

Labor Day features include fair, Septemberfest

## Nebraskans prepare for week-long event

## FAIR

By Gretchen Boehr  
Senior Reporter

A high school cheerleading contest, a quiz bowl and a larger University of Nebraska display have been added to the numerous events and exhibits at the Nebraska State Fair this year, according to Sharon Schrock, receptionist at the State Fair administration office.



The university display, located in the Bob Devaney Sports Center, will have information about the nine colleges at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln as well as the University of Nebraska at Omaha and the University of Nebraska Medical Center. The fair starts Friday and runs through Sept. 10.

Five schools have entered the cheerleading contest, Schrock said, which will take place in front of the grandstand on Sept. 6.

High school students will compete against each other by answering timed questions in the quiz bowl. Schrock said 20 schools have entered the contest which is scheduled for Sept. 5 and will be on the grandstand's fourth floor.

The Children's Festival, new to the fair last year, will be expanded because of its popularity, Schrock said. The highlight of the festival,

Sept. 9 and 10, will be a 20th-Birthday Celebration for Sesame Street.

Special days for lower entrance prices include:

- Veterans' Day, Saturday, when all veterans and members of a veterans' auxiliary pay \$1 gate admission. Also, those presenting proofs of purchase from Era Detergent or Ivory Liquid will receive \$2 to \$4 off the admission price.

- Dollar Days, Tuesday and Wednesday, gate admission is \$1.

- Food Bank and Ag Day, Thursday, admission is \$1 with a can of food to donate to the Food Bank or an Ag Day coupon.

- Kids' Day, Sept. 9, gives kids under 16 free admission until 6 p.m.

- Last Blast is Sept. 10 with free gate admission after 4 p.m.

- Midway rides with an all-day pass are \$8:

- Friday, 6 p.m. to midnight.
- Sunday, 1 to 6 p.m.
- Thursday, 6 p.m. to midnight.
- Sept. 10, 4 p.m. to midnight.

## NEBRASKA

From Staff Reports

Some Nebraskans have heard their state described as "that black hole between Chicago and Denver, where nothing ever happens."

But these poor foreigners have never been around the Cornhusker state on the Labor Day weekend.

"This weekend is for towns that choose to have a celebration on Labor Day rather than the Fourth of July," said Mary Emanuel, development consultant at the Nebraska Department of Tourism.

Here's a look at some of the celebrations and events in Nebraska:

- Crawford's Old Timer's Rodeo in Crawford. The one stipulation for being in the rodeo is that participants must be at least 40 years old.

- Velma Rising, director of the rodeo, said "We have a bareback rider that is 67 years old and a calf-roping team in their 80s."

- Crawford's Old Timer's Rodeo will be Sunday through Monday.

- The German Heritage Festival will be in Grand Island today through Sunday. The festival features ethnic dancers, food, music and a bike race.

- The Ogallala Yacht Club's Governor's Cup Regatta at Lake McConaughy. The event, planned for Saturday through Monday, will feature 300 sailboats.

- "This is real pretty to see," Emanuel said.

- The American Legion Labor Day Celebration in Schuyler Monday includes a carnival and a parade at 1:30 p.m.

## OMAHA

By Matt Burton  
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"Septemberfest, A Salute to Labor" will kick off Labor Day weekend in Omaha.

By Friday afternoon, Septemberfest will be roaring full tilt. A carnival, live entertainment, a beer garden, and information booths will abound.

The carnival will feature many types of entertainment, according to Terry Moore, Septemberfest chairman.

Making its debut at the festival is "The Kamikaze." This ride features cars roaring toward each other at mega-speeds and heights.

A 100-foot-long bumper car court, jugglers, clowns and a monkey vendor all can be found at the festival.

The convention center will be filled with a number of labor displays from lines of work such as plumbers and milkmen.

Tony the Tiger will be giving away \$10,000 worth of cereal.

"The Death Defying Act of Douglas McValley" from Las Vegas will be performing in front of the Music Hall. McValley and an associate will ride motorcycles in the "Globe of Death," reaching speeds of 65 mph.

One person will receive 36 Corvettes from Septemberfest and VH-1. The winner will get a Corvette of each year from 1953 to 1989. Some of the Corvettes will be on display. One contest winner will be flown to New York to watch the Beach Boys. Among items, free Beach Boys records and T-shirts will be given away.

"Septemberfest" will feature a Labor Day parade on Monday starting at 15th and Jackson streets and winding to Central Park Mall. More than 1,000 people are expected to participate in this year's parade. Last year, 30,000 spectators attended the event.

Another event, "The Great Kinetic Sculpture Race," begins Saturday. In this event, human-powered vehicles -- able to conquer both land and water -- will race on a 10-mile course, beginning at Dodge Park and ending at Central Park Mall some-

time on Sunday, Moore said. In the past, vehicles in the event have resembled Fred Flintstone's car.

"Septemberfest" began Thursday and continues through Sept. 4.

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CAMPUS

From Staff Reports

Looking for an alternative to the Nebraska State Fair this Labor Day Weekend? Rock 'n' roll and the recreation center are two of your choices.

The first annual Bug Eater's Ball will be Friday night at the parking lot south of Gold's Galleria. Gates open at 6 p.m. and admission is \$1. Sweet Potato will open the ball and Lie Awake will headline the evening's festivities. Beer will be served, so no minors are allowed.

Those students who aren't going away for the weekend, and don't want to remain sedentary, can work out at the Campus Recreation/Athletic Facility, at 841 N. 14 St. The rec center will be open Saturday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Sunday 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Monday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The UNL women's volleyball team will be playing the University of Iowa Saturday at 4 p.m. in the Coliseum. Admission is free for students with student identification cards and \$3 for general spectators.

The Husker freshman football team also will be playing on Saturday. They will take on Snow Junior College at 1 p.m. and admission is free.

Folk art inspires works  
by contemporary artistsBy Gretchen Boehr  
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Paintings, drawings and sculptures inspired by folk art make up the year's first exhibition in the Department of Art and Art History Gallery at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Paintings and sculptures by Stephanie Cooper of Cincinnati, and Don Gahr and Arne Nyen of Minneapolis create the "Contemporary Painting and Mixed Media" display in Gallery A.

Ink drawings by Carl Strobel will appear in Gallery B. Both galleries are located in 102 Richards Hall.

A public reception Thursday evening opened the exhibition which lasts through Sept. 28.

According to Susan Moss, associate director of the gallery, the four artists are widely exhibited around the nation.

"These two shows are of current artists," she said, "and 'Mixed Media' in the exhibition's title means the artists are using materials they want to use to create this art."

Nyen applies acrylic to raw cotton batting covered with gloss varnish for his colorful abstracts, which often are portrait-like.

He said some elements of his work draw from folk art.

Nyen said, "I try to combine beauty and humor in my paintings. My work has a sort of sophisticated naivete."

Gahr's three-dimensional wood and acrylic animals also have roots in folk art style, "and I think my work is inspired by aboriginal cultures," he said.

Gahr's five pieces on display in Richards Hall include two whales, two cats and a fox.

"Animals are neat because

almost all of them have a built-in meaning in their history, whether it's biblical or from native man," he said. "Whales are interesting to me because they have built-in symbolism from 'Moby Dick' to their current plight of going extinct."

Cooper's small sculptures have a narrative quality, Moss said. Painted wooden figures in curious settings seem to be trying to tell a story, she said.

"It's unclear what it is they are trying to say, and this is what makes the sculptures so interesting," she said.

"Porcupine Woman" and "Feeling a Little Tense" are the titles of two of Cooper's sculptures.

Strobel's 30 ink-on-paper drawings in Gallery B were selected from the collection of Charles R. Chandler, of Memphis, Tenn.

According to Moss, Strobel suffered a stroke two or three years ago and is no longer able to draw.

The people in Strobel's drawings are both comical and sensuous. The lines are simple but the subject matter is usually very detailed.

Many of his drawings consist of a person surrounded by the fluid lines of other people in the background.

Both Nyen and Gahr are associated with the Thomas Barry Art Gallery in Minneapolis.

Other exhibitions in the gallery this fall will include "White Heat: an Exhibition of Porcelain Ceramics," from Oct. 3 through 26; "Through the Lens," a national photography competition, from Oct. 31 through Nov. 21; and MFA Thesis Exhibitions by Kate Brooke, Judy Burton and Georgia Johnson, Nov. 27 through Dec. 14.



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Graduate art students Paul Connor and Angie Meche view a work by Stephanie Cooper. The Porcupine Woman is part of a contemporary painting and mixed media exhibit at Richards Hall Sept. 1 through 28.

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