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## Lincolmites can find thrills and spills at Midwestern amusement parks

by CHRIS BURBACH

Those not particularly amused by Lincoln's many summer attractions can find thrills and spills galore at three Midwestern fun spots all within automobile range.

Closest to Lincoln is the adventure-packed world of Peony Park in Omaha. Peony features 21 rides including a roller coaster. The rides cost between one and four ride tickets which sell for 25 cents each. A full day ride ticket for weekdays will set you back \$7.95, while a full day weekend ticket (Friday, Saturday and Sun-

day) costs \$8.95.

Peony offers many attractions in addition to its rides. It has a midway with seven games of skill. Several concession stands vend food to satisfy the hunger. Patrons are well advised to digest for an hour before they indulge in another of Peony Park's many pleasures, the swimming pool.

The pool, possibly one of the largest concrete-bottomed swimming pools in the country, features a mile and a half sand beach and a new water slide, which Clark said he expects to be a major attraction this season.

Sprite Night at the Royal Grove Amphitheatre and Coke Date Day highlight Peony's promotions. Other promotions and specials will be announced in newspapers and on radio stations.

**PEONY ALSO** offers picnic and banquet facilities, baseball diamonds, horseshoe pits and a ballroom.

Clark said he doesn't expect the dragging economy to affect Peony Park's business.

"The economy doesn't really affect us as much as it does the bigger parks which rely on tourism," he said.

Clark also said he expects the water slide to draw people even in wet or cool weather.

Peony Park opens Friday for its "Sneak Peak" weekend and will be open every weekend through May. It opens full time on Memorial Day.

Some folks who seek a bigger park and are willing to travel or just enjoy a road trip, may wish to test the pleasures of Adventureland in Des Moines, Iowa.

Adventureland boasts more than 100 rides, shows and attractions, according to general manager Jay Glasnapp. It's a theme park, featuring turn-of-the-century decor and shows.

The pride of the rides at Adventureland is a raging roller coaster called the Tornado. The wooden coaster has a 97-foot drop and its cars reach speeds of

68 miles an hour.

The "Raging River" is a new ride at Adventureland this season. It's a white water raft ride, the first of its kind in the Midwest, according to Glasnapp, who said he expects it to be a big splash.

**FIVE DIFFERENT** live shows are performed daily at Adventureland including the "Daniel and the Dixie Diggers." The animated dog show is a new attraction in which Daniel and his diggers perform to Dixieland music. The park's shows cater to all age groups. After May 27, Adventureland will offer two country shows nightly.

Glasnapp, who said he relies on out-of-county people for 75 percent of his business, does not fear the economy — "not in the least; we're just optimistic."

Adventureland opens for business on Saturday and is open weekends only until May 27, after which it will be open daily.

Tickets for a day of fun at Adventureland cost \$9.95 plus sales tax for those twelve and over and \$8.95 for those between four and 11 years of age. Those under three get in free.

A round-trip bus ticket to Des Moines costs \$50.35. An auto trip to Adventureland will cost approximately \$25, based on projected gas prices and 20 miles to the gallon.

**WORLDS OF FUN** in Kansas City, Mo., offers fun-seekers a whole slew of rides, featuring the heart-stopping Orient Express roller coaster.

The Forum Amphitheatre at Worlds of Fun is always a hot spot for big-name entertainment. This season, such varied acts as Scott Baio, The Tubes, The Statler Brothers, The Dive Band, Eddie Rabbit, The Osmond Family, Doctor Hook, T.J. Sheppard, and Ronnie Milsap will perform at the Forum.

A season passport to Worlds of Fun costs \$29.95. Bus fare to Kansas City is \$56.

## Monday - Import Night

All import beer \$1.00

## Tuesday - Two-Fers

2-Fers on bar drinks

## Wednesday - Wheel of Fortune

Price on wheel is the price of all bar liquor drinks for each half hour following spin From 35¢ to 95¢

## Thursday - Tequila Night

Most tequila drinks 75¢

## Live Music

Friday & Saturdays

## Daily Happy Hour

4:30-6:30 Monday through Thursday

3:30-6:30 Friday



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