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June 2019

City Happenings



A Renovated Kirkpatrick Memorial Park Lake Open



The lake restoration is nearing completion at Kirkpatrick Memorial Park Lake. The project started last summer and was seen as a prerequisite to other park improvements.

Project work included dredging, bank stabilization, and improved access, including sidewalks and handicap accessible fishing pads. The restoration will improve wildlife habitat and prevent future bank erosion.

Landscaping will be continuously added over the next couple of years, including grasses, shrubs and trees. Some of this will take place in conjunction with other park improvements (see page 3). There will also be a new paved driveway and parking areas.

The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission will resume stocking the lake with fish

twice a year. This is typically done in the spring and fall.

Funding for the project includes grants from the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality, the Nebraska Game & Parks Commission, Dawson County, and the Central Platte Natural Resources District.



City Offices:



406 E 7th Street



Lexington, NE 68850



308-324-2341



LEXINGTON

FARMERS MARKET

June 8 - October 12, 2019
 Bob's True Value Parking Lot
 (1601 Plum Creek Parkway)
 Saturdays 8 - 11 a.m.
 Tuesdays 3 - 6 p.m.

Red Cross Swimming Lessons
Three Sessions June to August



Lexington Family Aquatic Center (LFAC) 10th & Monroe

Session 1 - June 17-28
Session 2 - July 8-19
Session 3 - July 22-August 2

TIMES (all sessions)
 9:30 - 10:15 AM - Levels 3 - 6
 10:30 - 11:00 AM - Levels 1 & 2

For more information and to register, contact Parks & Recreation Director Ann Luther, 308-325-5277. Registration forms are available at the LFAC.



Veterans Pavilion Coming to Lexington

Residents of Lexington will soon have something new to point to, as a group of dedicated volunteers are partnering with the City to create a new public venue.

"We're calling it Veterans Pavilion at Kirkpatrick Memorial Park," said Mayor John Fagot. He added that the venue would be an outdoor performance site, with some permanent seating, but mostly open grass seating.

The development will be built on eight acres that was donated to the city of Lexington several years ago by the Kirkpatrick family, west of the Dawson County Museum and the newly renovated lake (see page 1).

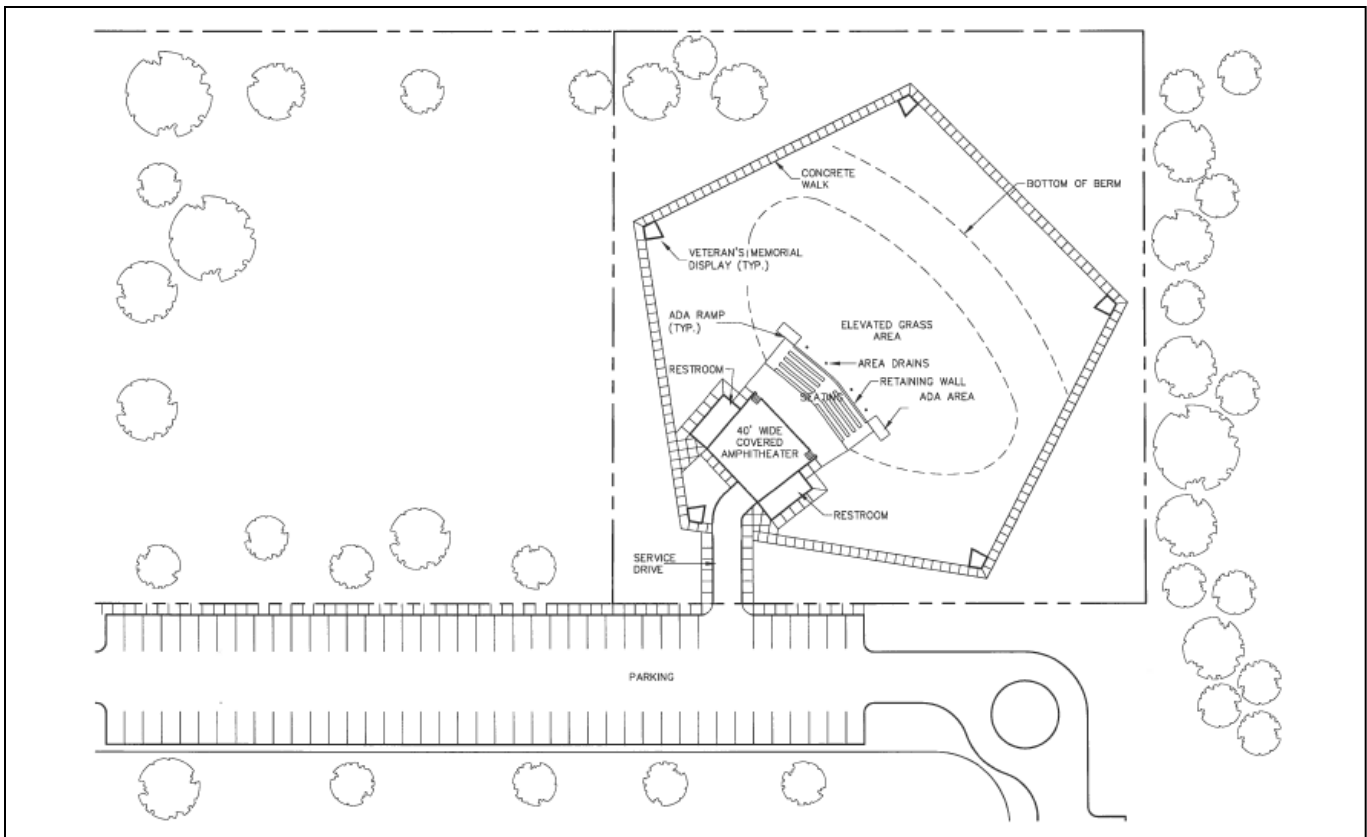
The site will feature a covered amphitheater with full restroom facilities, encircled by a walking path between different military stopping points.

Entrances to the new facility will be built off Seventh and Monroe streets, with additional parking along both sides.

Fagot said the venue will be similar to the facility at Kearney's Yanney Park, which has hosted various performances and events in its short history. "We want to make sure we do it right," he said.

The cost of the project is estimated to be \$800,000. The committee has started a fundraising effort to put this project on a fast track in order to have the pavilion available for use in the summer of 2021. Lexington Community Foundation will serve as the fiscal agent for the project. All donations are tax deductible as allowed by law.

Committee members include veterans Jim Bliven, Dave Smith, Steve Zerr and Dick Prasch; Daughters of the American Revolution Marge Bader; Lexington Community Foundation Jackie Berke; City Council members Jeremy Roberts and John Fagot, and City Manager Joe Peplitsch. If you wish to get involved in the project, contact any of the members.





Library News

by Kathy Thomsen
Library Director



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Summer Reading 2019 has arrived at the Lexington Public Library! Children from Preschool through Grade 5 began registering for summer reading on May 23. The reading portion of the summer reading program will run during the month of June. Registered readers will be eligible for prizes and the end of the **summer pizza party** on July 12.

Children's programs scheduled for the "Universe of Stories" theme include:



June 3, 1:00 p.m.
Summer Reading Kick-off
Jammin' Randy
"Music and Stories"



June 11, 10:30 a.m.
Keith West and Miss Kitty
"A Universe of Stories"



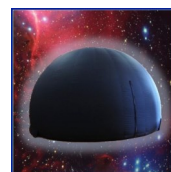
June 13, 10:30 a.m.
Crane River Theater
"You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown!"



June 17, 10:30 a.m.
Magician **Adam White** - "The Importance of Visiting Your Library"



June 18, 10:30 a.m.
Curtis Monk, "The LEGO Guy"
Interactive LEGO program



June 20, 10:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.
Edgerton Explorit Center - "Space Dome" - Kids must pre-register to attend one of the Dome sessions.



July 12, 10:30 a.m.
Summer Reading Finale
Thad Beach
on ukulele
"Music of the Stars"

June Activities

At 10:30 a.m. Wednesday mornings the Library will host a "Craft & Storytime" for children

Pre-Kindergarten through First Grade. A "Craft & Storytime" for children Grade 2 through Grade 5 will be offered on Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m. Children and their families are invited to "Drop-in" at the library on Friday mornings after 10:30 a.m. for a fun make and take craft activity.

The Library will be hosting five **Library Initiative Grant** programs for families and adults June & July:



Sunday, June 2, 2019, at 2:00 p.m. - **Rascal Martinez** from Sutherland, Nebraska, is a multi-instrumentalist musician. Rascal offers a mix of alternative folk music and soft rock, performing a wide range of tunes hailing from the '50s, '60s and '70s in genres that include Country, Oldies, Classic Rock and Alternatives.



Tuesday, June 11, 2019, 7:00 p.m. - **Bob & Sheila Everhart** are devoted to the performance and preservation

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Library News

PUBLIC LIBRARY

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of America's rural music. They have recorded six award winning albums with the Smithsonian Institution and additional six recordings for Prairie Music Records.



Sunday, June 30, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. – **Stephanie Grace Whitson**

The Nebraska author will present "Stories in Stone," a virtual "cemetery walk," illuminating the poignant, unexpected, and sometimes humorous "stories in stone" found in pioneer cemeteries.



Sunday, July 14, 2019, at 2:00 p.m. – **The Hollands**

are a multinational family band with roots in Australia and the US, who have performed in over 10 countries. They are known for engaging audiences and rousing a sing-along with their merrymaking. By the end of their performance, audiences will feel like they are part of the band.

Sunday, July 21, 2019, 2:00 p.m. – **Joey Leone**, a blues guitar player and music historian, will perform



"AM Radio Memories - The Hits & Stories behind the Songs of the '50s, '60s and

'70s." His program includes musical performances, historical facts and personal stories.



Monday, July 22, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. – **Hampstead Stage Company**

Hampstead Stage Company will perform "Stories in the Stars."



June is
Small Cities Month

Lexington
Family Aquatic
Center 2019 Season
May 25 - August 4

Hours: 1:00- 7:30 pm M-Th
1:00 - 6:00 pm Fri-Sun
10th & Monroe

Admission Information: www.cityoflex.com



DRIVING RANGE NOW OPEN



May be closed if cold or rainy . . .
Notices posted on the City's Facebook Page
**Just southeast of the Lexington Fieldhouse
Optimist Recreation Complex
13th & Airport Road**

Small Bucket
about 40 balls
\$3

Medium Bucket
about 75 balls
\$5

Large Bucket
about 105 balls
\$7



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<https://www.facebook.com/pages/City-of-Lexington-Nebraska/157277430966096>

Remember, you're not just walking the dog



Clean up after your pet

Did you know . . .

. . . that pet waste has bacteria that makes our lakes and rivers unsafe for swimming and other recreational activities?

Most of us pick up after our pets to be a good neighbor and keep our yards clean. But there's another important reason to clean up after our pets.

Pet waste contains bacteria that is harmful to our water. Leaving it on the sidewalk or in the yards means that harmful bacteria can get washed into storm drains and roadside ditches that flow directly into our lakes and rivers untreated.

So what can you do? Simple:

Whether you are in your yard or on a walk, dispose of your pet's waste promptly in the trash or toilet to prevent it from entering storm drains and roadside ditches.

Pick up after your pet - and help keep our water clean!



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EnergyWise Tip: **Cool Windows**

by NPPD Energy Efficiency Program Manager Cory Fuehrer

As Nebraska switches from heating to cooling season, we usually enjoy a few short weeks without continuously hearing our home's HVAC system running. But it won't be long until the rising mercury has our air conditioning systems buzzing.. Stay cool, and manage your costs for doing so, by first reducing the amount of infrared heat entering your home. When outdoor temperatures exceed your thermostat setting for cooling, energy savings from the sun's "free lighting" is rapidly offset by air conditioning costs. How can you regulate this unwanted heat?



Shades

When properly installed, window shades can be a simple and effective way to save energy. Shades should

be mounted as close to the glass as possible with the sides of the shade held close to the wall to establish a sealed air space.

Quilted roller shades, some types of Roman shades, and pleated shades feature several layers of material and sealed edges. These shades act as both insulation and a barrier to control air infiltration more effectively than other soft window treatments. For even

more efficiency, use dual-sided shades that are reflective (white) on one side and heat absorbing (dark) on the other. These can be reversed with the seasons. The reflective surface should always face the warmest side – outward during the cooling season and inward during the heating season.



Blinds

Because of their operating slats, blinds offer flexibility in the summer. Unlike shades, you can adjust the slats to control light and ventilation. When completely closed and lowered on a sunny window, highly reflective blinds can reduce heat gain by around 45 percent. They can also be adjusted to block and reflect direct sunlight onto a light-colored ceiling to provide additional lighting.



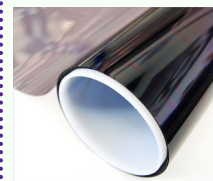
Drapery

A drapery's ability to reduce heat loss and gain depends on several factors, including fabric type (closed or open weave) and color. With such a wide

variety of drapery available, it is difficult to generalize their energy performance.

During summer days, you should close drapery on windows receiving direct sunlight to prevent heat gain. Studies demonstrate medium-

colored drapery with white, plastic backings can reduce heat gains by 33 percent. To reduce heat exchange between the glass and window treatments, drapery should be hung as close to windows as possible.

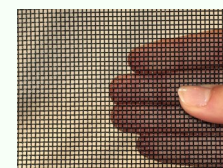


High-Reflectivity Films

High-reflectivity window films

help block summer heat gain. They are best used in climates with long cooling seasons because they also block winter thermal heat. Silver, mirror-like films typically are more effective as a heat gain deterrent than colored, more transparent films. Covering east- and west-facing windows can produce the greatest benefit.

Note that window films do have some disadvantages, too. They can significantly reduce the level of interior light or visible transmittance. They may also impair outside visibility. Some films require extra care when cleaning, and exterior reflections could pose a problem.



Mesh Window Screens

Mesh window screens can

diffuse solar radiation, reducing

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Cool Windows

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summertime heat gain. Screens should be mounted in an exterior frame and should cover entire windows. They are particularly effective on east- and west-facing windows.



Overhangs

Properly sized and installed roof overhangs can most effectively shade south-facing windows from

summer heat. If oriented properly, overhangs will allow sunlight in through the windows during winter, providing more warmth to a house. It is easy to incorporate overhangs into a home design before or while it's under construction. Adding an overhang to an existing home, however, can be quite difficult and sometimes impossible. Window awnings, louvered patio covers, or lattice-type panels can be considered as alternatives for existing homes.



Shutters

Both interior and exterior shutters, can help reduce summertime heat gain in your home. Remember that interior shutters need a clear space to the side of the window when opened. They also require hardware fastened to the window jams or trim. Properly designed exterior shutters may

provide the best possible window insulation system. They also offer advantages of weather protection, added security, and no use of interior space.



Awnings

With their recent rise in popularity, the U.S. Department of Energy calculates window awnings can reduce solar heat gain in the summer by up to 65 percent on south-facing

windows and 77 percent on west-facing windows. Today, awnings are made from synthetic fabrics that are water-repellent and treated to resist mildew and fading. You should choose one that is opaque and tightly woven. And be aware that a light-colored awning will reflect more sunlight than a darker awning.

Lexington Utilities System and Nebraska Public Power District want to help you make the most of the energy they provide you. That includes keeping your home cool this summer. For more ideas on how you can make your home EnergyWiseSM, contact Lexington Utilities System or visit www.nppd.com.



New Police Officer



Renderos



The Lexington Police Department would like to introduce Officer **Joseph Renderos** as the newest member of the department. Joseph is from the Overton area and will be attending the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center in the near future. Please welcome Officer Renderos to the Lexington community.



Third Grade Arbor Day Poster Contest Winner

For their annual 3rd grade Arbor Day poster contest, the Lexington Tree Board named **Fernanda Prado-Segura** from **Sandoz Elementary School** as this year's winner. (pictures below)

Fernanda was honored Monday, April 29, at Sandoz School. Members of the Tree Board spoke and presented Fernanda with her poster framed for posterity.



(top) Fernanda Prado-Segura holding her poster, along with Tree Board members (left to right) Gordon Sellin, Ann Luther and Marty Smith.

(bottom), Fernanda's poster.

The Tree Board judged 217 poster entries from Lexington third grade pupils. When judging, they have no knowledge of the artist or school until the judging is over. Every year there are many talented artists and creative posters, which makes the judging challenging but rewarding. The purpose of the contest is to build appreciation at an early age for trees and the many benefits they give us.

Arbor Day was originated in Nebraska and has become a national day that celebrates trees, and is always the last Friday in April. The National Arbor Foundation is headquartered in Nebraska City.

Lexington Tree Board members are: Ann Luther, Timothy Potter, Gordon Sellin, Marty Smith and Dave Stenberg.



MAKE SPARKS!
RUN FOR THE PARKS
PLUM CREEK 5K

Thursday, July 4, 2019
5K Run/Walk ★ **9:00 AM**
 with obstacles ★ **New Route**
Lexington, NE

More information: Ann Luther, 308-325-5277



YARD WASTE ONLY!

At the yard waste site on East Walnut



Violators subject to fines.
Other large items may be disposed of at the City Service Building, 801 W Vine.



801 West Vine St.
308-324-5995
Mon. - Fri.
8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

SUMMER SATURDAYS:

The Service Building is open the third Saturday of the month 8 a.m. - 12 p.m

- dispose of furniture, appliances, pallets, and other large items
- recycle paper, plastic, cardboard and pallets
- pick up free wood chips or compost



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- NEBRASKA-OWNED
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LEXINGTON LEXUS UTILITIES SYSTEM



Bike
112 miles



Run/Walk

26.2 miles



Swim

2.4 miles



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TRIATHLON

You have the month of June to do a Triathlon.

Biking and running/walking can be done either inside or outside, on your own.

We will have a chart at the LFAC to keep track of your progress.

(10th & Monroe)

All swimming will be done at the Lexington Family Aquatic Center (LFAC).

Cost: \$40...

... which includes swimming pool lap use for the month of June.

Each participant will receive a light pull-over jacket.

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CITY OF LEXINGTON TRIATHLON REGISTRATION

Last Name	First Name	Date of Birth	Age	Sex (M or F)
Address		City, State, ZIP	Phone	
Parents Name	Work Phone	Cell Phone		
		Youth M L Adult S M L XL XXL		
Emergency Contact	Phone Number	Jacket Size (circle one)		

Remit with your check for \$40 to City of Lexington, PO Box 70, 407 E 6th Street, Lexington, NE 68850, or bring to the Aquatic Center.

I give permission for my son/daughter to participate in the City Recreation Program. I release the City of Lexington, coaches, sponsors, etc., for any and all injuries which my son/daughter might suffer in connection with this program. I also understand that no medical insurance is provided by the City of Lexington.

Parents Signature

Date

TORNADO

Now that “tornado season” is here, Emergency Management Warning Sirens will sound to alert residents of an impending tornado in our area.

TORNADO NATURAL DISASTER TECHNICAL HAZARD

3 MINUTE STEADY SIGNAL

This signal indicates that a tornado, natural disaster, or technical hazard is pending. Persons should take cover or move to a place of safety and listen to a local radio or television station for information and further instructions. This siren may sound more than once if deemed necessary by Emergency Management.

Do not call the police or radio station to ask for information. People SIGHTING a tornado or funnel in this are urged to notify the Dawson County Emergency Center at 911.

ALL-CLEAR

The all-clear bulletin will be issued by the local radio and TV stations in cooperation with the National Weather Service.

Local Emergency Management WILL NOT issue an all-clear statement.

During unusual threatening weather or emergency conditions, listen to a local radio or TV station for further information.

SAFETY GUIDELINES

The following are general safety guidelines for seeking shelter:

- Move to a lower level or basement
 - If no lower level is available, move to an interior room or hallway on the lowest floor and get under a sturdy piece of furniture. Put as many walls as possible between you and the outside.
 - Stay away from windows.
 - Flying debris from tornadoes causes most deaths and injuries. Cover your head and make yourself the smallest target possible.
- Do not try to outrun a tornado in your car; instead, get out of the vehicle and seek safe shelter in a nearby building.
- If you are outside and there is no shelter immediately available, avoid trees and vehicles. Do not get under an overpass or bridge. You are safe in a low, flat location. Lie flat in a nearby ditch or depression and cover your head with your hands.

Emergency warning system tests of one minute in duration are conducted the first Thursday of each month at 9:00 a.m. **Sirens are designed for outdoors warning only.** For optimal safety, citizens are encouraged to get weather radios using the **NOAA** (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) and/or **SAME** (Specific Area Message Encoding) standards.

