



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, January 31, 2012

Study Session

Item -1

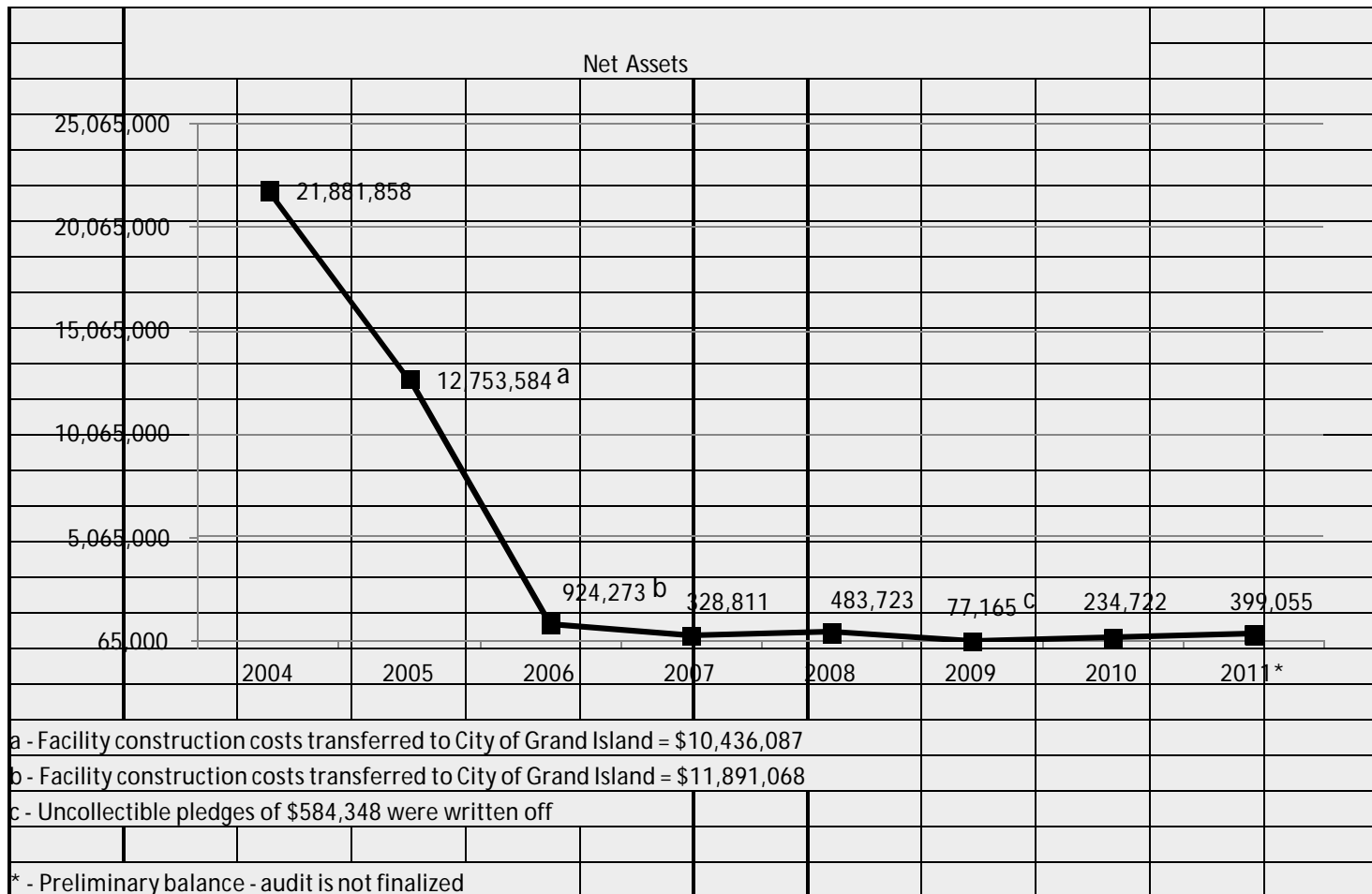
Update Concerning Heartland Events Center Operations

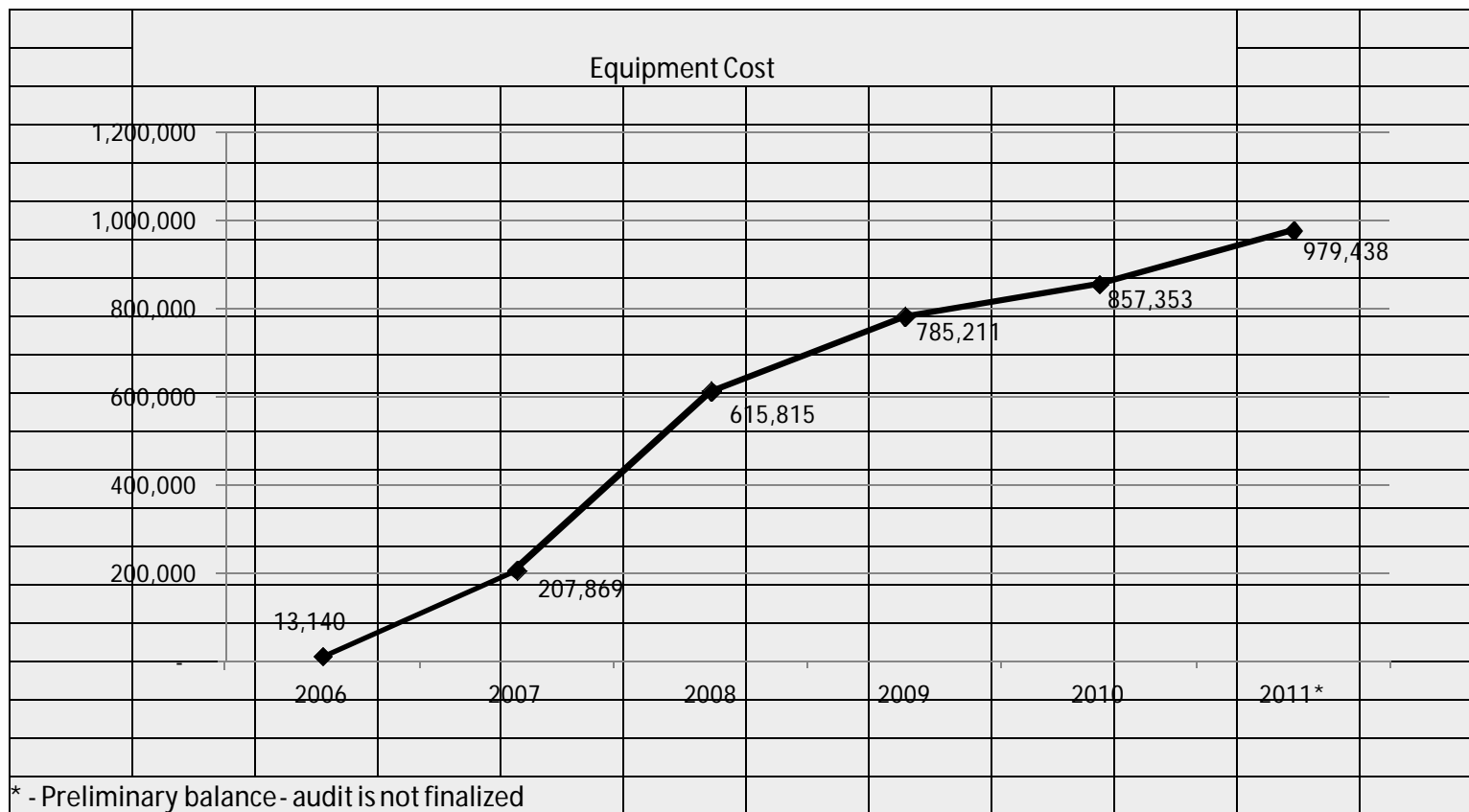
Hugh Miner, Executive Director with the Heartland Events Center will update the Mayor and City Council on the events that have taken place at the Heartland Events Center.

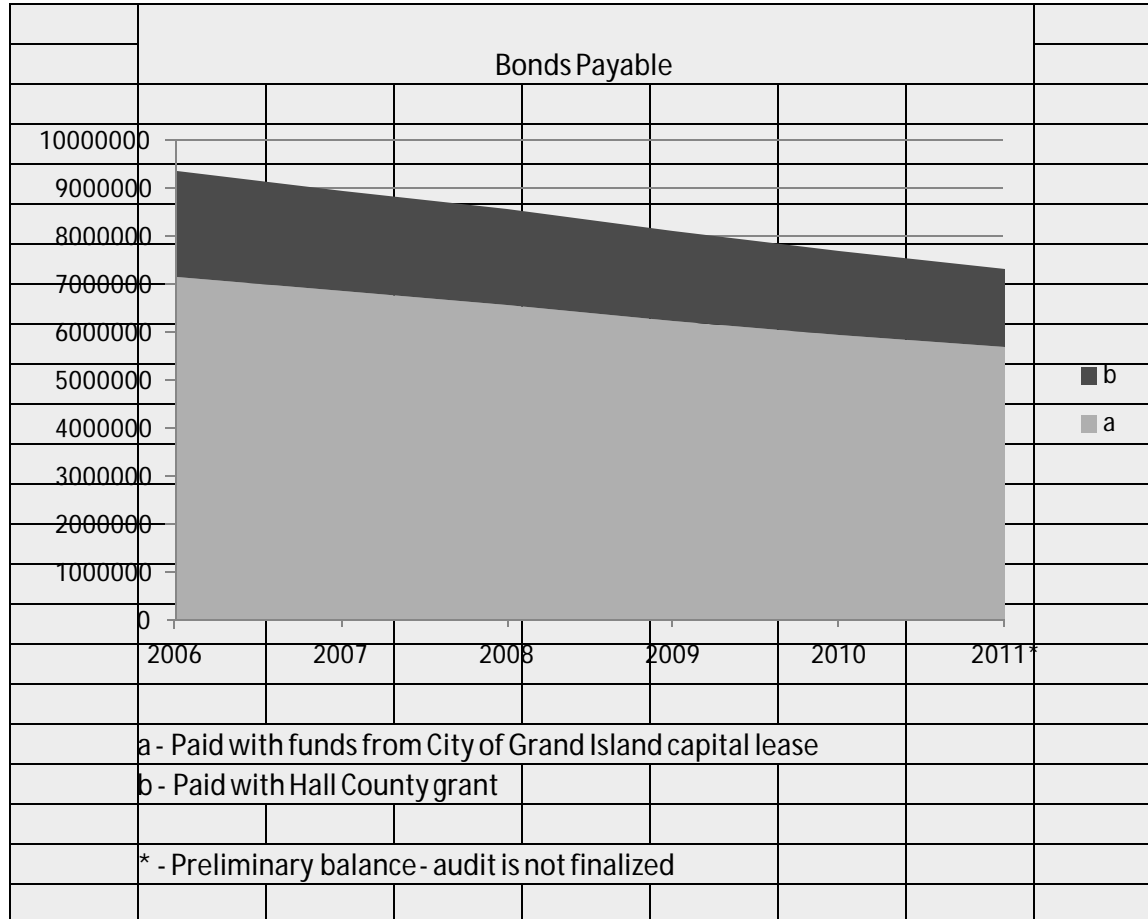
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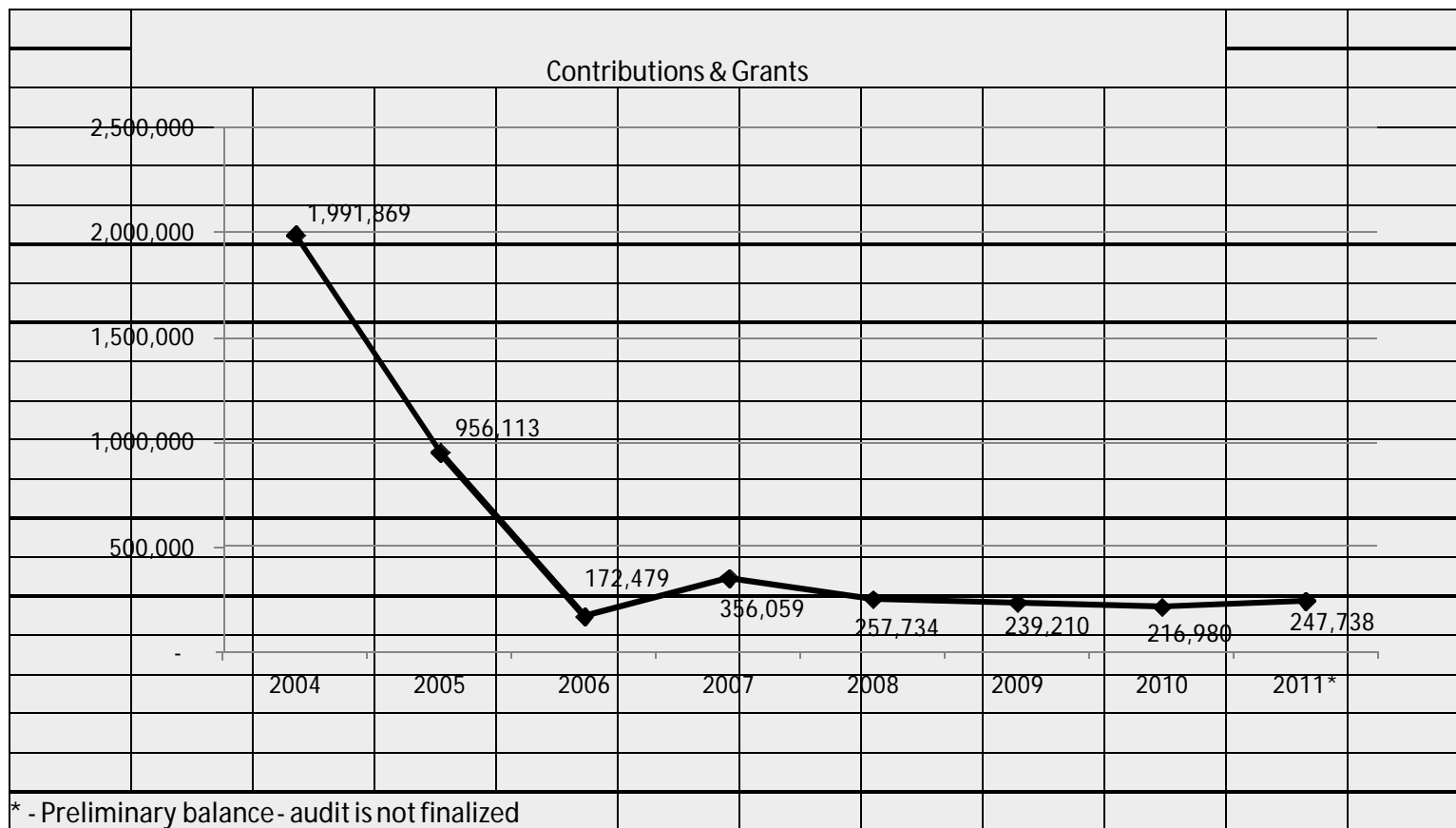
HEC FINANCIAL INFORMATION 2006 TO 2011

Highlights of Audits 2006-2011
Presented By Marcy Luth, CPA
Almquist Maltzahn Galloway & Luth

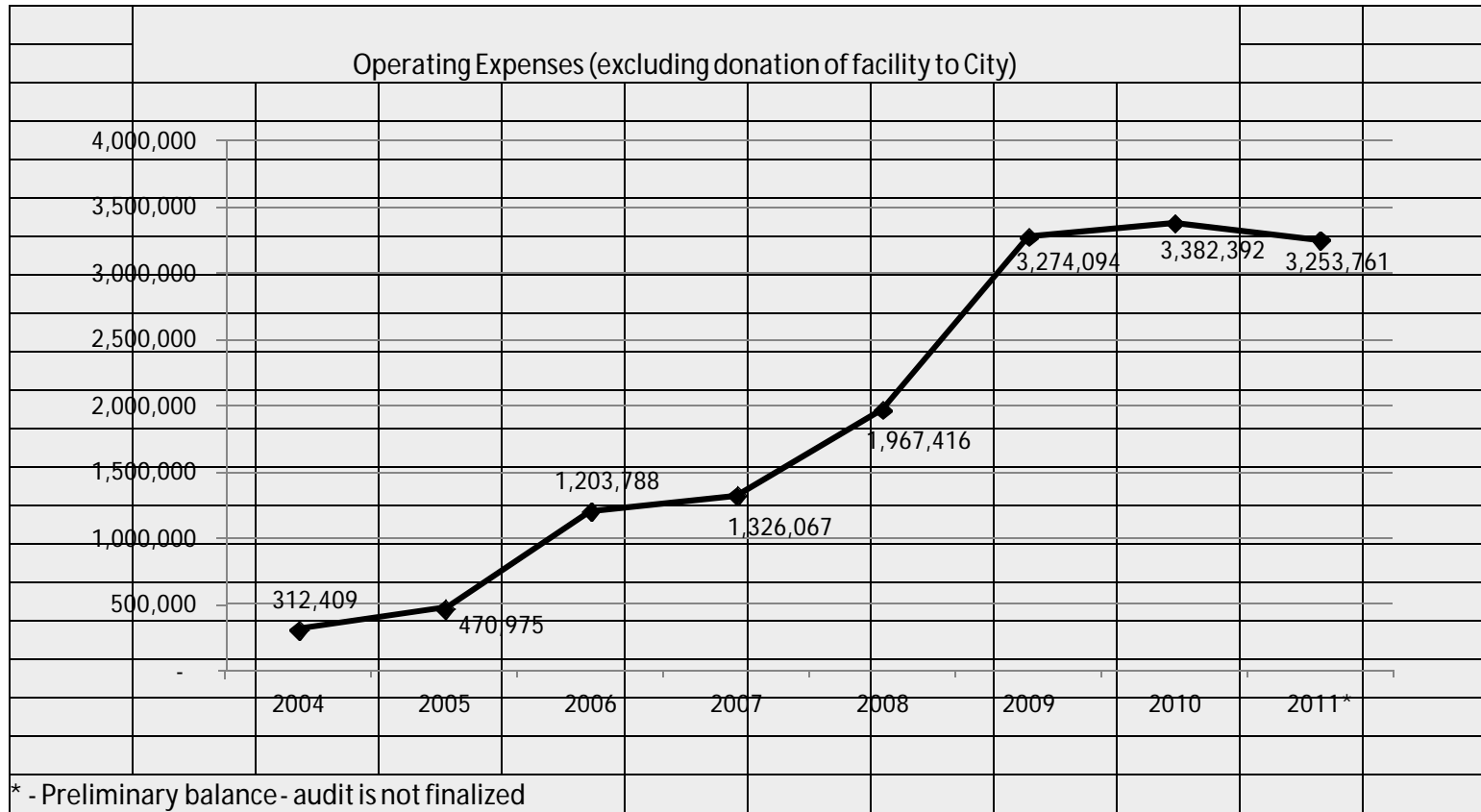








Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets						
Increase (decrease)			Donation of		Normalized	
in Net Assets	Total		Facility to City		Increase (Decrease)	
12/31/2004	1,988,087		-		1,988,087	
12/31/2005	(9,128,274)		(10,436,087)		1,307,813	
12/31/2006	(11,829,311)		(11,891,068)		61,757	
12/31/2007	(595,462)		(747,502)		152,040	
12/31/2008	154,912		(9,650)		164,562	
12/31/2009	(406,558)		(28,516)		(378,042)	a
12/31/2010	157,557		(50,073)		207,630	
12/31/2011*	164,333		-		164,333	
			(23,162,896)			
a - Includes \$584,348 of pledge write offs						
* - Preliminary balance - audit is not finalized						



Heartland Events Center City Council Up Date



Presented to Grand Island City
Council January 31, 2012

Heartland Events Center

170,000 square foot facility

7,500 seat Elhusen Arena

Serves over 500,000 throughout central
& western Nebraska

Staging & exhibition areas

State of the Art equipment



Grand Island...
The Right Direction



Background History Prior To HEC Becoming A Reality

- How Fonner Park Got Started
- In looking back in time, in the early 1950's there was not a permanent location to host the Hall County Fair.
- In 1953 a group of area farmers, ranchers and civic leaders began meeting to address the need to develop a permanent site for the county fair and host other community and area events.

Fonner Park History (cont)

- As discussions were held it was noted that in Omaha, Lincoln, Columbus, Madison, Mitchell, and South Sioux City all had thoroughbred race tracks and the facilities were also utilized to host other events including county fairs and Lincoln, hosted both the Nebraska State Fair and the Lancaster County Fair.
- At a joint meeting between Fonner Park and the Hall County Agricultural Society they reached a tentative agreement on how both groups could work together.
- Long story short, the Fonner group formed a non-profit public service corporation - the Hall County Livestock Improvement Association, Inc.

Organizational Meetings Were Held

- Ray Baxter, Wilbur Bachman, Bill Hehnke, Dick Stephens, Bill Green, & Jake Grasmick were elected to serve on the first Executive Council with Ray Baxter being chosen to serve as President.
- Land was purchased from Gus Fonner and the facility became known as Fonner Park.
- \$220,000 was raised to purchase land, build a race track, grandstand and barns to be used for racing, and be the location to host the Hall County Fair, and other community events.
- A racing license to conduct thoroughbred race meets was received from the Nebraska State Racing Commission. Race dates were approved for Fonner Park to host its first race meet in 1954.

Successful Race Meets Thru The Years Allowed For Many Improvements To Be Made To Improve The Facility For Racing And To Host Other Events

- The addition of the Fonner Concourse made it possible to have trade shows, banquets, dances and other community events.
- Additional Barns allowed for more horses to be stabled during Fonner Park race meets and created facilities for other livestock events.
- Four additions increased seating in the grandstand by adding a Club House, Turf Club, and Skyline Levels which are also used for community events.

In the Mid 80's, a committee did an assessment of community needs and determined that in Central Nebraska, there was a need for a Civic Center.

- The first attempt to build a 8,000 seat facility was placed on the ballot on November 7, 1989 to be funded by a sales tax and was not approved by voters.
- In 1995 the issue was again on the ballot to be funded again by a ½ percent city sales tax and was not successful.
- After the second election failed to pass, some members of the community continued to talk about ways that this project might become a reality.

In 1997 - Another Committee Was Organized To Identify Needs Of The Community And Set Goals

- In April of 1997, The Heartland Vision 2000 Study Group, Identified An Events Center As The Top Goal To Accomplish.
- In the fall of 1997, motel owners Larry Huwaldt, Ray O'Connor, and Gene McCloud representing Grand Island Motels asked for a meeting with Fonner Park CEO, Hugh Miner, Jr

Motel Owners Ask Fonner To Help (Cont)

- The motel owners shared information concerning the fact that motel occupancy in Grand Island was around 50% during some months of the year, while in Kearney that was not the case. It was their feeling that in order to be more competitive, Grand Island needed to develop a multipurpose facility to host all kinds of activities and events.
- The group asked if Fonner Park would consider taking the lead role in the development of a year round community facility on behalf of the community and motels. Fonner Park had been identified as the best location to build the events center in the first two attempts to make it a reality.

Motel Owners Ask Fonner To Help (Cont.)

- If Fonner Park would provide land for the facility and take the lead role in organizing an effort to raise the funding, the group also indicated they felt that Fonner Park should also manage the facility.
- The motel owners also acknowledged that most event centers lose money and facilities have to be tax supported. They indicated that if Fonner Park would take the lead role, they would meet with other motels to approve requesting the City of Grand Island authorize the implementation a 2% motel lodging tax to be used by the Heartland Events Center.
- The motel lodging tax would be used to cover any operating shortfalls and also for other operational expenses to include marketing and other needs.

Discussions with Motel Owners

- Miner advised the group that he would take their request to the next Fonner Board Meeting for discussion.
- Discussions with the Fonner Board:
 - a. Board indicated that they would be willing to work with the community with the understanding that it would be “community project” and not a Fonner Project.
 - b. In addition, the Funding for the project needs to come from sources other than a half-cent city sales tax.
 - c. Articles of Incorporation will need to be filed with the State of Nebraska for a new subsidiary corporation of Fonner Park to obtain approval from the IRS for the new corporation to become a non-profit 501-C3 corporation. This would allow donors to make a tax deductible contribution to the construction of the civic center.
 - d. A consulting firm will need to be hired to develop a business plan for the facility.

What City Council Members & the Community Should Know About The Heartland Events Center

- The Heartland Events Center is a Regional Facility Serving Approximately 500,000 People Of All Ages.
- Centrally Located In Grand Island, It Serves Central & Western Nebraska As Well As Communities Bordering Nebraska In Surrounding States.
- It Has Stimulated Economic Growth In Grand Island and Surrounding Areas!

This Project Was A Joint Venture

- The Community Redevelopment Authority provided \$25,000 to assist in the initial development of the project.
- The Grand Island Area Economic Development Corporation provided \$50,000 to develop schematic drawings for the project.
- Business & Community Leaders played a major role in fund raising efforts for the project.
- Area Foundations, Trusts, And Corporations also played a key role in making the center a reality by making major contributions to fund construction of the facility.

Key Funding To Make Project A Reality

City of Grand Island	\$7.5 Million
Eihusen Foundation	\$1.6 Million
Bosselman Family	\$1.3 Million
Hall County	\$1 Million
Saint Francis Medical Center	\$1 Million
Reynolds Foundation	\$1 Million

Fonner Park In-Kind Contributions

- \$10 Million In infrastructure from Hall County Livestock Improvement Association which includes:
- Parking, Land, And Existing Space Located On The Main Floor Of The Concourse, Club House & Skyline Levels of The Grandstand add to areas that can also be used for HEC events.
- These areas along with the Fonner Park 4-H Bldg & Café, and the Racing Office, and the New Nebraska State Fair Buildings make the Fonner Complex Competitive With Any Facility Outside Of Omaha.

Organizational Structure

- Fonner Park Exposition And Events Center Inc.
Is a Non-Profit 501 (c) (3) Corporation that was organized and incorporated to Plan, Develop, Construct, Manage, and Operate The Heartland Events Center.

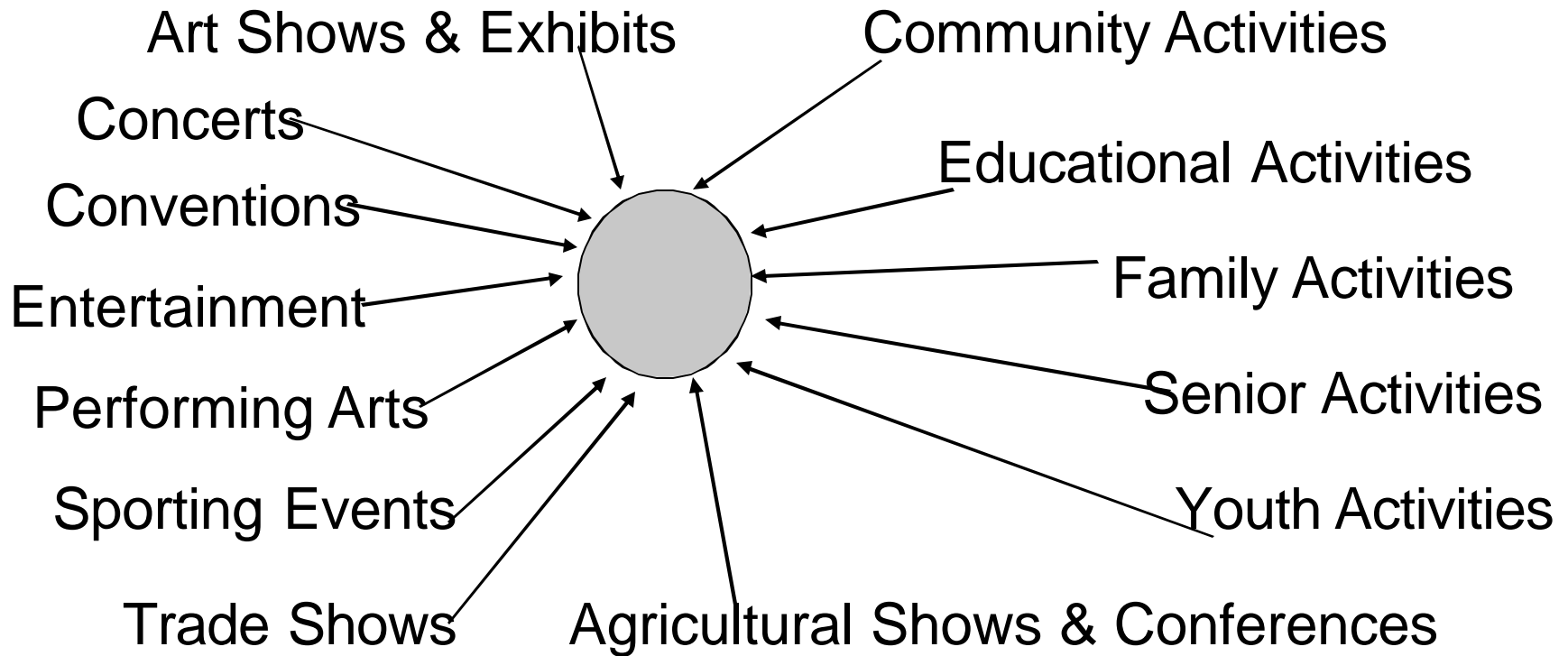
The corporation has the ability to accept charitable contributions, which was key in receiving funding for the facility.

The Heartland Events Center



Was designed to promote and host
Agricultural, Athletic, Charitable, Civic,
Cultural, Educational, Horticultural, Scientific,
& Social Purposes

General Uses For The Facility



Sports & Recreational Uses

- High School Athletic Tournaments
- Basketball
- Cheer & Dance
- Volleyball
- Wrestling
- NCAA Athletic Tournaments
- Nebraska Danger Indoor Football Team

Agricultural Shows & Conferences



Major Events

2006-2011

Heartland Events Center



- A Dream Come True For Grand Island & Central Nebraska

HEARTLAND EVENTS CENTER - Number of Events Held VS Projections 2006 Thru 2011

	Projected 2006*	Actual 2006*	Projected 2007	Actual 2007	Projected 2008	Actual 2008	Projected 2009	Actual 2009	Projected 2010	Actual 2010	Projected 2011	Actual 2011
Sports Team Tenant	15	0	15	0	15	0	15	0	15	0	15	8
Family Shows/Events	6	2	6	6	6	3	8	9	8	12	8	8
Concerts	6	4	6	5	6	15	8	12	8	25	8	16
Sporting Events	8	2	8	12	8	16	8	19	8	11	8	16
Community Events	8	2	8	3	8	6	8	4	8	5	8	13
Trade Shows/SMERF Events	10	2	10	14	10	20	10	16	12	6	12	10
Meetings/Banquets	12	6	12	39	12	47	12	55	12	104	12	64
Projected	65		65		65		69		71		71	
Total Events Days		18		79		107		115		163		135

*2006 Construction Continued
Into 2007 - Had limited use of
Facility

Central NE Home Show



Thompson Company Food Show



2006 Presidential Visit



Five Points Bank Golden Club Annual Luncheon



Central Nebraska RV & Boat Show



NE School Nutrition Food Show



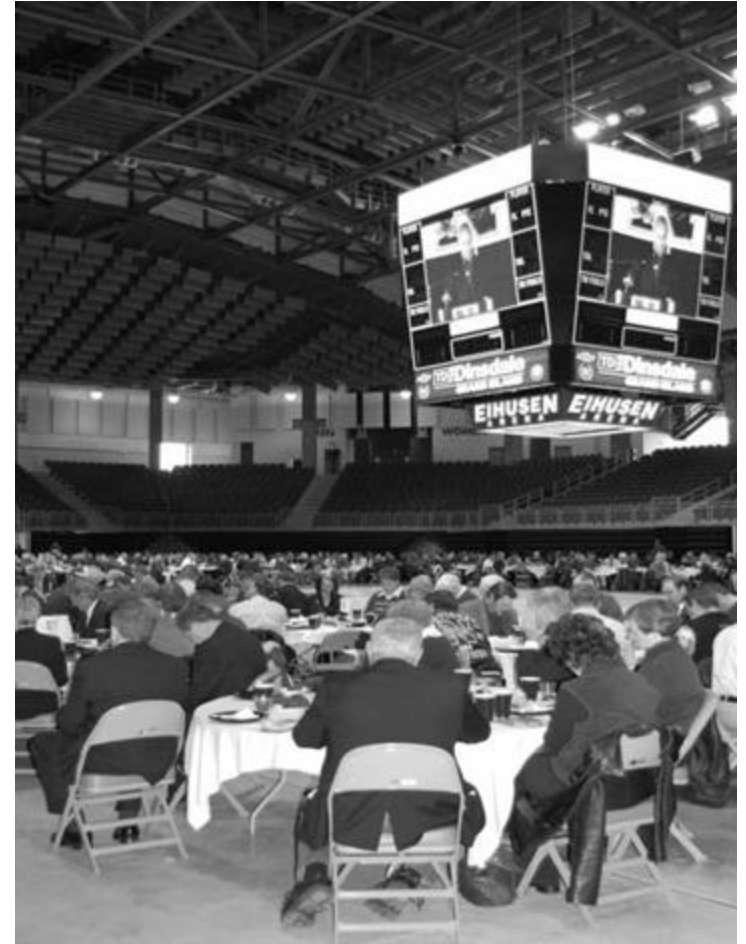
Shrine Circus



Monster Trucks



Central NE Big Red Luncheon



NE Synod Church Conference



National 4-H Shooting Competition



United Way Moo Claw Fundraiser



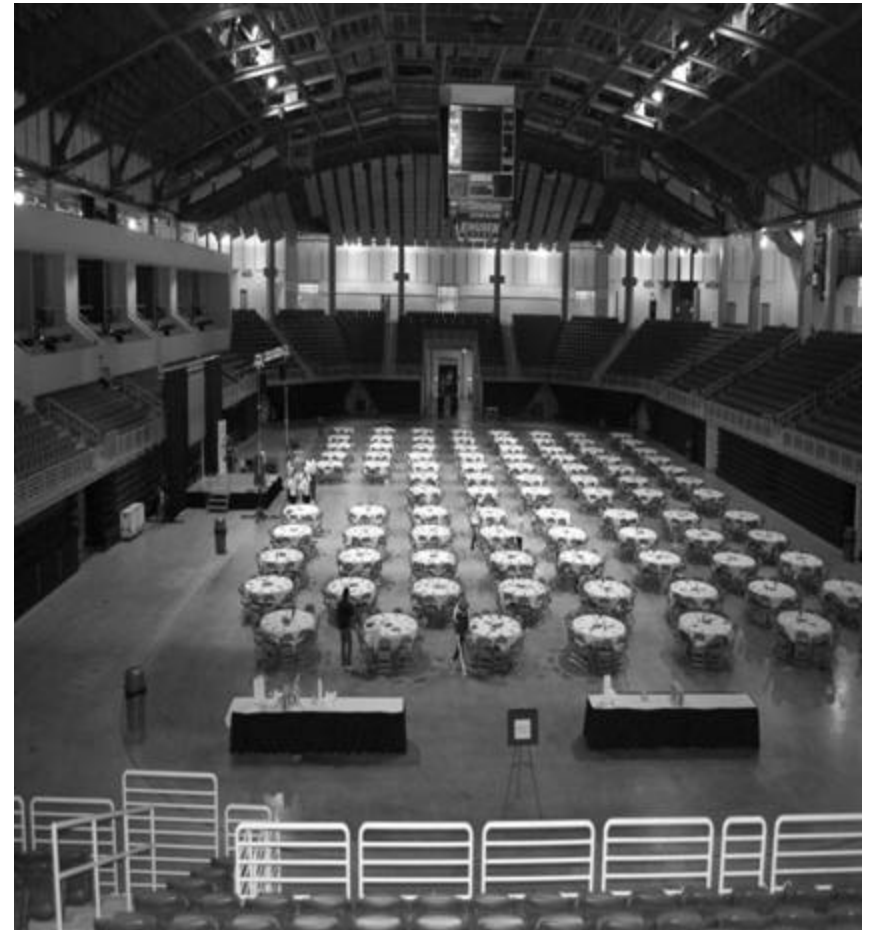
"Chicago" Concert



"Larry the Cable Guy"



FCA Sports Banquet



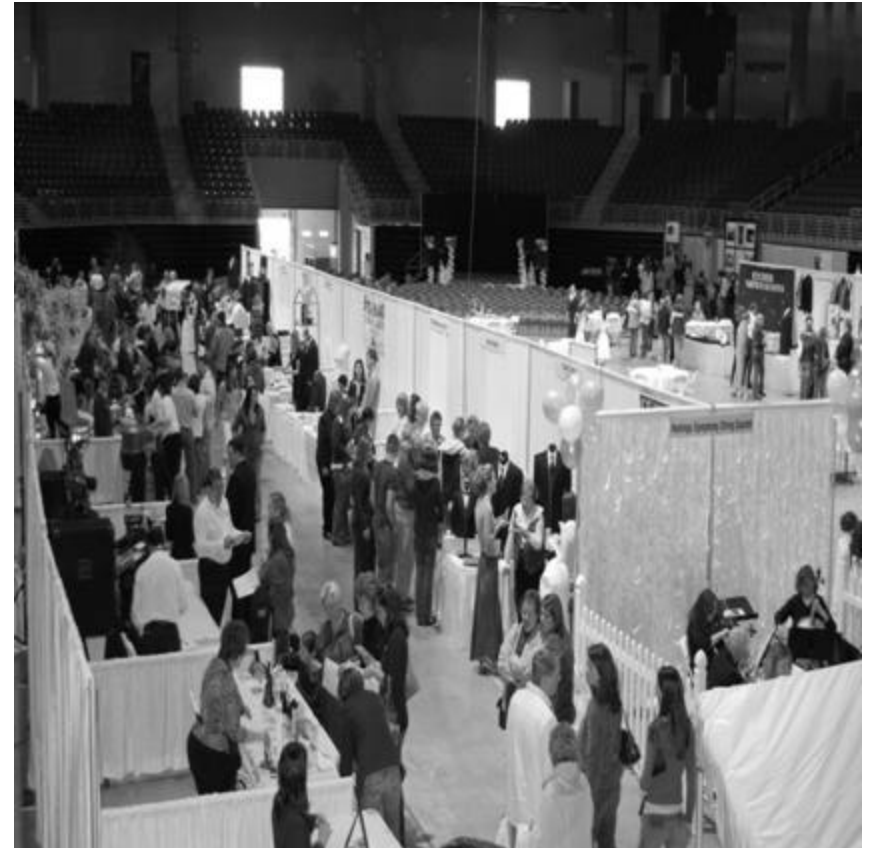
Grand Island Central Catholic's "The Knight"



PBR Bull Riding



Winter Bridal Expo



Heartland Hoops Classic



Nebraska Cheer & Dance Competitions



"The World Famous" Lipizzaner Stallions



Tri-State Cage Fights



Beach Boys Concert



Goodwill Annual Dinner



Job's Daughters



Sesame Street Live "Elmo's Green Thumb"



Rodney Carrington Show



Three Dog Night Concert



Kenny Rogers Concert



Creedence Clearwater Revisited Concert



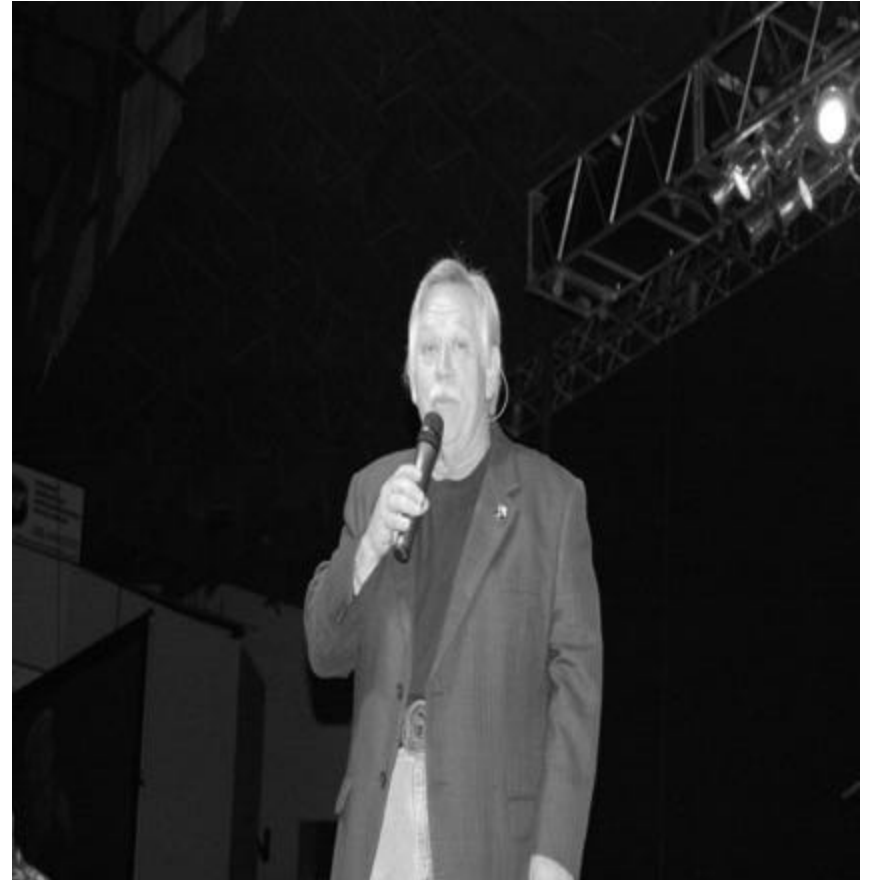
GISH Graduation



Styx, Foreigner & Kansas Concert



Merle Haggard w/guest John Conlee



Blood, Sweat & Tears and Air Supply



NE State Fair "Blue Ribbon Rollout"



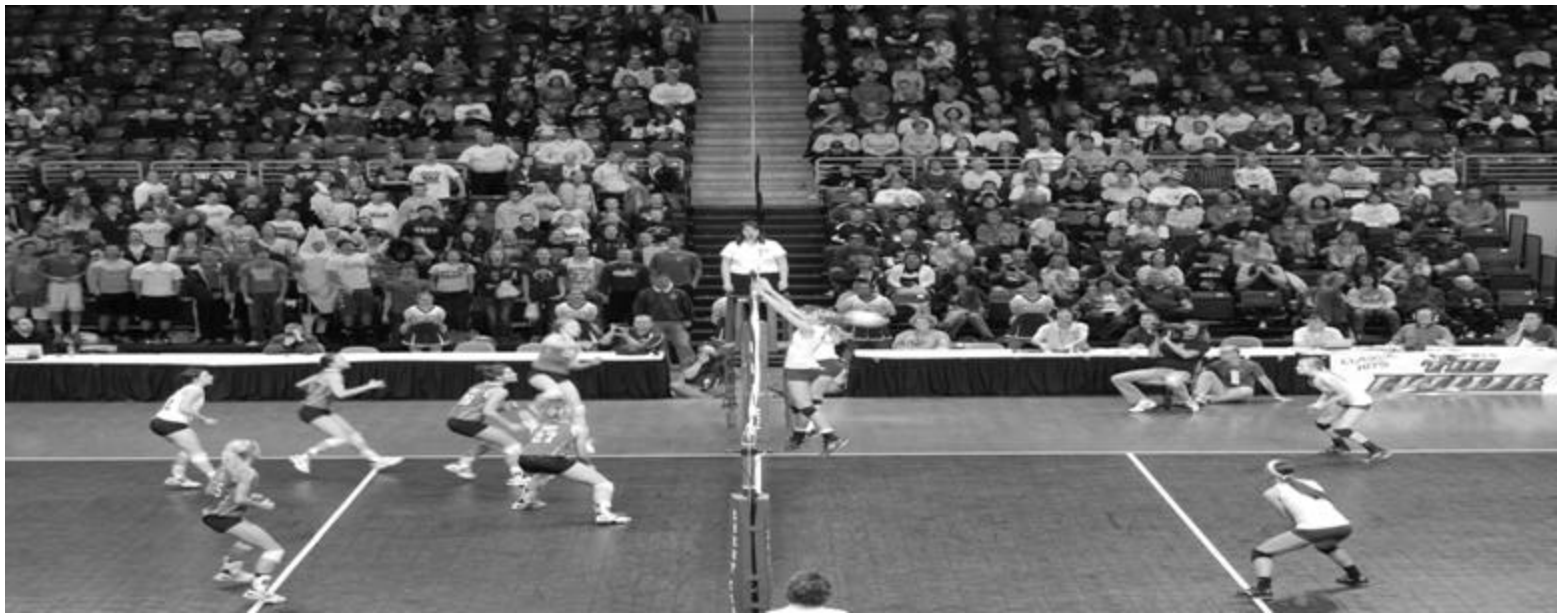
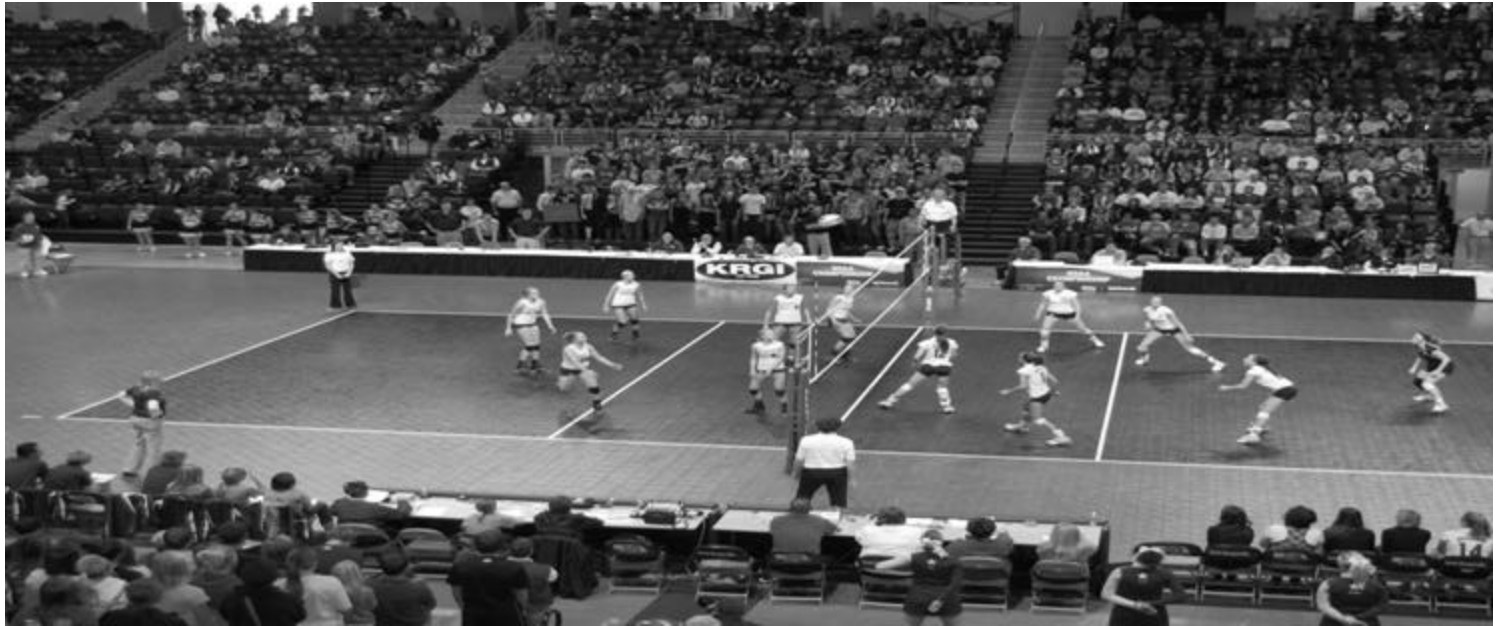
Miss Nebraska State Fair & Miss 1868 Pageant



Disney LIVE! Mickey's Rockin' Road Show



NE State High School Volleyball Tournament



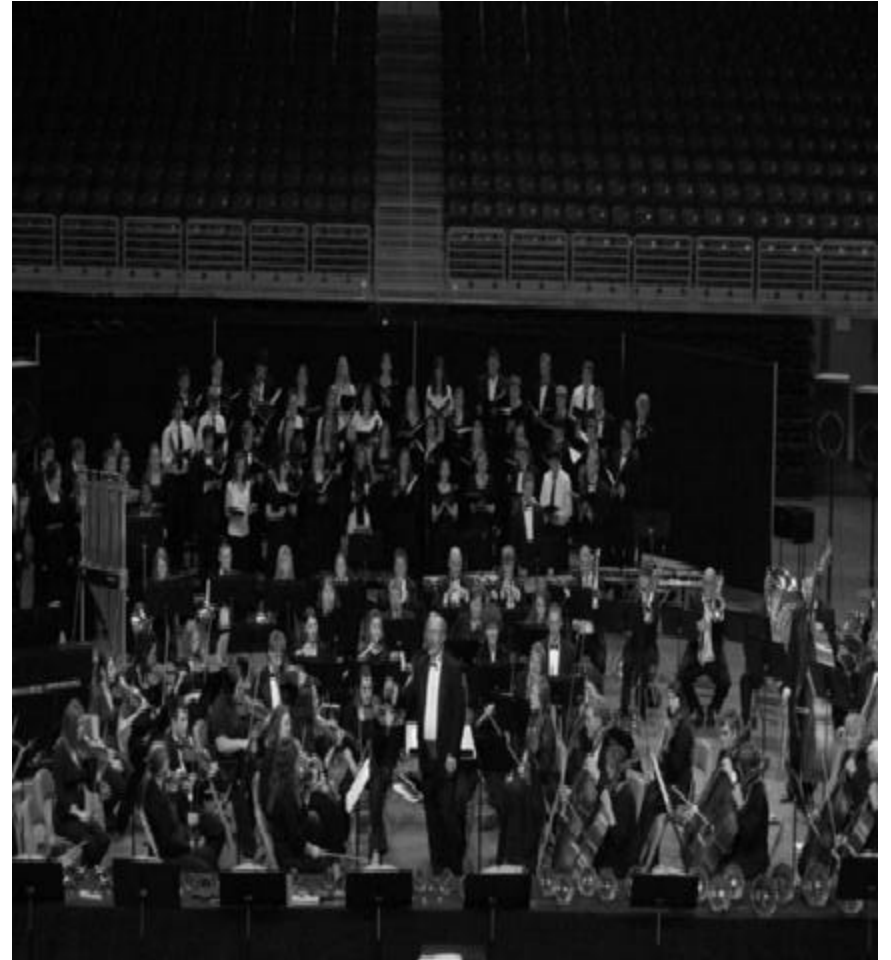
Governor Heineman Inaugural Luncheon



Custom Harvesters



Hastings Symphony



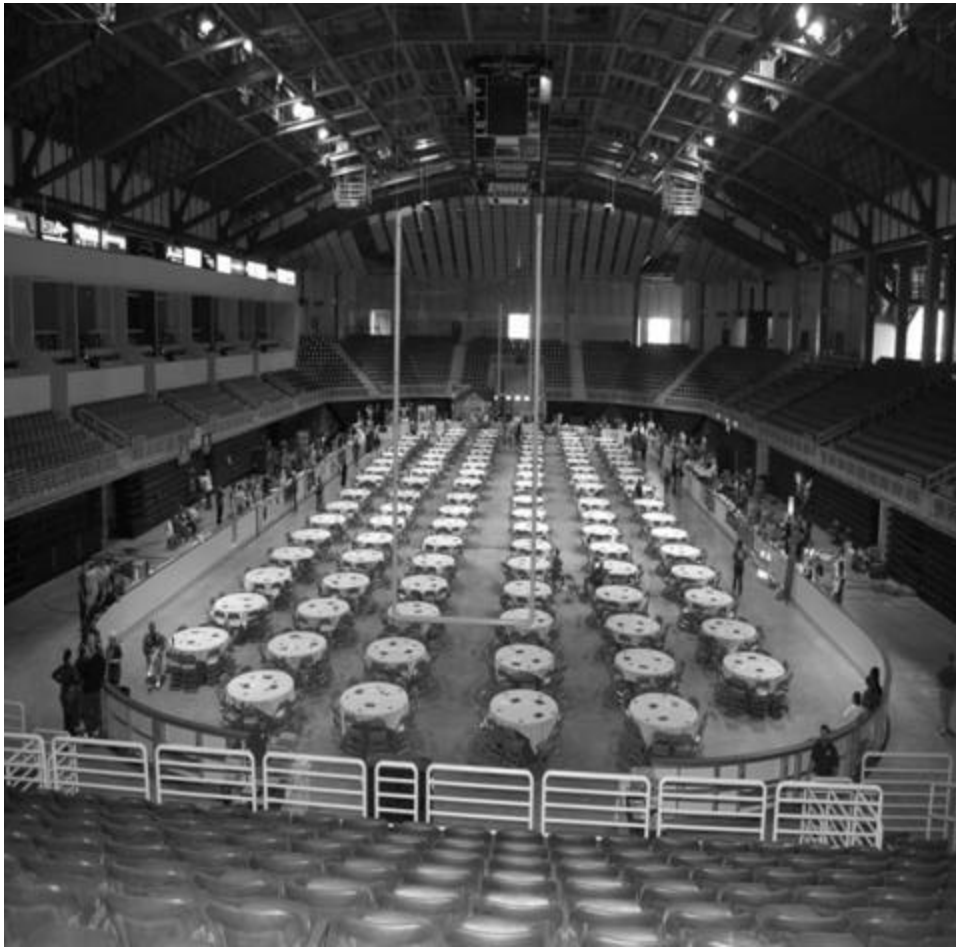
Danger Football Game



Rumble in the Heartland



Red Cross Chili Cookoff



NE State USA Wrestling Tournament



UNL vs Wichita St. Exhibition Volleyball



NE Army National Guard "Send Off Ceremony"



Hall County Fair - Oak Ridge Boys



Crystal Gayle



Willie Nelson Concert



Education Qwest College Fair



Mannheim Steamroller Concert



Miscellaneous



Independent Silver Celebration



Welcome The Nebraska State Fair



Fonner Park
CALENDAR OF EVENTS
Heartland Events Center

<u>Event Date</u>	<u>Event Name</u>	<u>Event Location</u>
<u>July, 2006</u>		
4	Fireworks Display	Infield
8	Reception	4-H Building
9	Narcotics Anonymous Dance	Concourse
10	Ice Cream Roll	4-H Building
14	United Way Moo-Claw	Concourse
17-20	State 4-H Horse Show	Thompson Arena
18	4-H Horse Show Dance	Grandstand Apron
18	Rotary Meeting	Suite
21-23	Appaloosa Horse Show	Thompson Arena
26-30	Last Chance Run Quarter Horse Show	Thompson Arena
26	HCLA Annual Meeting	4-H Building
29	4-H BB Gun Practice	Red Barn
<u>August</u>		
5	4-H BB Gun Contest	Red Barn
5	Hall County Fair Open Class Horse Show	Thompson Arena
9 thru 13	Hall County Fair	All Grounds
13	4-H Livestock Sale-Fair	Red Barn
16	Ag Leader Seminar	4-H Building
19-20	Nebraska Pinto Association	Thompson Arena
<u>September</u>		
2	Bill Seymour Run	4-H Building
10,11	Thompson Company Food Show	HEC Arena
12	Husker Harvest Days Reception	Concourse
14,15	Fire Department Training	Concourse
16	Alcoholics Anonymous Dance	Concourse
16	Nebraska Cattlemen Team Penning	Thompson Arena
16	Household Hazardous Waste Collection	Parking Lot
18	Business Meeting	Suite
18-20	Fire Department Training	Concourse
18-24	Clydesdale Stabling	Big Red Barn
19	Ak-Sar-Ben Ladies' Luncheon	Suite
20	Goodwill Board Retreat	Suite
20	Chamber Ambassadors	4-H Building
21	HEC Board Meeting	Board Room
22	Department of Natural Resources	4-H Building
22,23	Nebraska Mission of Mercy Dental Clinic	HEC Arena
23	Special Olympics Equestrian Competition	Thompson Arena
23,24	Antique Show	Concourse
27	Retreat	Suite
28	United Way Campaign Kick Off	Clubhouse

October

1	Bridal Fair	Concourse
6	Harvest of Harmony Float Judging	Thompson Barn
7	Harvest of Harmony-Bus Parking, Coffee	4-H Building
13-15	Appaloosa Horse Show	Thompson Barn
14	Handicapping Contest	Suite
14,15	React Crafts Show	Concourse
15	Rocktoberfest Concert	HEC Arena
17	Central Community College In-Service	HEC, BCC, Fonner Clubhouse
21	Freedom Group, AA Dance	Concourse
21,22	Dressage Association Horse Show	Thompson Barn
28,29	GI Rifle Club Gun Show	Concourse
29	Shriners Children's Lunch	4-H Building
30	GI Public Schools Development	4-H Building
31	Third City Christian Church Halloween	HEC Arena

November

1	Nebr. Licensed Beverage Association	Clubhouse
5	Nebr. Republican Party Presidential Visit	HEC Arena
5	Girl Scout Father-Daughter Dance	Concourse
7	Election Polling Site	4-H Building
11	Poker Tournament	Clubhouse
12	ACAP Children's Festival	Concourse
13,14	Ashley Furniture Show	4-H Building
14	Fellowship of Christian Athletes Banquet	HEC Arena
17,18	First Annual Bull Riding Challenge	HEC Arena
18	The Knight, Central Catholic Foundation	Concourse
20	Merck Pharmaceutical Educational Program	BCC
21	Ag Leader Seminar	4-H Building

December

1	Mulberry Lane Christmas Concert	HEC Arena
3	Live Manger Scene	Red Barn, 4-H Bldg.
7	Five Points Bank Golden Club Luncheon	HEC Arena
9	Chief Industries Christmas Party	HEC Arena
9	Christmas Gathering	Suite
12	HEC Board Meeting	Board Room
19	Fair Board Annual Meeting	Suite
21	Toys for Tots	4-H Building
31	Alcoholics Anonymous Dance	Concourse

January, 2007

5	St. Francis Med Center Meeting/Lunch	BCC
7	Tri City Winter Bridal Expo	Concourse
7	Model Airplane Auction	4-H Bldg.
11	Leadership Tomorrow Meeting/Lunch	BCC
13	Handicapping Contest	Suite
16	Youth Leadership Tomorrow Mtg/Lunch	BCC
20,21	Tri-City Street Rods Car Show	HEC Arena
23,24,25	Eakes Office Product Training Seminar	BCC
26,27,28	Central NE Home & Builders Show	Concourse
31	Fire Department Training	Concourse

February

	Facility Prepared for 2007 Race Meet	
1	Fire Department Training	Concourse
3	Pheasants Forever 2007 Meeting/Lunch	BCC/Clubhouse
3	Handicapping Contest	Suite
6	Wells Fargo Bank Recognition Dinner	BCC
8	Associated Staffing Lunch & Learn	BCC
9	Equitable Bank Meeting	Board Room
9	Opening Day 2007 Racing Season	
9,10,11	Mid NE Boat, Sports and Travel Show	HEC Arena/BCC
14	Goodwill Board Retreat	Suite
17	Red Cross Chili Cookoff	Concourse
28	"World Famous" Lipizzaner Stallions	HEC Arena
2/28 thru 3/1	Bosselman Co. General Mgr. Meeting	BCC

March

10	Golden Gloves Boxing	HEC Arena
15	United Way 60th Anniv. Annual Meeting	BCC
15	Nebraska Synod Committee Meeting	Suite
20	Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting	HEC Arena
21	Builders Warehouse Contractors Show	Concourse
22,23	NE Infrastructure Protection Conf/Center for Biopreparedness Education	BCC
23,24	PRCA Championship Rodeo	HEC Arena
27	Youth Ag Day	Concourse, Big Red
30	"Art of Imagination" Magic Show-ACAP	HEC Arena

April

14	"Rumbles" Concert	HEC Arena
20	St. Francis Med Ctr. Excellence Institute	BCC
22	Iron Horse Motorcycle Show	Concourse
23	Central Nebraska Shrine Club Meeting	Suite
23	G.I. Softball Association Meeting	4-H Bldg.
28	Bosselman Day Banquet-Invitation Only	BCC

May

4	HCLA Annual Meeting/Dinner	BCC
5,6	Nebraska Muzzleloaders Gun Show	HEC Arena
9	HEC Major Donors Open House	HEC/BCC
13	GISH Graduation	HEC/Concourse
17,18,19,20	State Volunteer Firefighters School	All Grounds
26,27	Nebraska Paint Horse Show	Thompson, Barns
30	Shrine Circus-2 Performances	HEC Arena
31	Appaloosa Horse Show	Thompson, Barns

<u>June</u>		
1	Skillpath Seminar	BCC
1,2,3	Nebraska Appaloosa Horse Club	Thompson, Barns
4	4-H Lamb Tagging	Big Red Barn
4	Poker Tournament	Clubhouse
5,6,7,8,9,10	Natl. Cutting Horse Assoc Clinic/Show	Thompson, Barns
9	Belmont Stakes Day	Clubhouse
12 thru 17	Cornhusker Quarterhorse Show	Thompson, Barns
14,15,16	Nebr. Trucking Assoc. Driving Champ.	Parking Lot, 4-H Bldg.
16	Progress Beef Show	Big Red Barn
16	Sheep & Goat Processing	Big Red Barn
20	Dog Training, Extension Service	Big Red Barn
23	Cage Fights-"Midwest Massacre"	HEC Arena
23	4-H Youth Horse Show	Thompson, Barns
24	Therapeutic Youth Horse Show	Thompson, Barns
25,26	Nebr. School Nutrition Assn. Exhibition	HEC Arena
<u>July</u>		
4	Fireworks	Grounds, Infield
13	United Way Moo-Claw Fund Raiser	HEC Arena
14	Narcotics Anonymous Dance	Concourse
16,17,18,19	Fonner Park State 4-H Horse Expo	Thompson, Barns
17	4-H Horse Show Dance	Grandstand Apron
23,24,25,26	Kountry Kruisers	Trailer Park
25	HCLA Annual Meeting	BCC
26,27,28,29	Last Chance Run Q-Horse Show	Thompson, Barns
28	"Rumble on the Island" Pro Boxing	HEC Arena
30	Hall Co. Fair Superintendent's Dinner	4-H Building
<u>August</u>		
1	Cent. Nebr. Area Health Education Meeting	Suite
4	Hall County Fair Open Class Horse Show	Thompson, Barns
9,10,11,12	Hall County Fair	All Grounds
14,15	Fire Department Testing	Concourse
16	Aurora Co-Op Meeting	4-H Building
18	Third City Athletic Boosters Steak Feed	HEC Arena
18,19	Nebraska Pinto Association	Thompson, Barns
23	Centaur Ent. 25th Anniv. Dinner	BCC
25,26	Minature & Shetland Pony Horse Show	Thompson, Barns
26	High School Seniors Expo	Concourse
<u>September</u>		
1	Bill Seymour Run	4-H Bldg.
1,2	All Breed Futurity Show	Thompson, Barns
6	SCORES Meeting	BCC
9,10	Thompson Company Food Show	HEC Arena
9	Dressage Show	Thompson, Barns
11	Husker Harvest Days Reception	Concourse
15	Nebraska Cattlemen Team Penning	Thompson, Barns
15	Alcoholics Anonymous Dance	Concourse
15	Household Hazardous Waste Collection	Parking Lot
16	Model Airplane Auction	4-H Bldg.
16	Education Quest College Fair	HEC Arena
18	St. Francis Med Center Meeting/Dinner	Suite
19	Goodwill Board Retreat	Suite
21	Handicapping Contest	Suite
22	Special Olympics Equestrian Competition	Thompson, Barns
22	ALS Fundraiser	Concourse
23,24	Pegler/Sysco Food Show	HEC Arena
28	United Way Campaign Kick Off	Clubhouse
29,30	Antique Show	Concourse

October

4	Investools Seminar	BCC
5,6	Threads Across Nebr. Quilt Show	HEC Arena
6	Harvest Of Harmony - Bus Parking, Coffee	4-H Bldg. Parkg Lot
11	GI Ed Foundation-Hall of Honor Banquet	BCC
12,13,14	Appaloosa Horse Show	Thompson Barn
13,14	GI React Crafts Show	Concourse
16	Chamber of Commerce Heartland Tech Expo	HEC Arena
16	NE Housing Developers Assoc. Meeting	Suite
17	UNL Extension Annual Fall Conference	Suite/HEC/BCC
20	Alcoholics Anonymous Dance	Concourse
24	TierOne Bank Quarterly Sales Meeting	BCC/Suite
27	"Breeder's Cup" Day	Clubhouse
27,28	G.I. Rifle Club Gun Show	Concourse
30	Associated Staffing Meeting/Lunch	BCC
31	Halloween "Funfest" 3rd City Christian Ch	HEC Arena

November

4	Girl Scout Father-Daughter Dance	Concourse
11	ACAP Children's Festival	Concourse
11	Shrine Children's Party	4-H Bldg
13	FCA Banquet	HEC Arena
13	Personal Accountability & High Perf. Organizations Mtg-GI Community Found.	BCC
16,17	Mosbrucker Rodeo Co. Bullriding	HEC Arena
17	The Knight, Central Catholic Foundation	Concourse
24	"Mulberry Lane" Concert	HEC
29	CVB Tourism TV Project Filming	Suite
30	Handicapping Contest	Suite

December

1	Principal Financial 25th Anniv Banquet	HEC Arena
2	Live Nativity Scene/Soup Supper	Red Barn, 4-H Bldg.
6	Five Points Bank Golden Club Lunch	HEC Arena
8	Chief Industries Christmas Party	HEC Arena
14,15	GISH Wrestling Invitational	HEC Arena
19	United Way Toys for Tots	4-H Bldg.
19	State Volleyball Bid Meeting	Board Room
20	Home Federal Meeting	Board Room
22	Handicapping Contest	Suite
27,28,29	GISH Conf. Basketball Tournament	HEC Arena
29	Heritage Bank Christmas Party	Suite
31	New Year's Eve with "BD and the Boys"	HEC Arena
31	Alcoholics Anonymous Dance	Concourse

January, 2008

5	Swift & Co. Awards Recognition Banquet	BCC
6	Hi-Flyers Model Airplane Auction	4-H Bldg.
6	Tri City Winter Bridal Expo	HEC Arena
9	State Volleyball Bid Meeting	Board Room
11,12,13	Central Nebraska RV Show	HEC/Fonner
12	Eye Care Professionals Christmas Party	Suite
18,19	Monster Trucks Winter Nationals	HEC Arena
19,20	Tri City Street Rods Car Show	Concourse
19	Handicapping Contest	Suite
24	State Volleyball Bid Meeting	Board Room
25,26,27	Central NE Home & Builders Show	HEC Arena
28	HIBA Meeting	Suite

February

	Facility Prepared for 2008 Race Meet	
2	High School Basketball Challenge	HEC Arena
8,9,10	Mid NE Boat, Sports & Travel Show	Concourse/Arena
9	Handicapping Contest	Suite
15	Opening Day 2008 Racing Season	
16	Red Cross "Chili Cookoff"	Concourse
18	Blood Pressure Checks for Women	BCC
21	"Big Red Day" Luncheon	HEC Arena
22	Shrine Club Meeting	4-H Café
23	NE High School Cheer/Dance Competition	HEC Arena
27,28	Bosselman Corp. Managers Meeting	BCC

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25	Youth Ag Day	Concourse, Big Red
25,26	Alltel Trade Shows/Meetings	HEC Arena
27	Nebr. Synod Committee Meeting	Suite
28	"Building 429" Christian Rock Concert	HEC Arena
29	"Rumbles" Concert	HEC Arena

April

3	Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting	HEC Arena
4	St. Francis Med Center Excellence Inst.	BCC
5	"Aaron Tippin" & "Ricochet" Concert	HEC Arena
7	GISH Academic Honors Banquet	BCC
11	"Memories of Elvis/Marilyn" Dinner Theater	HEC Arena
17	Nebr. Synod Planning Meeting	Suite
19	Preferred Pump 2008 Educational Mtg.	BCC
25	"BD and the Boys" Concert	HEC Arena
26	Bosselman Handicap Events	Fonner Race Track
27	Nebr. License Beverage Assoc. Meeting	Director's Room

May

5	Nebr. Diplomats Bus. & Industry Day	Suite/BCC
11	GISH Graduation	Arena/Concourse
13	Election Polling Site	4-H Café
12 thru 18	State Volunteer Firefighters School	All Grounds
15,16	Contryman & Assoc Meeting	Board Room
20	State Chamber of Commerce Meeting	Suite/BCC
28	State Fair Meeting	Board Room
29,30,6/1	Nebr. Synod Church Conference	Arena/Fonner
31	4-H Lamb Tagging	Big Red Barn

June

4	GIPS Retirement Banquet	BCC
5	Hall County Extension Office Meeting	Board Room
6,7,8	Super Liquidation Sale	HEC Arena
6,7,8	Nebraska Appaloosa Horse Club	Thompson, Barns
7,8	Gun Show	Concourse
10 thru 15	QuarterHorse Show	Thompson, Barns
13,14,15	Nebraska Trucking Association	Parking Lot, 4-H Bldg.
14	Nebr. Trucking Association Banquet	BCC
14	Progress Beef Show	Big Red Barn
17	Family Community Education Meeting	BCC
22 thru 26	National 4-H Shooting Invitational	HEC Arena
30	4-H Ice Cream Roll	4-H Café

<u>July</u>		
4	KSYZ Fireworks	Fonner Park
11	United Way Moo-Claw Fund Raiser	HEC Arena
12	Alcoholics Anonymous Dance	Concourse
14 thru 17	State 4-H Horse Expo	Thompson, Barns
16	St. Francis Med Center Excellence Inst.	BCC
19	Appaloosa Horse Show	Thompson
24 thru 27	Quarter Horse Show	Thompson, Barns
29	Federal Home Loan Bank Meeting/Lunch	BCC
30	Fonner Park Annual Meeting	BCC
<u>August</u>		
7	GI Substance Abuse Conference	BCC
7 thru 10	Hall County Fair	All Grounds
14	State Chamber Exec. Reception/Dinner	Suite
16	Third City Athletic Booster Steak Feed	HEC
19	Summer Picnic with Glenn Miller	HEC
23	GI High Schools Community Dance	HEC
30	Bill Seymour Run	Fonner Park Lot
30,31	12th Annual Accordion Jamboree	HEC
<u>September</u>		
2 thru 4	Husker Kountry Kruisers Club	Fonner Camp Ground
7,8	Thompson Company Food Show	HEC
9	Husker Harvest Days Reception	4-H Café
14	Class of 2009/2010 High School Sr. Expo	Concourse
14	Education Quest College Fair	HEC
17	Goodwill Board Retreat	Suite
18	Federal Reserve Bank Meeting	BCC
20	Hazard Waste Collection Day	Fonner Park Lot
20	Special Olympics Horse Show	Thompson Barn
20	Alcoholics Anonymous Dance	Concourse
24	United Way Kickoff Luncheon	Clubhouse
25,26	CCC "Bridges out of Poverty" Seminar	BCC
27,28	Antique Show	Concourse
<u>October</u>		
1	St. Francis Med Center Planning Retreat	BCC
2	NE General Affairs Leg Comm Mtg	BCC
3,4	Threads Across Nebraska Quilt Show	HEC
4	Harvest of Harmony-Bus Parking,Coffee	4-H Bldg, Parking Lot
10	Handicapping Contest	Suite
10 thru 12	Appaloosa Horse Show	Thompson Barn
11,12	GI React Crafts Show	Concourse
13	GI Sketch Club	4-H Café
17,18	Children's Consignment Sale	4-H Café
18	Alcoholics Anonymous Dance	Concourse
19	Fall Bridal Expo	Concourse
20	Pegler Sysco Product Show	HEC,BCC
23	UNL Extension Admin. Fall Conference	HEC,BCC
24	Pegler Sysco Regional Sales Meeting	BCC
24,25	"Breeder's Cup" Days	Clubhouse
25,26	GI Rifle Club Gun Show	Concourse
31	Third City Christian Church "Halloween"	HEC

November

1	Shrine Breakfast	4-H Café
2	Girl Scouts Father/Daughter Event	Concourse
4	General Election	4-H Café
5	Lincoln vs UNK Women's Basketball	HEC
7	"Larry the Cable Guy"	HEC
9	ACAP Children's Day Festival	Concourse
11	FCA Sports Banquet	HEC
12	Bosselman Co. Employee Recognition	HEC/BCC
19	Ag Forum with TierOne Bank	HEC
21	Edward Jones Fall Regional Meeting	BCC
21,22	GI Central Catholic "The Knight"	HEC
22	Handicapping Contest	Suite
30	Shrine Games Picnic	4-H Café

December

4	Five Points Bank Golden Club Party	Arena
5	Ryder, Rosacker Christmas Party	Suite
5	"A Hollywood Christmas"/Mulberry Lane	Arena
5	Hornady Mfg. Co. Christmas Party	BCC
6	Chief Industries' Christmas Party	Arena
7	Live Nativity Scene and Soup Supper	Concourse
11	Toner Christmas Party	Suite
13	Home Federal Bank Christmas Party	BCC
13	Almquist CPA Firm Christmas Party	BCC
13	2008 Nebraska PBR (Bull Riding) Tour	Arena
15-19	Toys for Tots	4-H Café
19,20	GI Senior High Wrestling Invitational	Arena
31	"BD and the Boys" New Years Eve Dance	Arena

January, 2009

3	Handicapping Contest	Suite
4	Winter Bridal Expo	Arena
8	Leadership Tomorrow Meeting	Suite
11	GI Model Airplane Auction	4-H Café
9 thru 11	Central Nebraska RV Show	Arena
16-17	Monster Trucks and Arena Cross	Arena
23	Skillpath Seminar	BCC
23 thru 25	Central Nebr Home and Builders Show	Arena
Jan 31-Feb 1	Tri City Street Rods	Concourse

February

	Facility Prepared for 2009 Race Meet	
7	Handicapping Contest	Suite
9	Sketch Club Class	4-H Café
13	Senninger Irrigation Dealer School	BCC
13	Opening Day 2009 Fonner Race Meet	Track
14	Red Cross Chili Cook-Off	Concourse
14	Heartland Hoops Classic	Arena
21	Nebr State High School Cheer and Dance	Arena
26	Lipizzaner Stallions	Arena
28	Habitat for Humanity Charity Auction	BCC
Feb 28-Mar 1	Iron Horse Motorcycle Show	Concourse

March

7	Tri State Cage Fights	Arena
12-13	Skillpath Seminar	BCC
14	"The Rumbles"	Arena
18-19	Bosselman, Inc. General Mgrs. Meeting	BCC
21	Golden Gloves Boxing	Arena
24	Shrine Circus	Arena
24	Shrine Club Meeting	Suite
31	Ag Day Activities	Concourse

April

2	GI Chamber of Commerce Annual Mtg	Arena
3	"BuckCherry" Rock Concert	Arena
4	KRGI/Country 96 Outdoor Power Show	Concourse
4	"Lonestar"/"Danielle Peck" Country Concert	Arena
8	Racing Office Ladies Get Together	Suite
11	Easter Family Fun Day	Arena
16	Skillpath Seminar	BCC
16	Pepsi Company Meeting	Suite
16	Racing Hall of Fame Ceremony	Concourse
18	Preferred Pump Conference	BCC
23	Softball Association Meeting	4-H Café
23	Chamber of Commerce Tech Expo	BCC/Arena
24	"BD and the Boys" Concert	Concourse
25	Bosselman Day at the Races	Track/Arena/BCC
26	Nebr. License Beverage Assoc. Meeting	Director's Room
30	"KORN" Concert	Arena

May

2	Final Day-Fonner Park Racing	Track
7	Wells Fargo Lunch & Learn Meeting	BCC
15 thru 17	Nebraska Fire School	All Facilities
17	GI Senior High Graduation	Arena
22-23	Bumblebees & Ladybugs Consignment	4-H Café
29	Nebr. Broadcasters' Assn. Meeting	BCC
29	TAP Enterprises Tool Sale	4-H Café

June

5	"Beach Boys" Concert	Arena
5 thru 7	Appaloosa Horse Show	Thompson Arena
6-7	Gun Show	Concourse
8	Goodwill Industries Annual Dinner	BCC
8 thru 14	Cornhusker Quarter Horse Show	Thompson Arena
10	GI Public Schools Retirement Luncheon	BCC
11 thru 13	Truck Driving Championships	Parking Lot/4-H Café
13	Truck Driving Championships Banquet	Arena
16 thru 20	Nebraska Jobs Daughters	Arena
23	Nebr. School Nutrition Assoc. Food Show	Arena
23 thru 28	National 4-H Shooting Competition	All Facilities
30	Horse Showmanship and Fitting Clinic	Thompson Arena

<u>July</u>		
4	4th of July Fireworks	Fonner Infield
6 thru 13	Clydesdale Horses Visit	Big Red Barn
10	United Way "Moo Claw"	Arena
11	Narcotics Anonymous Dance	Concourse
13	Central Community College Retreat	BCC
13 thru 16	State 4-H Horse Show	Thompson Arena
14	4-H Dance	Outside
16 thru 18	Disaster Life Support Training	BCC
22 thru 26	Sheriff's Posse Quarter Horse Show	Thompson Arena
27	4-H Ice Cream Roll	4-H Café
29	HCLA Annual Meeting	BCC
<u>August</u>		
1	Moorberg Birthday Party	Arena
5 thru 9	Hall County Fair and Concerts	All Facilities
	5th-Exposition and Carnival Open	Parking Lot
	6th-Gary Allan/Jamey Johnson Country	Arena
	7th-Kenny Loggins	Arena
	8th-Saving Abel/Hurt Rock Concert	Arena
	9th-Tractor Pull	Training Track
11	Sesame Street Live-7:00 p.m. show	Arena
12	Sesame Street Live-10:30 a.m./7:00 p.m.	Arena
15	Third City Steak Feed	Clubhouse
15	Tri-State Cage Fights	Arena
19	Coventry Health Care	BCC
25	Coventry Health Care	BCC
<u>September</u>		
5	Bill Seymour Run	Parking Lot
10	Contryman Assoc. Business After Hours	BCC
12	Special Olympics Horse Event	Thompson Arena
13-14	Thompson Company Food Show	Arena
15	Husker Harvest Days Exhibitor Reception	Concourse
18	Medical Solutions Meeting	BCC
19	Nebraska Cattlemen Team Penning	Thompson Arena
20	Education Quest College Fair	Arena
21	Nebr. Career Education Meeting	BCC
22	Three-Game High School Volleyball Games	Arena
25	Bill Chrastil Show	Arena
25-26	Bumblebees and Lady Bugs Consignment	4-H Café
26-27	Antique Show	Concourse
30	United Way Kick Off Luncheon	Arena

October

2-3	Threads Across Nebraska Quilt Show	Arena
3	Harvest of Harmony Bus Parking	Parking Lot
6	Wells Fargo Bank Seminar/Luncheon	BCC
7	Northeast Comm. College Meeting	BCC
8	Nebr. Ethanol Production Annual Meeting	BCC
10	Center for Ind. Living Waffle Man Fundraiser	4-H Café
10	"Legendary Temptations"	Arena
10	AA Dance	Concourse
10-11	Appaloosa Horse Show	Thompson Arena
12	GI Sketch Club	4-H Café
14	EMC Insurance Meeting	BCC
15	UNL Extension Admin. Fall Conference	BCC/Arena
17	Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off	Parking Lot
20	CCC All Campus Inservice	BCC/Arena
22	GI Senior High Hall of Honor Banquet	BCC
24-25	GI Rifle Club Show	Concourse
25	Handicapping Contest	Fonner Clubhouse
27	CCC Office Vendors Show	Arena
30	"Foreigner" in Concert	Arena
31	Halloween "Family Funfest"	Arena

November

1 thru 2	TAP Enterprises Tool Sale	4-H Café
6 thru 7	Breeder's Cup Day Events	Fonner Park
7	Hot Rod Truck and Tractor Pull-CFP	Arena
8	ACAP Children's Festival	Concourse
10	Fellowship of Christian Athletes Banquet	Arena
12	US Chamber Health Forum	BCC
13	Dohman, Akerlund & Eddy, CPA's Dinner	BCC
13	Bill Engvall Show	Arena
15	Shrine Picnic	4-H Café
20-21	GICC "The Knight"	Arena
27-28	"Sunheat" College Basketball Classic	Arena

December

3	Five Points Bank Christmas Luncheon	Arena
4	Hornady Mfg. Christmas Party	BCC
5	Professional Bull Riding	Arena
5	PBR V.I.P. Event	4-H Café
5	Home Federal Bank Christmas Party	BCC
6	Proffitt Eye Assoc. Christmas Party	Exec. Suite
6	Live Manger Scene and Soup Supper	Red Barn/4-H Café
12	Chief Industries Christmas Party	Arena
14	Nebraska Synod Meeting	Executive Suite
15	Toner's, Inc. Meeting	4-H Café
17-22	Toys for Tots	4-H Café
18-19	GISH "Flatwater Fracas" Wrestling Invite	Arena
31	AA Dance	Concourse

January, 2010

8 thru 10	Central Nebr. RV Show	Arena/Concourse
10	GI Modelers' Airplane Auction	4-H Café
11	Grand Island Sketch Club	4-H Café
14	Staff Retreat-Adrian Smith	BCC
14	Leadership Tomorrow Meeting	Executive Suite
16	"Blake Shelton" Concert	
22-24	Central Nebr. Home and Builders Show	Arena
23	Heritage Bank Christmas Party	BCC
26	Rock Concert-Three Days Grace	Arena
27	Monsanto Training	BCC
30-31	Tri City Street Rods	Concourse

February

	Facility Prepared for 2010 Race Meet	
5-6	Monster Truck Winter Nationals	Arena
8	Grand Island Sketch Club	4-H Café
11	MS Society Women's Luncheon	BCC
12	State Fair Board Meeting	BCC
13	Heartland Hoops Classic	Arena
19	Opening Day 2010 Fonner Race Meet	Fonner Park
20	Nebr. Cheer & Dance Competition	BCC/Arena/Concourse
27	Habitat for Humanity Charity Auction	BCC
27	Rock Concert-Chevelle, Puddle of Mud	Arena

March

2	Shrine Club "School Packets" Meeting	4-H Café
4	Aurora Coop Meeting	BCC
6	Lipizzaner Stallions-Two Shows	Arena
6	NLPA Spring Seminar	BCC
6	Nebr. Thoroughbred Breeders Annual Dinner	BCC
11	Aurora Coop Meeting	BCC
11	Subway Company Meeting	BCC
12	State Fair Board Meeting	BCC
12	Purina Company Meeting	BCC
13	Golden Gloves Boxing	Arena
20	The "Rumbles"	Arena
23	Shrine Circus	Arena
23-25	Bosselman Co. Managers' Meeting	BCC
25	Wells Fargo Bank Meeting	BCC
27	Rodney Carrington Concert	Arena
30	Youth Ag Day	Concourse, Thompson Arena

<u>April</u>		
1	Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting	Arena
3	Three Dog Night and Foghat in Concert	Arena
5	Channel-Bio 15 Meeting	BCC
9	State Fair Meeting	BCC
10	Firefighters' Memorial Charity Auction	BCC
13	GI Softball Meeting	4-H Café
14	4-H Board Members' Meeting	Executive Suite
14	UNL Office of Admissions Academy Program	BCC
15	Racing Office Ladies' Luncheon	Suite
16	AIA Meeting	BCC
17	Tri State Cage Fights	Arena
17	Preferred Pump Annual Meeting	BCC
19	Driving Dynamics	Fonner Park Parking Lot
20 thru 21	U.S. Cellular Meeting	BCC
23	BD and the Boys Dance	Concourse
24	Bosselman Day at the Races	Fonner Park
29	Home Federal Bank Annual Employee Meeting	BCC
30	Kenny Rogers in Concert	Arena
<u>May</u>		
1	"Creedence Clearwater Revisited" in Concert	Arena
1	McCain Foods Cocktail Party	BCC
8	Final Day of Fonner Park Race Meet	Fonner Park
9	GI Senior High Graduation	Arena
10	Grand Island Sketch Club	4-H Café
11	Election Polling	4-H Café
13	Home Federal Bank 75th Anniversary	BCC, Arena
14	"Sara Evans" in Concert	Arena
14	State Fair Meeting	BCC
17	Health Care Reform Meeting	BCC
17 thru 23	Nebraska Fire School	All Facilities
20	"GI Independent" Luncheon/Meeting	Exec. Suite/Board Room
24	Goodwill Industries Annual Meeting	BCC
26	"Jagermeister Music Tour-KORN" in Concert	Arena
27	Aurora Coop Meeting	BCC
28 thru 30	Nebr. Horse Club Assoc. Horse Show	Thompson Arena
<u>June</u>		
1	"Styx, Foreigner, Kansas" in Concert	Arena
3 thru 4	Ne. Society of Prof. Engineers Meeting	BCC
3 thru 5	Nebr. Synod Church Conference	All Facilities
5-Apr	Nebr. Synod Christian Education Conference	BCC
4 thru 6	Appaloosa Horse Show	Thompson Arena
7	FFA Ag Teachers Conference	BCC
9	State Fair Staff Meeting	BCC
10	Nebraska Corn Board Meeting	BCC
10 thru 12	Truck Driving Championships	4-H Café/Parking Lot/Arena
11	State Fair Meeting	BCC
14	Hall Co. Extension Office-Ice Cream Roll	4-H Café
16 thru 19	Nebraska Job's Daughters Convention	Arena
18	U.S. Cellular Meeting	Board Room
24	U.S. Cellular Meeting	Board Room
24	State Fair Volunteer Committee Meeting	4-H Café
24	Driving Dynamics	Parking Lot
24	Nebraska Simmental Board Meeting	Executive Suite
24	Aurora Coop Meeting	BCC
26-27	Gun Show	Concourse
30	State Fair Meeting	BCC

July, 2010

1	State Fair Meeting	4-H Café
4	4th of July Fireworks	Fonner Park Infield
8	State Fair Meeting	BCC
9	State Fair Meeting	BCC
9	United Way "Moo Claw"	Arena
10	Hall County Fair Open Class Horse Show	Thompson Arena
12 thru 15	State 4-H Horse Show	Thompson Arena
12	Aurora Coop Meeting	BCC, Board Room
13	4-H Dance	Grandstand Apron
13	Home Federal Bank Meeting	BCC
13	Federal Home Loan Bank Meeting	Board Room
15	York, NE Fun Club Pre-Show Dinner	BCC
16	NIFA Luncheon	BCC
17	4-H Luncheon	4-H Café
14 thru 18	Hall County Fair Events	All Facilities
15	"Merle Haggard with John Conlee" in Concert	Arena
16	"Skid Row, Firehouse, April Wine, LA Guns"	Arena
17	"Blood Sweat & Tears/Air Supply"	Arena
18	Nebraska Truck and Tractor Pullers	Fonner Training Track
21 thru 25	Sheriff's Posse Horse Show	Thompson Arena
22	Driving Dynamics	Parking Lot
28	Hall County Livestock Auth. Annual Meeting	BCC
31	Veterans Admin. Welcome Home Event	Arena

August

4	State Fair Meeting	BCC
5	State Fair Training Meeting	4-H Café
6	State Fair Livestock Meeting	BCC
7	State Fair Foundation "Blue Ribbon Rollout"	Arena
10	State Fair Training Meeting	4-H Café
11	Univ. of NE Rural Initiative-Young Professionals	BCC
12	State Fair Training Meeting	4-H Café
13	State Fair Meeting	BCC
14	Third City Athletic Booster Club Steak Feed	Arena/BCC
14	GI Central Catholic Class Reunions	BCC
14	State Fair Training Meeting	4-H Café
16	State Fair Law Enforcement Meeting	Executive Suite
16	State Fair Cleaning Orientation	4-H Café
17	State Fair Meeting	4-H Café
18	Congressman Adrian Smith Summit/Luncheon	BCC
18-19	State Fair Security Orientation	State Fair Grounds
21-22	State Fair Gate Orientation	4-H Café

Aug 27-Sept 6**Nebraska State Fair Events**

8/27	Phil Vassar in Concert	Arena
8/28	Life House in Concert	Arena
8/29	Heart In Concert	Arena
8/31	Mel Tillis in Concert	Arena
9/2	Casting Crowns in Concert	Arena
9/3	Veterans Day Celebration	Arena, State Fair Grounds
9/3	Boys Like Girls in Concert	Arena
9/4	Galaxy of Stars Talent Search	Fonner Park Bristol Windows Stage
9/5	Martina McBride in Concert	Arena
9/6	Josh Turner in Concert	Arena

September

2	Thrivent Financial Meeting	BCC
4	FFA Board Meeting	Board Room
10	State Fair Meeting	BCC
11	Special Olympics Equestrian Competition	Thompson Arena
14	Husker Harvest Days Reception	Arena, State Fair Exh. Bldg. #1
18	Nebraska Cattlemen Team Penning	Thompson Arena
19	Education Quest College Fair	Arena
23 thru 26	Thompson Co. Food Show	State Fair Exhibition Bldg. #1
25-26	Antique Show	Concourse

October

2	Harvest of Harmony Bus Parking	Parking Lot, 4-H Café
5	GI Volleyball Matchup-GISH, GINW, GICC	Arena
6	State Volleyball Meeting	Arena
7	Hall County Extension Meeting	St. Fair Exhibition Bldg. #1
7	Nebraska Ethanol Meeting	BCC
9	Tri State Cage Fighting	Arena
9	Juvenile Arthritis Found. Poker Tournament	Clubhouse
11	Equitable Bank Meeting	BCC
12	Aurora Coop Meeting	Executive Suite
15	Nebr. State Fair Executive Board Meeting	BCC
15	Nebr. State Fair Board Meeting	BCC
19	United Way Kickoff Luncheon	Clubhouse
24	Disney Live! Show	Arena
25-26	Driving Dynamics	Parking Lot
26	Blue Cross/Blue Shield Meeting	BCC
28	UNMC Workshop	BCC and Arena
29	Univ. of NE Rural Initiative-Young Professionals	BCC
30-31	GI Rifle Club Gun Show	Concourse

November

2	Election Polling	4-H Café
3 thru 5	Walmart Meetings	BCC
4	Volunteer Training for State Volleyball	BCC
5	Country 96 Radio Concert-Dierks Bentley	Arena
5	FFA Board Meeting	BCC
5 thru 6	Breeder's Cup Day Events	Fonner Park
6	Volunteer Training for State Volleyball	BCC
11	NSAA Board Meeting	BCC
11 thru 13	Nebr. High School Girls Volleyball Tourney	Arena
11 thru 13	Heartland Women's Expo	Exhibition Building
14	ACAP Children's Day Activities	Concourse
14	Peace Lutheran Church ACF Dinner (Private)	Clubhouse
16	Fellowship of Christian Athletes Banquet	To Be Determined
17	"Danger" IFL Football - Pick a Seat Night	Arena
18-19	Nebr. Dept. of Roads LTAP Workshop	BCC
18-19	Extension Service ATV Training	Thompson Arena
20	State Fair Meeting	BCC

December

2	Toner's Inc. Christmas Party	Executive Suite
3	Hornady Manufacturing Christmas Party	Fonner Clubhouse/Turf Club
4	Hastings Symphony Orchestra Concert	Arena
5	Live Manger Scene and Soup Supper	Barn/4-H Café
9	Five Points Bank Golden Club Luncheon	Arena
11	Eakes Office Products Christmas Party	BCC
11	Chief Industries Christmas Party	TBD
17-18	GISH Wrestling Invite Flatwater Fracas	Arena
20-21	Toys for Tots	4-H Café
31	Alcoholics Anonymous Dance	Concourse

January, 2011

7	Governor Heineman Inaugural Luncheon	Arena
9	GI Modelers Airplane Auction	4-H Café
12	State Patrol "SWAT" Training	Arena
15	Danger IFL Football Tryouts	Arena (with Turf)
21	Leprino Foods Meeting	BCC
21-23	Central Nebraska Home Show	Arena
28-30	RV and Boat Show	State Fair Exhibition Building #1
29	Nebraska Army National Guard Meeting	BCC

February**Facility Prepared for 2011 Race Meet**

4	Leprino Foods Meeting	BCC
4 thru 5	Monster Trucks	Arena
5	Flint Hills Auction	Swine Barn
8	Avenged Sevenfold Rock Concert	Arena
11	State Fair Board Meeting	BCC
12	Heartland Hoops Classic	Arena
18-19	Nebraska Cheer and Dance Competition	All Facilities
19-20	Tri City Street Rods	State Fair Exhibition Building #1
21	Senninger Irrigation Meeting	BCC
22-24	Bosselman Co. Leadership Conference	BCC
24	Chamber Business After Hours	Arena
24	FONNER PARK LIVE RACING BEGINS	All Facilities
25	BASF Meeting	BCC
26	Habitat for Humanity Charity Auction	BCC
26	"Danger" IFL Football	Arena
26	Rumble in the Heartland WBC Boxing	Arena

March

1 thru 5	Custom Harvesters	HEC, State Fair Exhibition Bldg. #1
7	Danger IFL Football	Arena
7	CNHRMA Meeting	BCC
12	Nebr. Thoroughbred Breeders Dinner	BCC
12	Red Cross Chili Cook-Off	Arena
12	Flea Market/Antique Show	State Fair Exhibition Building #1
18	Monsanto Meeting	BCC
18-20	USA State Wrestling Tournament	Arena
19-20	Iron Horse Motorcycle Show	Fonner Concourse
21-22	Shrine Circus	Arena
21	Nebr. Department of Roads Meeting	BCC
25	Evolution Group Meeting	BCC
25	Purina Mills Meeting	BCC
26	"Rumbles" in Concert	Arena
27	Danger IFL Football	Arena
29	Youth Ag Day	4-H Café
31	Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner	BCC, Arena

April

1	State Farm Insurance Agents Meeting	Fonner Park Board Room
1 thru 2	Block and Bridle Prospect Show	Cattle Barn/Livestock Arena
2	Grand Island Bead Bazaar	State Fair Exhibition Building #1
2	Moonshell Arts Banquet	BCC
7	NAIFA-Nebraska Meeting	BCC
8	American Institute of Architects Meeting	BCC
8 thru 10	Chevy Days at the Races	Fonner Concourse
9	UNL Women vs. Wichita State Volleyball	Arena
13	UNL College Prep Academy Reception	BCC
14	Fonner Park Racing Office Ladie's Luncheon	Executive Suite
15	State Fair Meeting/Workshop	Exhibition Bldg. Quilt Room
16	Sweley Bridal Shower	BCC
16	Preferred Pump Meeting and Open House	BCC
16 thru 17	Futurity Show and Sales-Alpaca	Cattle Barn/Ag Arena
16	Scheideler Show Pig Sale	Swine Barn, Swine Arena
16	"Danger" IFL Football	Arena
20	State Fair Volunteer Meeting	BCC
23	Runza Family Day at the Races	Fonner Concourse
25	David & Associates Meeting	Executive Suite
26	Nebr. State Fair Volunteer Kickoff Meeting	Exhibition Building
29	BD and the Boys in Concert	Fonner Concourse
30	"Danger" IFL Football	Arena
30	Bosselman Day at the Races	All Facilities
30	Contryman Associates Retreat	Exhibition Bldg. Beef Pit
30	Grand Island Express Banquet	Exhibition Bldg. Beef Pit

May

7	Kentucky Derby Day at the Races	All Facilities
7	FINAL DAY OF RACING-FONNER PARK	All Facilities
7	Nebraska State Fair Pig Futurity	Swine Barn, Swine Arena
7 thru 8	NE Muzzleloaders Gun Show	State Fair Exhibition Building #1
8	Grand Island Senior High Graduation	Arena
13	State Fair Board Meeting	BCC
14	"Danger" IFL Football	Arena
15	Professional Arena Soccer Exhibition Game	Arena
16 thru 22	Nebraska Fire School	All Facilities
21	Preakness Day Events	Fonner Park
23	Goodwill Annual Dinner	BCC
26	Central Community College Conference	BCC
27	Nebr. Army National Guard "Send Off" Ceremony	Arena
28	"Danger" IFL Football	Arena
28 thru 29	NE Horse Club Assn. Ice Breaker Open Show	Thompson Arena

June

1	Grand Island Sports Council Meeting	Fonner Park Board Room
1 thru 2	Nebr. Economic Development Assn. Meeting	BCC
2-Jan	Vic Henley, Comedian	Arena
3 thru 4	Nebraska Mission of Mercy Dental Clinic	Arena
3 thru 5	Appaloosa Horse Show	Thompson Arena
9 thru 10	Nebraska Corn Board Meeting	BCC
9 thru 11	Nebraska Truck Driving Championships	All Facilities
10	State Fair Board Meeting	BCC
11	McElroy Service Experts Dinner	BCC
11	"Danger" IFL Football	Arena
11	Belmont Stakes Events	Fonner Park
14	FFA Ag Mechanics	Ag Arena/Sheep Barn Offices
18	Sweley Wedding Reception	Arena
18	Flint Hills Auction	Swine Arena
28	Monsanto Co. Training	South Parking Lot/BCC
29	Congressman Adrian Smith Trade Seminar	BCC

<u>July</u>		
2	4th of July Firework Display	Infield/Parking Lot
2	Mallory Anniversary/Birthday Party	BCC
8	State Fair Board Meeting	BCC
9	Hall County Extension Judging Contest/Clinic	Thompson Arena
9	Swantek Family Reunion	BCC
11	4-H Ice Cream Roll	4-H Café
15	United Way Moo-Claw	Arena
16	Hall County Fair Open Class Horse Show	Thompson Arena
17	State 4-H Horse Show Hippology Contest	4-H Café
18	Hall County Fair Superintendent Luncheon	4-H Café
18-21	State 4-H Horse Show	Thompson Arena
19	UNL Ag Science Department Event	4-H Café
19	Hall County Fair Concert-Saliva/Filter Rock	Arena
July 20-24	Hall County Fair Events	All Facilities
21	Hall County Fair Board Meeting	Fonner Park Board Room
22	Central Catholic Class Reunion	BCC
21	Hall County Fair Concert-Oak Ridge Boys	Arena
22	Hall County Fair Concert-Beach Boys	Arena
23	Hall County Fair Concert-Glorianna	Arena
23	Hall County Fair 4-H Family Luncheon	4-H Café
24	Hall County Fair-Tractor Pull	Practice Track
24	Hall County Fair Antique Car Show	Fonner Park South Parking Lot
24	Hall County Fair Buyer's Reception	4-H Café
27-31	Sheriff's Posse Quarter Horse Show	Thompson Arena
27	State Fair Meeting	4-H Café
27	Hall Co. Livestock Assn. Annual Meeting	Bosselman Conference Center
30	Leprino Foods Company Picnic	Barn Bar
<u>August</u>		
3	State Fair Meeting	4-H Café
3	Legislative Hearing	Bosselman Conference Center
4	State Fair Volunteer Meeting	Exhibition Bldg.-Quilt Room
6	Nebraska State Fair Blue Ribbon Rollout	Arena
6	Nebraska State Fair Board Meeting	BCC
9	State Fair Volunteer Meeting	Exhibition Bldg.-Quilt Room
10	State Fair Meeting	4-H Café
11	State Fair Volunteer Meeting	Exhibition Bldg.-Quilt Room
13	State Fair Volunteer Meeting	Exhibition Bldg.-Quilt Room
13	Third City Booster Club Steak Feed	Arena
15	Senator Mike Johanns Event	Exhibition Bldg.-Beef Pit
17	State Fair Meeting	4-H Café
18	State Fair Meeting	BCC
18	Husker Hoops Coaches Caravan	BCC
24	State Fair Meeting	4-H Café
Aug 26-Sept 5	Nebraska State Fair	All Facilities
26	The Band Perry Concert	Arena
28	Larry the Cable Guy Concert	Arena
31	Crystal Gayle Concerts	Arena
9/1	Jeremy Camp Concert	Arena
9/2	Leann Rimes Concert	Arena
9/4	Willie Nelson Concert	Arena
9/5	Cheap Trick Concert	Arena

September

2	Nebraska Jr. Angus Meeting	Executive Suite
3	Nebraska Simmental Meeting	Executive Suite
11	Special Olympics Horse Show	Thompson Arena
12	Husker Harvest Days Meeting and Dinner	BCC
13	Husker Harvest Days Reception	Exhibition Building
14	New Holland Equip. Show and Dinner	Arena/BCC
17	Nebraska Cattlemen Team Penning	Thompson Arena
18	Education Quest College Fair	Arena
19 thru 23	Husker Kountry Kruisers RV Rally	Fonner Trailer Park
24	Hazard Waste Site	Fonner Park North Parking Lot
24-25	Antique Flea Market-Junk Jaunt	Fonner Park Concourse

October

1	Harvest of Harmony Bus Parking	Fonner Park South Parking Lot
1	Nebr. State Fair Superintendent's Meeting	BCC
2	Lundgren Baby Shower	Executive Suite
2 thru 3	Thompson Company Food Show	Exhibition Building
4	Heartland United Way Kickoff Luncheon	Arena
5	State Fair Livestock Meeting	BCC
5	Senior Citizen Expo	Arena
6	Catholic Health Initiatives Meeting	BCC
8	Musil Wedding Reception	Exhibition Bldg. Quilt Room
10	Equitable Bank Annual Meeting	BCC
11	Tridaq Software Rollout	BCC
12	State Volleyball Meeting	BCC
14	The Big Grape Fundraiser	State Fair Exhibition Building #1
14	Nebraska State Fair Board Meeting	BCC
15	Rumble in the Heartland-World Champ. Boxing	Arena
15	Bob & Tom Comedy All Stars Tour	Fonner Park Clubhouse
20	U.S. Air Force Band-Singing Sergeants	Arena
23-31	Summit Crest Angus Dispersal	Livestock Arena/All Barns
26	Lunch with the Governor	Bosselman Conference Center
29-30	Rifle Club Gun Show	Fonner Park Concourse

November

3	Catholic Health Initiatives Leadership Dev.	BCC
3,4	Fire Department Training	Arena
10 thru 12	Nebr. State High School Girls' Volleyball	All Facilities
10	NSAA Board Meeting	Fonner Park Board Room
13	ACAP Children's Festival	Fonner Park Concourse
17	Fellowship of Christian Athletes Banquet	Arena
19	Nebraska Hereford Assn. Annual Meeting	BCC
19	Mannheim Steamroller in Concert	Arena
19	Dohman, Akerlund Dinner/Concert	BCC
19	Obstetrics & Gynecologists Dinner/Concert	BCC
20	Nebraska Hereford Sale	Cattle Barn, Cattle Arena
21	Monsanto Meeting	BCC

December

1	Five Points Bank Golden Club Luncheon	Arena
4	Live Nativity Scene and Soup Supper	Big Red Barn/4-H Café
7	Pro Ag Agent's Meeting	BCC
10	Chief Industries Christmas Party	Arena
16 thru 17	Flatwater Fracas Wrestling Tournament	Arena
18	USA Nebraska Wrestling Tournament	Arena
19	State Fair Meeting	BCC
22	Toys for Tots	4-H Café

2012**January**

8	Grand Island Model Airplane Auction	4-H Café
8	Bridal Show	Fonner Concourse
9	Event Bid Meeting	FP Board Room
12	Catholic Health Init. Leadership Dev.	BCC
13	Heartland Ag Planning Meeting	FP Board Room
16	Event Bid Meeting	FP Board Room
17	Syngenta Meeting	BCC
18	Event Planning Meeting	FP Board Room
19	State Volleyball Security Feedback Meeting	FP Board Room
20-22	Central Nebraska Home Show	Arena
21	Heritage Bank Christmas Party	BCC
27-29	RV and Boat Show	Arena
28	NE Army National Guard Safety Meeting	BCC

February**Facility Prepared for 2012 Race Meet**

3-4	Monster Truck Winter Nationals	Arena
7	Nebraska State Fair Meeting	BCC
7-8	Heartland Ag Meeting	Exhibition Building
11	Heartland Hoops Classic	Arena
11	Habitat for Humanity Charity Auction	BCC
14	Inspiring Entrepreneurs	BCC
17-18	Nebr. High School Cheer and Dance	Arena
18-19	Tri City Street Rods	Exhibition Building
23	Nebraska Danger Scrimmage Game	Arena
24	Channel meeting	BCC
24-26	Fonner Park Live Racing	Fonner Park Facilities
25	Jeff Foxworthy Concert	Arena
25	Red Cross Chili Cook-Off	Exhibition Building
25	BASF Client Appreciation Reception	BCC
27-28	Shrine Circus	Arena
27-Mar-04	Custom Harvesters Trade Show	All Facilities

March

2	UNL Block and Bridle Club	Cattle Barn/Livestock Arena
2,3,4	Fonner Park Live Racing	Fonner Park Facilities
4	John Deere Training	Exhibition Building
4	Danger Football Game	Arena
7	GI Economic Development Corp. Annual Meeting	BCC
9,10,11	Fonner Park Live Racing	Fonner Park Facilities
12	Danger Football Game	Arena
12	Bosselman Reception	BCC
16,17,18	Fonner Park Live Racing	Fonner Park Facilities
17-18	Nebr. USA State Wrestling Tournament	Arena
17-18	Iron Horse Motorcycle Show	Fonner Park Concourse
19-21	Nebraska Rural Water Association	Arena/BCC
23	Danger Football Game	Arena
23,24,25	Fonner Park Live Racing	Fonner Park Facilities
24	Rumbles in Concert	Fonner Park Concourse
27	Youth Ag Day	Fonner Park Concourse
28	FFA Ag Mechanic Training/Testing	Exhibition Building
29	Catholic Health Initiatives Admin. Staff Meeting	BCC
Mar 30,31,1	Fonner Park Live Racing	Fonner Park Facilities
31	Dinsdale Pick 'Em Day at the Races	Fonner Park Facilities
Mar 31-Apr 1	Grand Island Bead Bazaar	Exhibition Building-Quilt Room

April

6,7	Fonner Park Live Racing	Fonner Park Facilities
7	Runza Family Day at the Races	Fonner Park Concourse
13	Taste of Grand Island	Exhibition Building
13	American Institute of Architects Meeting	BCC
13,14,15	Fonner Park Live Racing	Fonner Park Facilities
14	Danger Football Game	Arena
14	Scheidler Pig Sale	Swine Barn/Swine Arena
16	Catholic Health Initiatives Meeting	BCC
20,21,22	Fonner Park Live Racing	Fonner Park Facilities
20-24	Alpaca Futurity Show and Sales	Swine/Cattle/Sheep Barns
21	Preferred Pump Continuing Ed/Open House	BCC
21	BD and the Boys Concert	Fonner Park Concourse
21-22	AKC Dog Show	Exhibition Building
25	UNL College Prep Academy	BCC
27	Danger Football Game	Arena
27	Fonner Park Live Racing	Fonner Park Facilities
28-29	Nebr. Antique Dealers Assn. Show	Arena
28	Bosselman Day at the Races	Fonner Park Facilities
29	Fonner Park Live Racing	Fonner Park Facilities

May

4,5	Fonner Park Live Racing	Fonner Park Facilities
5	Kentucky Derby Day at the Races	Fonner Park/Finish Line Restaurant
5-6	Nebr. Muzzleloaders Gun Show	Exhibition Building
9	Golden Sower Dist. Event-Dodge School	Exhibition Building-Quilt Room
10	Catholic Health Init. Leadership Dev.	BCC
13	Grand Island Senior High Graduation	Arena
13	Danburg Graduation Party	4-H Café
15	Election Polling	4-H Café
18-20	Nebraska State Fire School	All Facilities
19	Preakness Day at the Races	Finish Line Restaurant
21	Goodwill Industries Annual Dinner	BCC
26	Nebraska Danger Kids' Camp	Arena
26-27	Nebraska Horse Club Show	Thompson Arena

June

1,2	Appaloosa Horse Show	Thompson Arena
2	Danger Football Game	Arena
2	Belmont Day at the Races	Finish Line Restaurant
7,8,9	Nebraska Truck Driving Championships	Fonner Parking Lots/BCC/4-H Café
9	Danger Football Game	Arena
14-16	Northern Plains Kids/Cadet Regional Wrestling	Arena
17-23	National 4-H Shooting Competition	All Facilities
18-23	Jr. National Charolais Show	Livestock Arena/Cattle Barn
24-30	Shorthorn Junior Nationals	Livestock Arena/Cattle Barn
30	Jensen Wedding Reception	BCC

<u>July</u>		
2-14	Junior National Hereford Show	Livestock Arena/Cattle Barn
11,12,13,14,15	Hall County Fair	All Facilities
12	Loretta Lynn with Ray Price in Concert	Arena
16-19	State 4-H Horse Show	Thompson Arena
20	United Way Moo-Claw	Arena
26-29	Sheriff's Posse Horse Show	Thompson Arena
<u>August</u>		
4	State Fair Blue Ribbon Roll Out	Arena
24 thru Sept 3	Nebraska State Fair	All Facilities
<u>September</u>		
1	Nebraska Angus Meeting	Executive Suite
9	Special Olympics Horse Show	Thompson Arena
15-16	St. Mary's Cathedral Conference	Arena
Sept 30-Oct 1	Thompson Company Food Show	Exhibition Building
<u>October</u>		
3	Silver Celebration	Arena
3,4	Nebraska Products Show	Exhibition Building
6	John Deere Antique Tractor Auction	Livestock Show Arena
13	The Big Grape Fundraiser	Exhibition Building
16-18	UNL Extension Fall Conference	Arena
23	Central Community College Conference	Arena
<u>November</u>		
6	Election Polling	4-H Café
8,9,10	Nebraska State Volleyball Tournaments	All Facilities
17	Yound Wedding Reception	Beef Pit
<u>December</u>		
7	Hornady Manufacturing Christmas Party	Exhibition Building
13	Middle School Conference Wrestling Tournament	Arena
14-15	Flatwater Fracas Wrestling Tournament	Arena
16	USA Wrestling Youth Tournament	Arena

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MANAGEMENT CONTRACT
Heartland Events Center

THIS MANAGEMENT CONTRACT ("Management Contract"), dated as of December 1, 2004, by the CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, a city of the first class of the State of Nebraska ("City") and FONNER PARK EXPOSITION AND EVENTS CENTER, INC., a Nebraska nonprofit corporation ("Heartland").

1. **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE.** The purpose of this Management Contract is to set forth the terms and conditions under which Heartland will manage an agricultural exposition and events center (the "Project") which is the subject of a Lease Purchase Agreement dated October 9, 2001 (the "Original Agreement"), by and between the City and Heartland, as amended and supplemented by that Addendum to Lease Purchase Agreement dated August 26, 2003 (the "First Addendum") by and between said parties, as further amended and supplemented by that Second Addendum to Lease Purchase Agreement dated as of December 1, 2004 (the "Second Addendum" and collectively, with the Original Agreement and the First Addendum, the "Agreement"). Under the terms of the Agreement, the City is to receive possession of the Project upon issuance of a certificate of substantial completion and thereafter the City requires the services of a manager for the Project. Heartland has been formed for the purposes of serving the City and its inhabitants through, among other things, operating and managing the Project. The capitalized words and terms used in this Management Contract and not otherwise defined herein shall have the same meanings, unless the context or use indicates another or different meaning or intent, as indicated in Section I of the Second Addendum.

2. **PROJECT MANAGEMENT BY HEARTLAND; RIGHTS OF HEARTLAND.** Upon issuance of the certificate of occupancy for the Project in accordance with the Agreement and the City taking possession of the Project, Heartland agrees to act for the City as manager of the Project and as such manager shall have the following rights, duties and responsibilities in regard to the management of the Project:

- a. to provide the Project with such equipment, supplies and other goods (in addition to the fixtures and equipment included in the Project under the terms of the Construction Contract which fixtures and equipment as included in the Project are herein referred to as the "Project Equipment") necessary and prudent for the efficient and effective operation of the Project as a public multi-purpose agricultural exposition and events center at Heartland's expense, which additional property shall not constitute a part of the Project or an addition to the Project and shall remain the sole and separate property of Heartland; the parties hereto acknowledge and agree that under the terms of the Agreement Heartland is selling and leasing to the City the Project, including the Project Equipment, and that Heartland shall use and manage both the Project Equipment and the equipment supplies and other goods (as separately acquired by Heartland under the terms of this Management Contract) in connection with its management of the Project.
- b. to enter into such agreements as necessary with Hall County Livestock Improvement Association, a Nebraska nonprofit corporation ("Fonner Park") for

the use of property, facilities or grounds of Fonner Park during the term of this Management Contract in connection with the efficient and effective operation of the Project as a public multi-purpose agricultural exposition and events center at Heartland's expense, which property, facilities or grounds of Fonner Park shall remain the sole and separate property of Fonner Park subject to any rights therein of Heartland and the City under the Parking Rights and Access Agreement, and to enter into such agreements with Fonner Park for the use of the Project by Fonner Park during the term of this Management Contract as shall be consistent with the terms of this Management Contract;

- c. to manage and operate the Project efficiently and effectively and with proper economy with the goal of maximizing the use of the Project as a public multi-purpose agricultural exposition and events center serving the recreational, cultural and economic needs of the City and its residents;
- d. to make any arrangements for the use of all or part of the Project by exhibitors, licensees, concessionaires and users of the Project in the ordinary course of business for such charges or payments as determined by Heartland; provided, however, that any such arrangements shall be cancelable consistent with the requirements of Rev. Proc. 82-26 and, specifically, the requirement that the City have the right to obtain unencumbered fee title to the Project (including additions thereto) and exclusive possession of the Project; in such connection, Heartland agrees, in the event that the City exercises its rights under the Agreement and the Indenture to defease all bonds outstanding under the Indenture, to immediately cancel all encumbrances on the Project, including leases, management contracts and other similar contracts relating the Project or the use of any portion thereof and further agrees to require the parties to any such encumbrances to vacate within not less than 90 days;
- e. to receive all revenues from the general operations of the Project and retain or use such revenues for the general operation of the Project and the general operations of Heartland which are consistent with Heartland's corporate purposes and with the description of its activities set forth in Heartland's Application for Recognition of Exemption Under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code as submitted to the Internal Revenue Service on Form 1023 (the "Application");
- f. to receive such portion of the proceeds of any city occupation taxes from the City under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 16-205 which the City and Heartland have separately agreed to and retain or use such proceeds for the general operation of the Project and the general operations of Heartland consistent with Heartland's corporate purposes and the description of its activities set forth in the Application;
- g. to administer, supervise, staff and direct the general operations of the Project at Heartland's expense;
- h. to establish and enforce rules of conduct for supervisors, staff, exhibitors, licensees, concessions, patrons, and any other individual or group using the

Project to protect and preserve the Project and the health, safety and welfare of individuals and the public at Heartland's expense;

- i. to provide maintenance, repair, janitorial and security services necessary and prudent to protect and preserve the Project and provide a clean orderly facility for users, exhibitors, patrons and others; provided, however, that any alterations, additions and improvements to the Project requested by the City shall be paid for by the City and shall become part of the Project subject to the terms of the Agreement;
- j. to pay all expenses for utility services and operational expenses for the Project on a timely basis excluding any local property taxes and special assessments against the Project, which taxes and special assessments shall be paid for by the City in accordance with the terms of the Agreement.
- k. to ensure that the Project, any administrator for the Project employed by Heartland, supervisors and staff and all users of the Project conform to all valid statutes, laws, ordinances, regulations, rules, orders, judgments and requirements of all federal, state, local and other governmental authorities, now or hereafter applicable to the Project;
- l. to provide the City and Trustee an annual accounting of all receipts and expenditures of the Project, from whatever source derived within sixty (60) days following the close of the fiscal year for Heartland; at the request of the City, such accounting shall include a balance sheet and a profit and loss statement prepared to government accounting standards and audited by a mutually agreeable certified public accounting firm with an office in the State of Nebraska; provided, however, that the cost of such accounting and audit shall be paid for by the City;
- m. to negotiate and administer such licensing, catering and concession contracts and naming, pouring and signage right contracts as Heartland deems appropriate; provided, however, that all such contracts shall comply with the requirements of Rev. Proc. 82-26 and, specifically, the requirement that the City have the right to obtain unencumbered fee title to the Project (including additions thereto) and exclusive possession of the Project; in such connection, Heartland agrees, in the event that the City exercises its rights under the Agreement and the Indenture to defease all bonds outstanding under the Indenture, to immediately cancel all such contracts relating the Project or the use of any portion thereof and further agrees to require the parties to any such contracts to vacate or cease any usage of the Project within not less than 90 days; and
- n. to make such alterations, additions and improvements to the Project requested by the City; provided, however, that the City shall pay for the costs of such alterations, additions and improvements and any such additions and improvements shall become part of the Project and shall be subject to the terms of the Agreement.

The City and Heartland each expect that the Project will provide substantial social, cultural, recreational and economic benefits to the citizens of the City but that the Project will at best operate on a break-even basis. Any net revenue from the operation of the Project shall belong to Heartland as its separate property and shall be used by Heartland in manner consistent with Heartland's corporate purposes and the description of its activities set forth in the Application. Such net revenues shall not inure to or be paid to the City under any circumstances during the term of the Agreement.

3. PROJECT MANAGEMENT; OBLIGATIONS OF HEARTLAND.

Heartland hereby agrees to manage the Project on behalf of the City as an agricultural exposition and events center in such a manner as will:

(a) attract agricultural and horticultural fairs, expositions and exhibitions of livestock, farm equipment and farm products;

(b) bring in for the enjoyment of the general public of the City cultural and entertainment events that appeal to the general public of the City, including but not limited to:

(i) music concerts;

(ii) plays and theatrical productions;

(iii) other artistic, cultural or educational performing groups; and

(iv) professional and amateur athletic events;

(c) attract trade shows, meetings, expositions and conventions, including but not limited to:

(i) trade shows and meetings, expositions and exhibitions of an agricultural or horticultural nature;

(ii) other trade shows and meetings, expositions and exhibitions;

(iii) meetings of businesses, nonprofit organizations and governmental entities; and

(iv) other conventions; and

(d) to promote, conduct and manage all types and kinds of artistic, scientific, athletic, agricultural, horticultural and educational expositions, events, exhibitions, trade shows, meetings and conventions for the development and advancement of the people of the City and its surrounding area.

All such activities shall be carried out in accordance with the corporate purposes of Heartland and the description of the activities of Heartland set forth in the Application. The City shall retain such supervisory control of the Project as may be necessary to insure that the Project is

being operated in the public interest with reasonable charges relating to both the conducting and the attending of events. In connection with such management of the Project, Heartland is authorized to impose or agree to such schedule or schedules of rates and charges for use of the Project as Heartland shall in its reasonable discretion determine appropriate. Any such schedules shall be filed with the City Clerk upon request by the City and shall be deemed approved within thirty days of the time of any such filing. The City shall have the right but not the obligation to review any such filing of schedules of rates and charges as it determines appropriate from time to time but any such review shall be conducted on the basis of the understanding between the City and Heartland as set forth in this Management Contract that Heartland, in undertaking to provide management services hereunder, shall have reasonable discretion to exercise its best business judgment for the operation of the Project for the benefit of the City and its inhabitants. It is further acknowledged and agreed by the parties hereto (i) that the purpose of hiring Heartland as manager is to lessen the burdens of government in connection with the operation and management of the Project; (ii) that Heartland shall have the right to make reasonable charges in connection with the operation and management of the Project, the approval of which shall not be unreasonably withheld by the City; (iii) that the charges which Heartland imposes for use of the Project shall be reasonable and that Heartland shall manage and operate the Project in the public interest. Notice of any contract with respect to the Project having a term in excess of three (3) years entered into by Heartland shall be given to the City. Any contracts entered into by Heartland shall not run with the land as to the Project or commit the City to making any payments thereunder. The contracts made by Heartland listed on Exhibit A hereto attached, without regard to length of term, are hereby approved by the City. Each contract entered into by Heartland after the date of this Management Contract with respect to the Project shall contain the following provision:

"Any rights hereunder shall in all events be subject to the requirements of that Lease Purchase Agreement dated October 9, 2001 (the "Original Agreement"), by and between the City and Heartland, as amended and supplemented by that Addendum to Lease Purchase Agreement dated August 26, 2003 (the "First Addendum") by and between said parties, as further amended and supplemented by that Second Addendum to Lease Purchase Agreement dated as of December 1, 2004 (the "Second Addendum" and collectively, with the Original Agreement and the First Addendum, the "Agreement"), including, but not limited to, requirements for cancellation under Rev. Proc. 82-26 and, specifically, the requirement that the City have the right to obtain unencumbered fee title to the Project (including additions thereto) and exclusive possession of the Project."

4. **LIABILITY INSURANCE.** During the term of this Management Contract, Heartland shall at its own expense maintain comprehensive general liability insurance on the Project and its operation in amounts not less than \$1,000,000 for bodily injury and property damage for each occurrence with an annual aggregate limitation of not less than \$2,000,000. During the term of this Management Contract, Heartland shall also maintain excess liability or umbrella liability insurance coverage on the Project and its operation in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 for bodily injury and property damage for each occurrence and with an annual aggregate limitation of not less than \$2,000,000. Any policy for liability insurance maintained under the terms of this paragraph 4 shall show the City as an additional named insured. Heartland shall provide evidence of such insurance upon request by the City as made from time

to time. The City shall have the right to obtain such additional liability insurance with respect to the Project as it shall determine appropriate from time to time.

5. **USES TO CONFORM TO LAW.** During the term of this Management Contract, the parties shall promptly comply with all valid statutes, laws, ordinances, regulations, rules, orders, judgments and requirements of all federal, state, local and other governmental authorities, now or hereafter applicable to the Project as to the manner of use or condition of the Project. In the event compliance with any of the foregoing requires additions, improvements and/or modifications to the Project, Heartland agrees to plan, design and construct such additions, modifications and/or improvements and the City agrees to reimburse Heartland as additional rent under the Agreement for direct expenses of the Project including engineers, architects, contractors, supplies and materials. In connection with any such required additions, improvements and/or modifications, the cost thereof required to be paid by the City shall not include the cost of any services provided by Heartland or its officers or employees.

6. **CHOICE OF LAWS.** This Management Contract shall be governed by the laws of the United States and the State of Nebraska and the ordinances of the City.

7. **AMENDMENTS.** Any amendment to this Management Contract shall be made in writing, duly approved and executed by the City and Heartland, notwithstanding any verbal or informal understanding or commitment to the contrary.

8. **STATUS OF MANAGEMENT CONTRACT; SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS.** This Management Contract represents an independent agreement of Heartland and the City. If any provisions of this Management Contract shall be held or deemed to be or shall, in fact, be inoperative or unenforceable as applied in any particular case, for any reason, such circumstance shall not have the effect of rendering the provision in question inoperative or unenforceable in any other case or circumstance, or of rendering any other provision or provisions herein contained invalid, inoperative or unenforceable to any extent whatever. The invalidity or unenforceability of any one or more phrases, sentences, clauses or paragraphs in this Management Contract contained shall not affect the remaining portions of this Management Contract or any part hereof. Any determination as to the invalidity or unenforceability of this Management Contract or any part hereof shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other agreements of the parties with respect to the Project, specifically including, without limitation, the Agreement, the Indenture and the Parking Rights and Access Agreement, all of which shall remain in full force and effect in accordance with their respective terms.

9. **HEADINGS.** The headings of paragraphs in this Management Contract are to be deemed informational only, shall not be used in construing and shall not be construed as terms, or conditions of this Management Contract.

10. **LEGAL NOTICE AND CORRECTION OF DEFAULT.** Either party to this Management Contract shall notify the other in writing if it deems there is a default in any of the provisions of this Management Contract or any related documents. Such notice may be delivered in hand, by first-class U.S. mail or using electronic media, without limitation. The party to whom notice is sent shall have thirty (30) days from the receipt of the notice to respond in writing establishing that there is no default or to correct the condition creating the default. If either party has created a default which is not removed in accordance with this paragraph and

such other provisions of this Management Contract as applied, the non-defaulting party may exercise its rights in the manner provided in this Management Contract or as provided at law or in equity to enforce its rights under this Management Contract. The addresses to which notices are to be sent as of the date of approval and execution of this Management Contract are:

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Attn: Mayor
P.O. Box 1968
100 East First Street
Grand Island, NE 68802-1968
mayor@grand-island.com

Fonner Park Exposition and Events Center, Inc.
Attn: Registered Agent
P.O. Box 490
700 East Stolley Park Road
Grand Island, NE 68802
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11. **ASSIGNMENT.** Heartland agrees that it will not assign its rights under this Management Contract without the approval of the assignment by the City. Consent to any proposed assignment by Heartland shall not be unreasonably withheld by the City, provided that it shall not be deemed unreasonable for the City to require that any such assignment shall be to an organization exempt from taxation under Section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, (the "Code") qualified for such exemption under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code.

Heartland covenants that it will not make an assignment of any interest in this Management Contract which would have the effect of causing the interest on the Building Bonds to be includable in gross income under the Code.

12. **TERM OF MANAGEMENT CONTRACT.** It is the expectation of the parties that this Management Contract will be renewed and continued periodically until all bonds outstanding under the Indenture have been paid in full or satisfied prior to final maturity in accordance with the terms of the Indenture. The term of this Management Contract shall be deemed to commence upon execution by the City and Heartland and shall extend for a period of one year. At the end of this initial one-year term, the term of this Management Agreement shall be automatically extended for additional consecutive one year periods, until terminated as hereinafter provided. Anything in this Management Contract to the contrary notwithstanding, the term of this Management Contract including any and all extensions shall automatically terminate in the event that the City exercises its right to obtain unencumbered fee title to the Project under the terms of the Indenture and the Agreement, in accordance with and under the requirements of Rev. Proc. 82-26. Heartland shall have the additional right to terminate this Management Contract at any time upon one hundred twenty (120) days' notice to the City.

13. **RELATIONSHIP OF PARTIES.** The relationship between the City and Heartland is that of beneficial owner (the City) and agent manager (Heartland) and nothing contained in this Management Contract is intended to or shall be deemed to create any other relationship.

14. This Management Contract has been dated for convenience of reference as shown on the initial page hereof. This Management Contract has been actually executed on the date set forth below for each of the parties.

Date for Execution by City: December 21, 2004

ATTEST:

RaNae Edwards
RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA,

By: Jay Vavricek
Jay Vavricek, Mayor

Date for Execution by Heartland: December 20, 2004

ATTEST:

Hugh Miner, Jr.
Hugh Miner, Jr., Secretary

FONNER PARK EXPOSITION AND EVENTS
CENTER, INC.

By: Brian Hamilton
Brian Hamilton, President

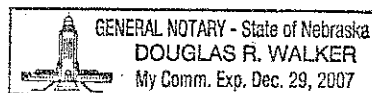
STATE OF NEBRASKA)
) SS:
COUNTY OF HALL)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 21st day of December, 2004, by Jay Vavricek, Mayor of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, a city of the first class of the State of Nebraska; on behalf of such city.

Witness my hand and notarial seal, this 21st day of December, 2004.

Douglas R. Walker
Notary Public

STATE OF NEBRASKA)
) SS:
COUNTY OF HALL)



The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 20th day of December, 2004, by Brian Hamilton, President of Fonner Park Exposition and Events Center, Inc., a Nebraska nonprofit corporation, on behalf of the corporation.

Witness my hand and notarial seal, this 20th day of December, 2004.

Bruce A. Swihart
Notary Public

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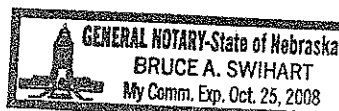


EXHIBIT "A"

1. Agreement with Saint Francis Medical Center dated July 15, 2002
2. Agreement with Hall County Agricultural Society, Incorporated dated August 2, 2002
3. Agreement with the County of Hall, Nebraska dated May 25, 2004
4. Agreement with We Aim to Please, Inc. dated June 10, 2004
5. Agreement with the State of Nebraska Department of Economic Development dated July 5, 2004.
6. Agreement with KWS, Inc. dated August 16, 2004
7. Agreement with Hall County Livestock Improvement Association dated July 12, 2000
8. Agreement with The Pepsi Bottling Group dated December 5, 2001 (Pepsi Bottling Group)