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My name is Ann Holen, and I’m a junior at UNL. I’ve worked at Trails & Rails for 5 years. I really enjoyed putting this Buffalo Tale together, because in the age of selfies and photoshop, it’s easy to think of old photographs and postcards as all frowns and no fun. It was interesting to go through these postcards, seeing the creativity and humor in them. I hope you enjoy them as much as I did.
**2015 Calendar of Events**

**Sunday, April 19 from 1-3 pm: BCHS Annual Meeting**-A great gathering of BCHS members to reflect back on the past year’s accomplishments and enjoy an entertaining program while eating yummy food. The general public is welcome to join us for the program, too!

**Sunday, June 7: 8th Annual 1/2 Marathon:**-Buffalo County Stampede-registration is at 6 am-race begins at 7 am

**June 17-21: Chautauqua**-a community wide event hosted by the Frank House and sponsored by Humanities Nebraska

**Saturday, June 20 from 10-1 pm:**-30th Annual Wagons West Celebration-

**Live music, delicious food, exhibitors, demonstrations, archive researchers, kids’ games, and contests (including, back by popular demand—the BEARD contest). FREE admission/donations are appreciated.

**All of November:**-Christmas Decorating (during regular business hours)

**First two weekends in Dec. (Dec. 5 & Dec. 12) from 1-5 pm:**-Open to the public: 28th Annual Christmas Tree Walk *** Saturday, December 5 from 12-1pm: Members Only Preview of the 28th Annual Christmas Tree Walk***-check out dozens of trees decorated by area not-for-profits that tie their mission into this year’s theme, Santa’s Workshop.

**Education notes:**

**Trails & Rails Museum closed**-April 28 through May 9 for Kearney Public Schools.

**Listen to Mardi Anderson on KGFW 1340 AM at 9 am on the last Friday of each month for a fabulous story about Buffalo County!**

**January:**-Place Names in Buffalo County

**February:**-The Dust Bowl Days

**March:**-The Art of Weaving

**April:**-National Soil House Society

**May:**-On the Road to

**June:**-Chautauqua

**Fabulous Fridays**-held on the 2nd Friday monthly at 2 pm. Locations vary, so check the web site.

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**We appreciate your support!**

**Director's Report**

- City of Kearney and the Nebraska State Historical Society approved final language for Kearney Army Air Field (not Base) historical marker. The City is funding this project and BCHS provided the wording and coordination of the sign. The sign will be installed at the new Veteran’s home site.

- Wyatt came back to help set up anti-virus programs and Microsoft office (excel and word) on our computers.

- We had an Ag booth at the Storm Hockey game in March. We focused on egg crating and 1733 ranch. Our intern, Erika, took charge of this and did a great job promoting BCHS and our upcoming events, as well.

- Jennifer was a guest speaker at Rotary in Feb. with Will to promote the upcoming Chautauqua. Jennifer also was on the Leadership Kearney leadership panel about cultural entities and how they benefit the community.

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For more information, contact Ross Huxoll, Dept. of History, huxollrd@unk.edu (Picture and ad submitted by the UNK History Department)