prey around their box, there should be plenty of small rodents or insects nearby. Generally this means low vegetation (lawn grass doesn't count) with a few isolated perches. Avoid wooded areas. Live in a city? No problem! Mount a box on the side of a building. Also be patient, since kestrels don't always move in during the first breeding season.

Isolated trees, wooden poles, barn walls and even low-activity house walls (no doors) are excellent nest box stands. Get permission from your local utility or DOT before mounting boxes on power poles or road signs, and always get permission from public or private property owners before installing boxes.

Safety First! Make sure that nest boxes can be safely accessed for maintenance and monitoring.

You will need:

- 1" x 10" x 8' untreated cedar or white pine (1" x 10" boards from the store actually measure 3/4" x 9 1/4").
- 20-30 galvanized 1 1/2" wood screws.
- Two galvanized 2" hinges.
- Coarse wood shavings (NOT sawdust).
- Materials for mounting the nest box (Four 3" screws or steel straps).



Photo by Black Hills Raptor Center





Local favorites to play CVFD benefit show

Get ready to rock and support Chadron's volunteer fire fighters!

Fur Trade Days is hosting a benefit concert 6-9 p.m. Saturday, September 10 at Downtown Plaza (which is at Second and Main streets if you're unfamiliar).

- **Live Music**
- **Street Dance**
- **Food & Drink**
- **All Ages Welcome**
- **Bring Your Chair**



Want to be a vendor at this event? Email us at info@furtradedays.com

\$5 Event Cup
\$30 Event T-Shirt*
proceeds split 50/50 between FTD & CVFD

We at Fur Trade Days and the Chadron community want to say a big thank you to our firefighters for their service this past summer and year-round.

The show is free and open to all ages, but a \$5 event cup is required for any beverage consumed outside.

***T-Shirt available for pre-order only:**
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POWERED BY FUR TRADE DAYS Events are hosted throughout the year in an effort to bring quality entertainment to Chadron and to raise funds to grow Fur Trade Days into a bigger and better festival. Thank you for your continued support of Fur Trade Days.

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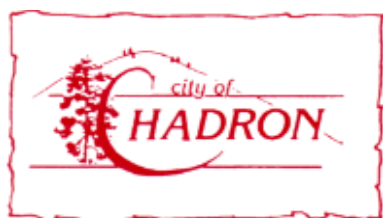


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