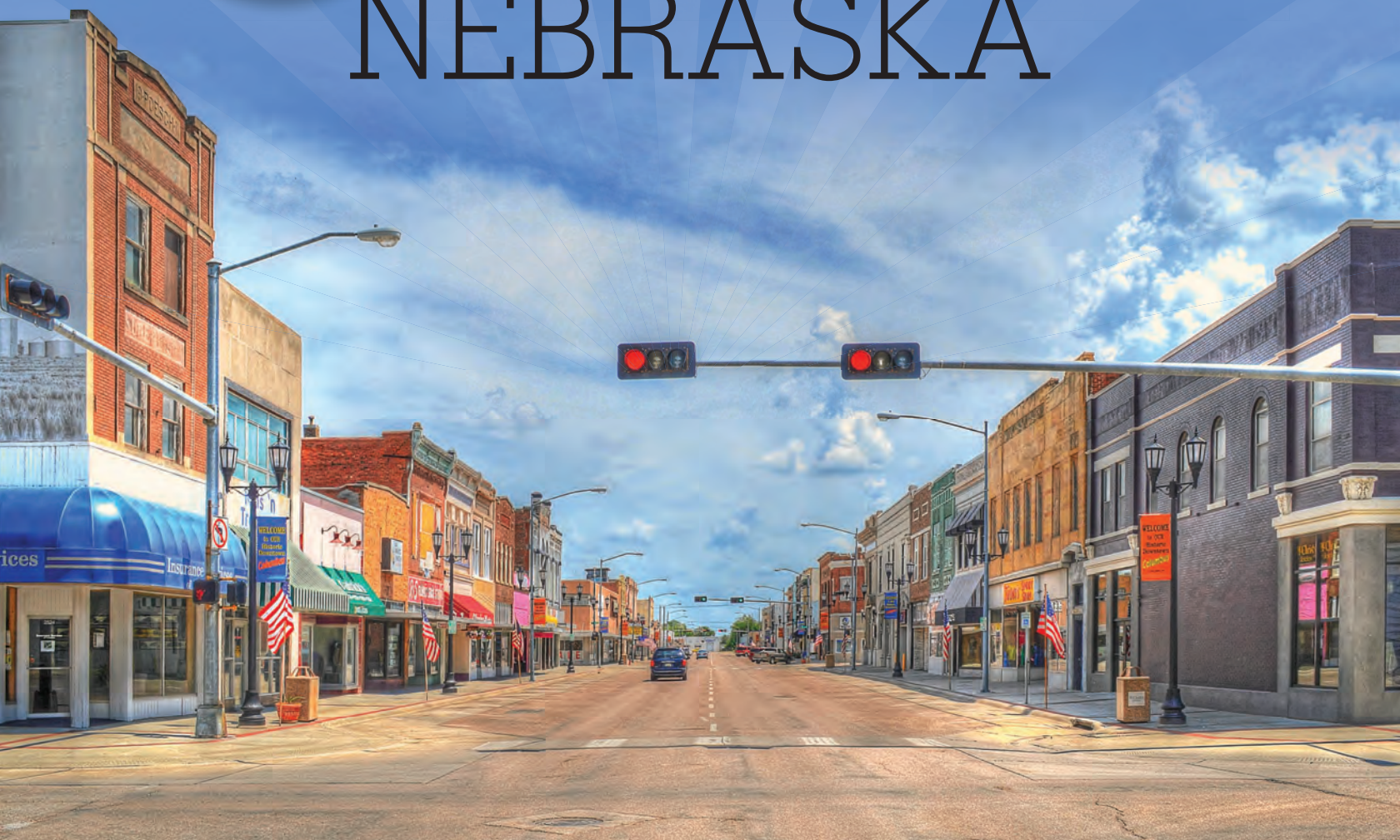
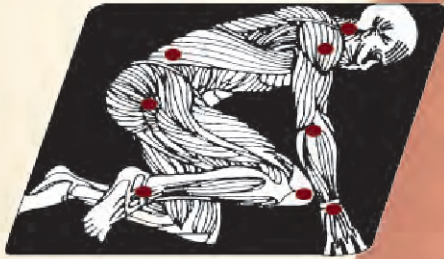


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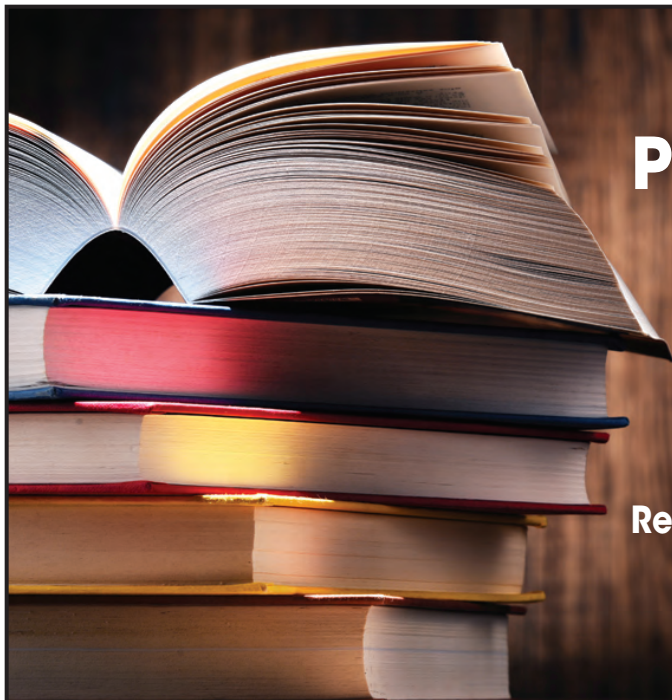
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■ Columbus is known as the most industrialized city per capita in the State of Nebraska.

■ Columbus/Duncan is home to Dorothy Lynch salad dressing – pleasing salad lovers all over the U.S.

■ The Lincoln Memorial Highway (US Hwy 30, New York to San Francisco) and the Pan American Highway (US Highway 81, Winnipeg to Galveston) were built through Platte County in the early 1900's and cross paths in Columbus.

■ Columbus was honored to be one of the first 2 cities in the United States to receive steel from the New York Twin Towers. The steel is displayed at the Andrew Jackson Higgins Memorial in Pawnee Park.

■ Columbus is home to three public power districts: Nebraska Public Power, Loup Public Power & Cornhusker Public Power. Hence "the City of Power & Progress."

■ Buffalo Bill practiced his "Wild West Show" in Columbus before taking it on the circuit.

■ Glur's Tavern in Columbus is the oldest continuous operating tavern west of the Missouri River.

■ Tarnov, Platte County, was bombed on August 16, 1943, during a practice run during World War II.

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Welcome!

Welcome to Columbus, Nebraska, and Platte County area! We invite you to “explore” all that Columbus and the area has to offer. Explore our bike/walk trails; Lake North; three types of golf: Foot, disc and regular course golf; fishing and many more outdoor activities. Experience our great local dining and unique downtown boutiques and shops. Plus we have historical attractions that will help you explore our rich history and allow you to get a sense of who we are and where our roots came from.

Pack up the family for a summer “weekend getaway”! Splash, float, swim and slide at the Pawnee Plunge Water Park and check out the exotic animals at the Horn T Zoo in Monroe. Like puzzles? Then try your luck at the “Escape Rooms” in downtown Columbus. And don’t forget to savor a “famous Glur’s burger” before retiring for the night at one of our great hotels.

Consider this your invitation to visit during Duncan’s Ribfest or Lindsay’s Pivot Days in June or the Annual Columbus Days Celebration in August. Check out the calendar of events to see what other events might fit your fancy and come join us!

We invite you to visit, stay and experience our “Something Good”. It’s a place we are proud to call home!



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History OF COLUMBUS



Early in 1856, several men living in Columbus, Ohio, dreamed of a bold business venture: the establishment of a town along the route of the proposed transcontinental railway. By March they had formed the “Columbus Town Company.” Believing the logical choice for a railroad would be in the wide, flat Platte Valley that stretched from the Missouri to the mountains, they chose to locate their town at the confluence of the Loup and Platte rivers in the Nebraska Territory.

Eleven of the 13 men were of German descent, one was Swiss, and one was Irish. They ranged in age from 22 to 42. They traveled by ox team 80 miles west from Omaha arriving at the Columbus Settlement site on May 29, 1856. Using trees from along the Loup, they built a log cabin with a thatched roof. This served as a home for the colony until other houses could be built.

When more pioneers arrived in the new town, a sawmill, grist mill, and a brewery sprang up. The well-established village was an easy choice for county seat when the area north of the Platte was reorganized.



The “choice location” not only placed Columbus on the main line of the Union Pacific Railroad, but later as a hub for branch lines such as the Atchison & Nebraska from Lincoln, and the Omaha, Niobrara and Black Hills to Norfolk.

Buffalo Bill was a frequent visitor to Columbus, being a good friend of the North Brothers. The North Brothers were known for beginning and overseeing the group of native Americans known as the Pawnee Scouts. The Scouts were renowned for the assistance they provided the U.S. government during its westward expansion. Buffalo Bill so enjoyed Columbus that it



was the site for the first full dress rehearsal of Buffalo Bill’s Wild West Show. The wild west extravaganza formally opened in Omaha a couple days later.

With the adoption of the automobile as the preferred method of transportation, the cry “take Nebraska out of the mud” resulted in paving the old Mormon Trail/Lincoln Highway (U.S. 30) and the Meridian Highway (U.S. 81) making Columbus the “crossroads of the nation.” Bridges over the rivers were improved and a viaduct was built across the busy U.P. tracks.

By 1910 Columbus had a population of 5,000, a sizeable number of inhabitants for those days. It was a strong commercial point for goods going west. The town’s next big growth spurt came in the mid part of the century when the Columbus economy became three pronged: industry, agriculture and electricity.

Adapted from Irene O’Brien’s article for the Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce



Calendar OF EVENTS

This is a partial listing of events held in the Columbus area. For a complete list visit www.visitcolumbusne.com. All dates subject to change.

JANUARY

JANUARY 9—12

PLATTE VALLEY PLAYHOUSE “MAKING A KILLING”

CCC - Columbus Campus Theatre
Thur. - Sat. 8 pm
Sun. 2 pm
402-564-STAR

JANUARY 24 - 26

PLATTE VALLEY ARCHERS INDOOR ARCHERY TOURNAMENT

Ag Park
402-563-4292

FEBRUARY

FEBRUARY 1

RACER'S WINTER SWAP MEET

Ag Park
8 am - 3 pm
402-276-0322

FEBRUARY 8—9

HEARTLAND GYMNASTICS INVITATIONAL

CCC - Columbus Campus Gym
Fri. 6 pm - 10 pm
Sat. 8 am - 9 pm
Sun. 9 am - 6 pm
402-564-4853

FEBRUARY 8 - 9

COLUMBUS RIFLE CLUB GUN SHOW

Ag Park
Sat. 9 am - 5 pm
Sun. 9 am - 4 pm
402-564-4572

FEBRUARY 21—23

COLUMBUS HOME BUILDERS SHOW

Ag Park
Fri. 5 pm - 9 pm
Sat. 10 am - 6 pm
Sun. 12 pm - 4 pm
402-910-4142

MARCH

MARCH 7—8

SPRING FLING CREATIVE CRAFTERS CRAFT SHOW

30 Center Mall
Sat. 9 am - 5 pm
Sun. 10 am - 4 pm
402-564-1845

MARCH 19—22

PLATTE VALLEY PLAYHOUSE “CLUE ON STAGE”

CCC - Columbus Campus Theatre
Thur. - Sat. 8 pm
Sun. 2 pm
402-564-STAR

MARCH 30

COLUMBUS FRIENDS OF MUSIC - “SULTANS OF STRING”

Nantkes Performing Arts Center
7 pm
402-270-2255

APRIL

APRIL 4

DBA EASTER EGG HUNT

Frankfort Square
1 pm

APRIL 9

SALAD LUNCHEON

St. Luke's United Church
11 am - 1 pm
402-564-3407

APRIL 16

STOCK CAR RACING

US 30 Speedway
8 pm
402-910-1632

APRIL 17

COLUMBUS FRIENDS OF MUSIC - “BALL IN THE HOUSE”

Nantkes Performing Arts Center
7 pm
402-270-2255

APRIL 18

SCOTUS GALA

Scotus Central Catholic High School
5 pm
402-564-7165

APRIL 23

STOCK CAR RACING

US 30 Speedway
8 pm
402-910-1632

APRIL 29

COLUMBUS FRIENDS OF MUSIC – “PRESIDIO BRASS”

Columbus High Concert Hall
7 pm
402-270-2255

MAY

FARMER’S MARKET

Frankfort Square
Every Saturday
7:30 am–12 pm

STOCK CAR RACING

US 30 Speedway
Every Thursday, 8 pm
402-910-1632

MAY 2–3

COLUMBUS MARINERS YOUTH BASEBALL TOURNAMENT

Gerrard & Bradshaw Park
402-276-1698

MAY 9–10

COLUMBUS MARINERS YOUTH BASEBALL TOURNAMENT

Gerrard & Bradshaw Park
402-276-1698

MAY 22–23

46TH MIDWEST STREET ROD RUN & CAR SHOW

Pawnee Park
www.msranebraska.com
402-270-3091

JUNE

FARMER’S MARKET

Frankfort Square
Every Saturday
7:30 am–12 pm

STOCK CAR RACING

US 30 Speedway
Every Thursday, 8 pm
402-910-1632



Fall in Pawnee Park



JUNE 11

LAWNCHAIRS ON THE SQUARE

Frankfort Square
7 pm

JUNE 13 – 14

ANTIQUE TRACTOR, GAS ENGINE & FLEA MARKET SHOW

Pawnee Park
Sat. 8 am – dusk
Sun. 9 am–5 pm
402-564-3669

JUNE 18

LAWNCHAIRS ON THE SQUARE

Frankfort Square
7 pm

JUNE 25

LAWNCHAIRS ON THE SQUARE

Frankfort Square
7 pm

JUNE 26 – 27

PIVOT DAYS

Lindsay, NE
Fri. 5 pm – 1 am
Sat. 7 am – 1 am
402-920-0661

JUNE 27 – 28

DUNCAN RIBFEST

Main Street Duncan
Sat. 3 pm – 12 am
Sun. 11 am – 4 pm
402-897-3165

JULY

FARMER'S MARKET

Frankfort Square
Every Saturday
7:30 am–12 pm

STOCK CAR RACING

US 30 Speedway
Every Thursday, 8 pm
402-910-1632

LAWNCHAIRS ON THE SQUARE

Frankfort Square
Every Thursday, 7 pm

JULY 3

**“RED, WHITE, KABOOM”
FIREWORKS SHOW**

Ag Park
Dusk
402-564-2769

JULY 4

4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

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9 am – 6 pm
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JULY 8 – 12

PLATTE COUNTY FAIR

Ag Park
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JULY 17

**25TH ANNUAL
JUNIOR RUN**

Pawnee Park
7:30 pm
402-276-1162

JULY 18

**35TH ANNUAL
DOWNTOWN RUNAROUND**

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JULY 18

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US 30 Speedway
Every Thursday, 8 pm
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AUGUST 6

LAWNCHAIRS ON THE SQUARE

Frankfort Square
7 pm

AUGUST 13

LAWNCHAIRS ON THE SQUARE

Frankfort Square
7 pm

AUGUST 13 – 16

CALICO QUILT GUILD QUILT SHOW

Columbus Art Gallery
Thurs. 10 am – 8:30 pm
Fri. & Sat. 10 am – 4:30 pm
Sun. 1:30 pm – 4 pm

AUGUST 14

LAZY RIVER DUCK RUN

Pawnee Plunge
6 pm
402-564-5661

AUGUST 14

FLOW RIDER COMPETITION

Pawnee Plunge
6 pm
402-563-3222

AUGUST 14 – 15

COLUMBUS BARBECUE CLASSIC

14th St. & 26th Ave.
Fri. 5 pm – 11:30 pm
Sat. 11 am – 11 pm
402-564-2769

AUGUST 14 – 16

COLUMBUS DAYS

Downtown Columbus
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402-564-2769

AUGUST 15

PLATTE VALLEY MUSTANG CLUB ALL FORD SHOW

Downtown Columbus
12 pm – 4 pm
402-564-2024

SEPTEMBER**FARMER'S MARKET**

Frankfort Square
Every Saturday
7:30 am–12 pm

STOCK CAR RACING

US 30 Speedway
Every Thursday, 8 pm
402-910-1632

OCTOBER**FARMER'S MARKET**

Frankfort Square
Every Saturday
7:30 am–12 pm

OCTOBER 29

DOWNTOWN TRICK OR TREAT

Downtown Columbus
4 pm – 6 pm
402-910-6604

NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER 5

FALL MARKET

St. Luke's United Church
11 am – 7 pm
402-564-3407

NOVEMBER 8

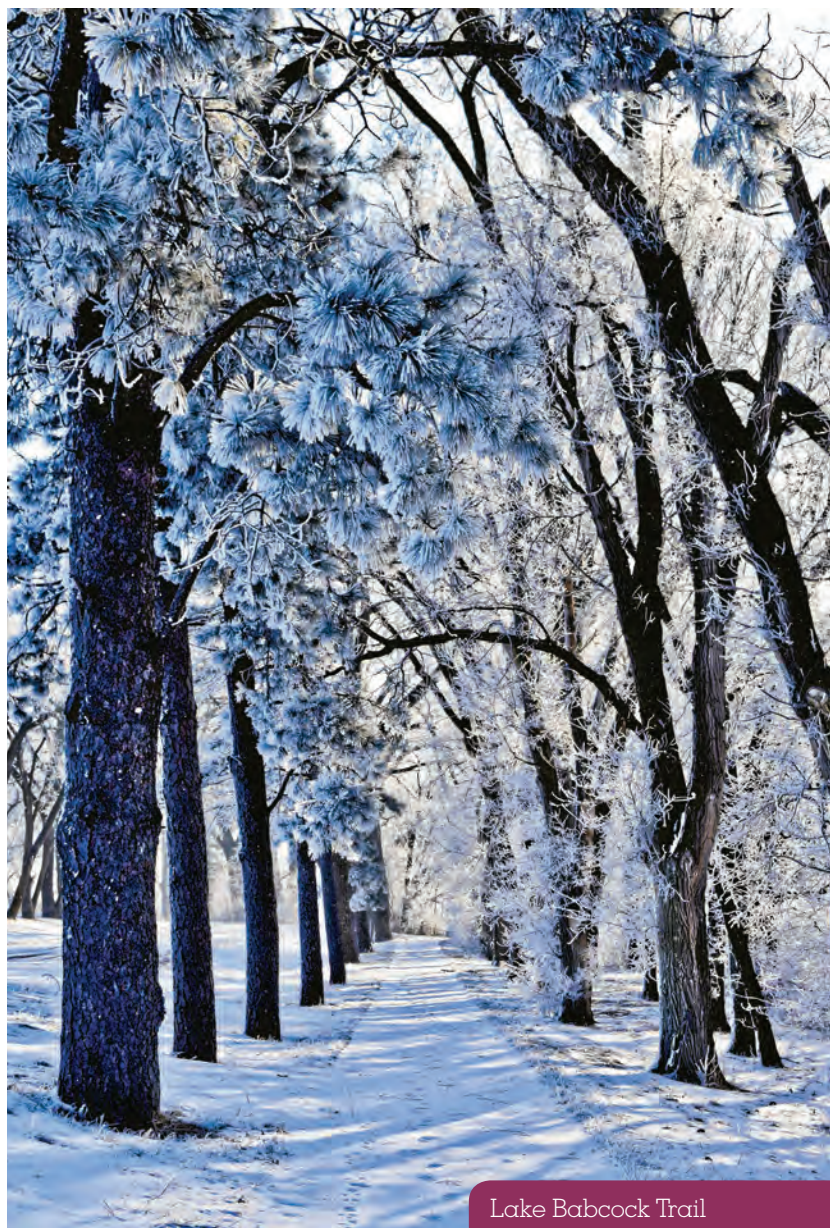
BIG PALS – LITTLE PALS BOWL-A-THON

Westbrook Lanes
12 pm – 4 pm
402-910-8334

NOVEMBER 19

HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING

Frankfort Square
6 pm
402-910-6604



Lake Babcock Trail

NOVEMBER 19 – 22

FESTIVAL OF TREES

Columbus Art Gallery
Thurs. 12 pm – 8 pm
Fri. & Sat. 12 pm – 4 pm
Sun. 1:30 pm – 4 pm
402-563-1803

NOVEMBER 28–29

TURKEY FEST CREATIVE CRAFTERS CRAFT SHOW

30 Center Mall
Sat. 9 am – 5 pm
Sun. 10 am – 4 pm
402-564-1845

NOVEMBER 28

SANTA'S ARRIVAL

Frankfort Square
1 pm

DECEMBER

DECEMBER 5

SCOTUS CHRISTMAS CRAFT & GIFT BOUTIQUE

Scotus Central Catholic High School
9 am – 3 pm
402-564-7165

DECEMBER 12–13

CHRISTMAS RUSH CREATIVE CRAFTERS CRAFT SHOW

30 Center Mall
Sat. 9 am – 5 pm
Sun. 10 am – 4 pm
402-564-1845

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"Andrew Higgins..." ...Eisenhower said... "is the man who won the war for us." "...If Higgins had not designed and built those LCV's, we never could have landed over an open beach. The whole strategy of the war would have been different."

ANDREW JACKSON HIGGINS MEMORIAL

West Pawnee Park

www.andrewjacksonhigginsmemorialfoundation.org

Andrew Jackson Higgins was born in Columbus, Nebraska. Andrew's father John came to Columbus in 1870 to spend a couple days interviewing famous Indian scout Major Frank North. John was so taken by the town that he convinced his wife Annie to give up their dream of California and settle in Columbus, where Andrew was born in 1886.

Higgins' experience with the shallow rivers in the Columbus area gave him a vision for a shallow-draft boat that changed the course of history. Founder and President of Higgins Industries in New Orleans, Higgins rose to international prominence during World War II for his design and mass production of "Higgins Boats."

These craft gave the military the ability to transport men and equipment safely to beaches during amphibious landings in the war. General Dwight Eisenhower called Higgins "the man who won the war for us...if Higgins had not designed and built those LCV's, we never could have landed over an open beach. The whole strategy of the war would have been different." Higgins Industries produced 20,094 boats during WWII.

The Higgins Memorial began as a class research project for several Columbus High School classes. They became so taken with the story of Higgins that a research project became a community memorial. The memorial includes a full-size replica of the famous Higgins Boat and bronze soldiers running from the boat depicting a soldier from each of the three wars in which Higgins Boats served. Around the boat are sand samples from landing beaches across the globe where Higgins Boats carried soldiers ashore.

A large bronze eagle sits atop a steel sculpture made from steel taken from the fallen World Trade Center towers. This honors those who lost their lives on 9/11 and those who continue to fight against terrorism. Added in 2012, two bronze soldiers honoring members of the U.S. Armed Forces Reserve, National Guard and other Americans who serve in the fight against terrorism. All sculptures at the memorial were created by internationally renowned artist Fred Hoppe.

The Andrew Jackson Higgins Memorial stands as a tribute to a Columbus native son who changed history...to veterans of all eras who have served and sacrificed...to the ongoing fight against the evil of terrorism...and also to the power of engaged young people to impact their community.



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The FlowRider at Pawnee Plunge Water Park



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PAWNEE PARK

South Highways 81 and 30

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GERRARD PARK

27th Street and 45th Avenue

This 28-acre park features a six diamond softball/baseball complex with lights on six of the fields for late evening or night play, six tennis courts, playground and shelter area along with two rest rooms and concession stands.

CENTENNIAL PARK

5th Street and 8th Avenue

This 20-acre park located in southeast Columbus features three diamonds for baseball and softball, with lights, two tennis courts, playground area, outdoor archery range, handball court, horseshoe courts, rest rooms and concession stand.

BRADSHAW PARK SOFTBALL COMPLEX

15th Street and 48th Avenue

This 18-acre softball/football complex features four softball/baseball diamonds (four with lights), two football fields (one regulation and one eight-man). Youth and high school softball and midget football leagues are scheduled here.

WILDERNESS PARK SOCCER COMPLEX

41st Street and 18th Avenue

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 Columbus City Offices 402-562-4240
 PO Box 1677
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 Columbus, NE 68602-1677

For picnic shelter reservations, contact:

City Clerk's Office 402-562-4224

- Airport Park..... Bill Babka Drive & 18th Avenue
- Air Vista Park..... 27th Street & 7th Avenue
- Berne Square Park 6th Street & 26th Avenue
- Buffalo Square Park 6th Street & 15th Avenue
- Fountain Square Park..... 13th Street & 39th Avenue
- Frankfort Square Park..... 13th Street & 26th Avenue
- Glur Park..... 28th Street & 26th Avenue
- Gruenther Park..... Gruenther Park Drive & Adamy Street
- Hanover Park..... 14th Street & 16th Avenue
- Sunset Park..... 38th Street & 41st Avenue

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LOUP POWER DISTRICT PARKS

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LAKE NORTH PARK

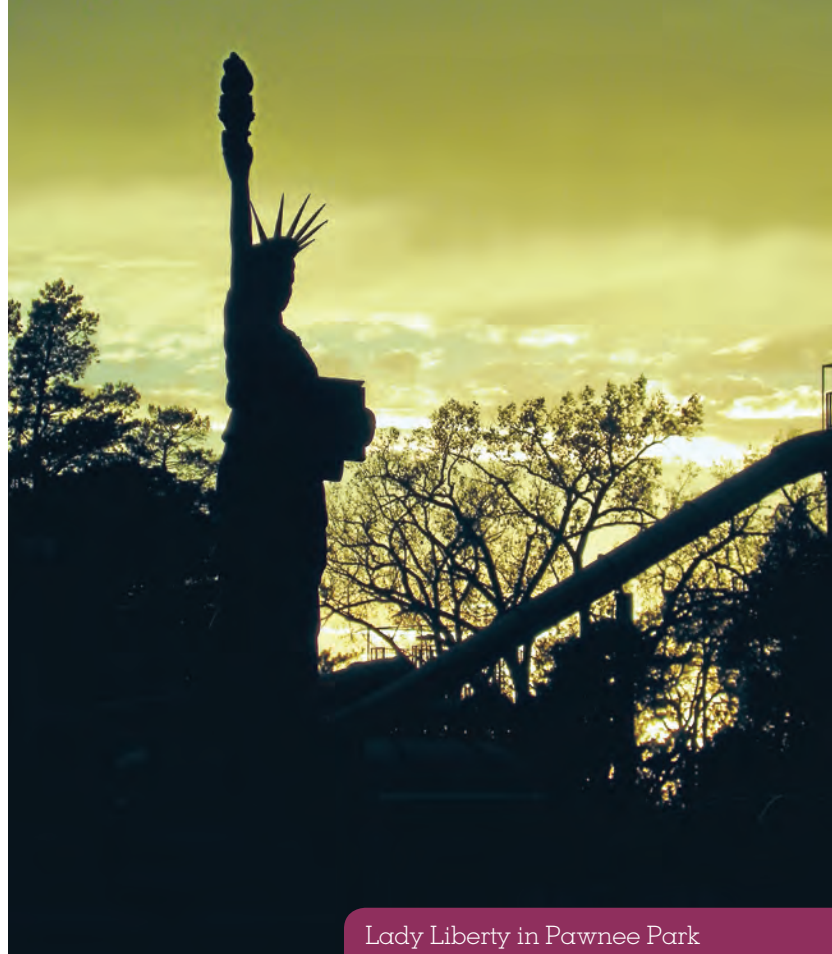
A popular spot ideal for boating, water skiing, jet skiing, fishing, camping, swimming and picnicking. Located four miles north of Columbus, this 200-acre recreation area includes two boat ramps with two miles of beaches and the Two Lakes Trail trailhead, a 2.5 mile concrete hike/bike path that connects to miles of natural surfaced trails along the canal system.

LOUP PARK / LAKE BABCOCK

Four miles north of Columbus, this well developed, 40-acre wooded area includes camping, shelter, picnic areas, playground areas, and restrooms as well as outstanding wildlife habitat. The Bob Lake and Robert White Trails skirt Lake Babcock and connect to miles of natural and concrete surface hike/bike trails.

POWERHOUSE PARK

This four-acre park located 1.5 miles north of Highway 30 on 3rd Avenue adjacent to the Columbus Powerhouse features fishing, picnic grounds, camping, restrooms, and a playground.



Lady Liberty in Pawnee Park

TAILRACE PARK

This nine-acre area located three miles east and 1 mile south of Columbus is noted for exceptional fishing. It is located where the Loup Canal joins the Platte River. It includes primitive camping and a picnic spot with outstanding scenic and wooded beauty. The water has a very strong current here so swimming is not recommended. Entry via foot traffic only, no motor vehicle access.

MAPLE CREEK RECREATION AREA 402-371-7313

A recreation area located along Highway 91 in Leigh that has fifty 50-amp RV camping sites and 10 primitive tent sites with a shower house & restrooms. Recreation includes a swimming beach, hiking, biking & horseback riding trails, picnic & playground equipment. The 160-acre lake has 2 boat ramps and is stocked with large-mouth bass, blue gill & channel catfish

LOUP RIVER AND PLATTE RIVER

Both rivers, located south of Columbus, offer fishing and canoeing.

CLIMATE

Platte County enjoys the four distinct seasons - spring, summer, fall and winter.

AVERAGE DAILY TEMPERATURES

	Low	High
January	14	33
April	39	62
July	66	87
October	41	63

Average annual precipitation 29 inches

Average growing season 166 days long

Elevation: Columbus is 1,447 feet above sea level.



Columbus Belltower



Frankfort Square - Memorial Day Flags



Loup River



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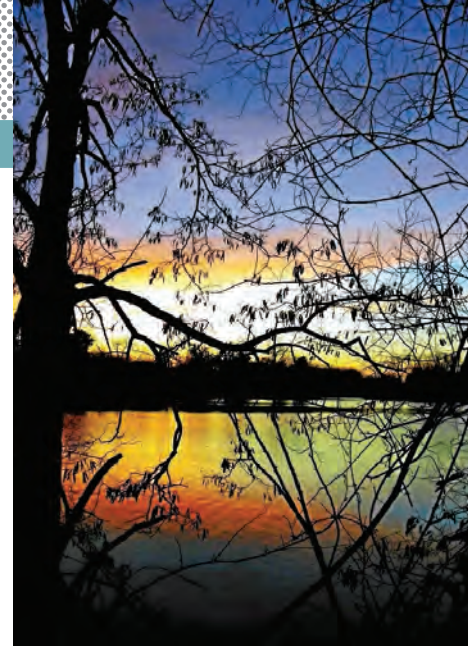
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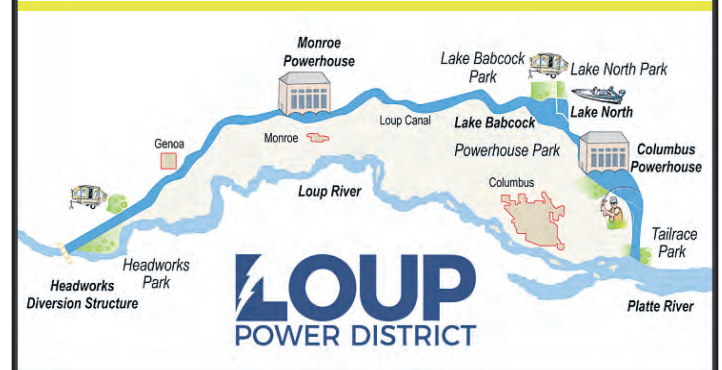


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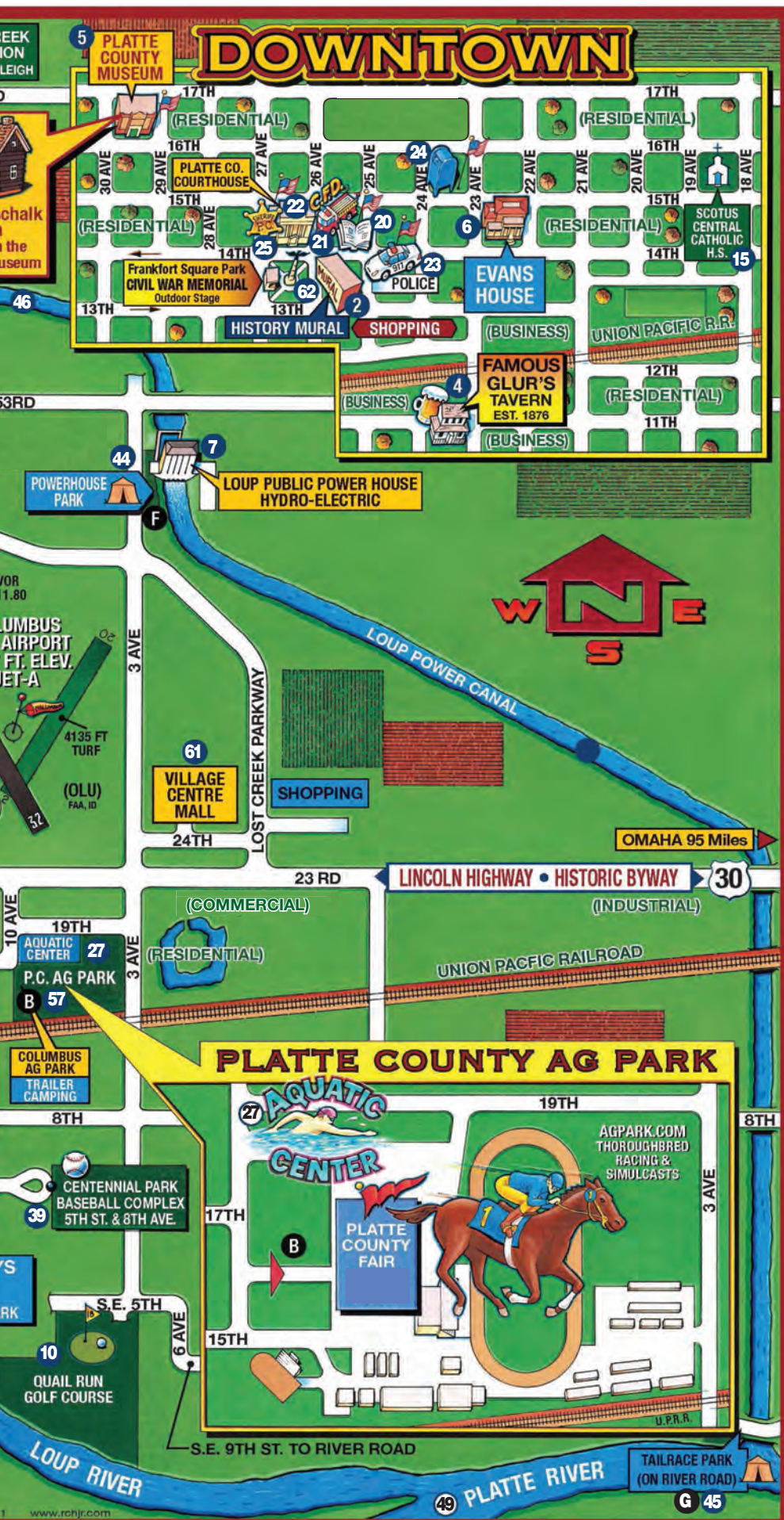
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1. Andrew Jackson Higgins Memorial, West Pawnee Park
2. History of Columbus Mural, 13th and 26th Ave.
3. Quincentenary Bell Tower, West Pawnee Park
4. Glur's Tavern, 2301 11th St.
5. Platte County Museum, 2916 16th Ave.
6. Evans House, 2204 14th St.
7. Loup Public Power House, North 3rd Ave.
8. Union Pacific Steam Locomotive West Pawnee Park

Golf:

9. Elks Country Club, 5113 63rd St.
10. Quail Run Golf Course, 327 S. 5th St.
11. Van Berg Park Golf Course, next to West Pawnee Park
12. Boulevard Greens Miniature Golf Course, 1819 Howard Blvd.

Education Facilities:

13. Columbus High School, 3434 Discoverer Dr.
14. Columbus Middle School, 2200 26th St.
15. Scotus Central Catholic High School, 1554 18th Ave.
16. Lakeview Jr/Sr High School, 3744 83rd St.
17. Central Community College, 4500 63rd St.

Community Services:

18. Chamber of Commerce/CVB, 753 33rd Ave.
19. Columbus Community Hospital, 4600 38th St.
20. Columbus Library/Art Gallery, 2504 14th St.
21. Columbus Fire Department, 1459 26th Ave.
22. Platte County Courthouse, 2610 14th St.
23. Columbus Police Department, 2419 14th St.
24. U.S. Post Office 1555 24th Ave.
25. Platte County Sheriff, 2610 24th Ave.
26. Water Tower, East Pawnee Park

Activity Centers:

27. Columbus Aquatic Center, 1783 10th Ave.
28. Columbus Family YMCA, 3912 38th St.
29. Columbus Event Center, 3868 63rd Ave. off of U.S. 81
30. U.S. 30 Speedway, 23500 U.S. 30, West of Columbus
31. Disc Golf Course, East Pawnee Park
32. Pawnee Plunge Water Park, West Pawnee Park
33. Center 7 Theatres, 3100 23rd St., U.S. 30
34. Westbrook Lanes, 3156 51st Ave., off of U.S. 81
35. Boulevard Lanes, 1819 Howard Blvd.

Parks/Sports Facilities:

36. Pawnee Park, West and East side of South U.S. Hwy 30/81
37. Memorial Stadium, West Pawnee Park
38. Gerrard Park, 27th St. & 45th Ave.
39. Centennial Park, 5th St. & 8th Ave.
40. Bradshaw Park, 15th St. & 48th Ave.
41. Wilderness Park Soccer Complex, 41st

Recreational Parks:

42. Lake North Park
43. Loup Park/Lake Babcock
44. Powerhouse Park
45. Tailrace Park

Water Venues:

46. Loup Power Canal
47. Lake Babcock Reservoir
48. Lake North
49. Platte River
50. Loup River

Bike/Walking Trails:

51. Bob Lake Trail
52. Two Lakes Trail
53. Pawnee Park Trail
54. Wilderness Park Trails
55. Monastery Trail
56. Robert White Trail

Miscellaneous:

57. Platte County Ag Park, 822 15th St.
58. Columbus Loup River Bridge, U.S. 30 & 81
59. Three Arch Viaduct, U.S. 30 & 81
60. Columbus Municipal Airport, 18th Ave. & Bill Babka Dr.
61. Village Centre Mall, 3rd Ave. & 24th St.
62. Frankfort Square Park, 13-14th St. & 26-27th Ave.
63. Statue of the Prairie Pioneer, West Pawnee Park
64. Statue of Liberty Replica, West Pawnee Park
65. St. Michael's Catholic Church Complex, 309 3rd St. Tarnov
66. Steepleview Golf Course, U.S. Hwy 81, Humphrey
67. Horn T Zoo, 37692 State Hwy 22, Monroe

Campgrounds:

- A. Camp Pawnee, 2330 South 16th St.
- B. Columbus Ag Park
- C. Hwy 81 RV Park, 3 miles NW on U.S. Hwy 81
- D. Lake North, 18th Ave & 83rd St.
- E. Loup Park, just east of 48th Ave on 83rd St.
- F. Powerhouse Park, 3 miles north of U.S. 30 on 3rd Ave.
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BIKE & WALKING TRAILS

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For biking, walking and jogging, the Bob Lake Trail follows the southwest perimeter of Lake Babcock. A trailhead is located at the junction of Bob Lake Trail and the Robert White Trail which is across the street from the east entrance of Central Community College. Free parking is available at the east and west trailheads.

DISCOVERER TRAIL

1.1 miles long | 10-ft. long | Concrete

This trail runs from Lake Esther south along 41st Avenue to 38th Street, then east along the north side of 38th Street to 33rd Avenue. It continues north on the west side of 33rd Avenue, past Columbus High School, toward Lost Creek Parkway where it will connect to Lost Creek Trail. Portions of this trail are under construction.

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ROBERT WHITE TRAIL

1.5 miles long | 9-ft. wide | crushed limestone | Lake Babcock/Lake North

Great for biking, walking and jogging, the Robert White Trail follows the southern perimeter of Lake Babcock from the Bob Lake Trail to 18th Avenue. There is free parking at the east and west end of the trail.

SUNSET TRAIL

1.3 miles long | 10-ft. wide | concrete

This trail loops around Lake Ester east of Columbus Community Hospital and west of Columbus Wellness Center. Sunset Trail connects to Discoverer Trail.

TWO LAKES TRAIL

1.3 miles long | 8 ft. wide | concrete | Lake Babcock/Lake North

This trail entertains recreational opportunities for bike riders, runners, walkers, rollerbladers, nature enthusiasts, bird watchers and wheelchairs. The scenic trail runs along the north side of two lakes (Lake North and Lake Babcock) and winds through the tree lined Lake North Park, Loup Park and a wildlife refuge along 83rd Street between 18th Avenue and 48th Avenue.

WILDERNESS PARK TRAIL

1.5 miles long | 10 ft. wide | concrete | Wilderness Park Soccer Complex

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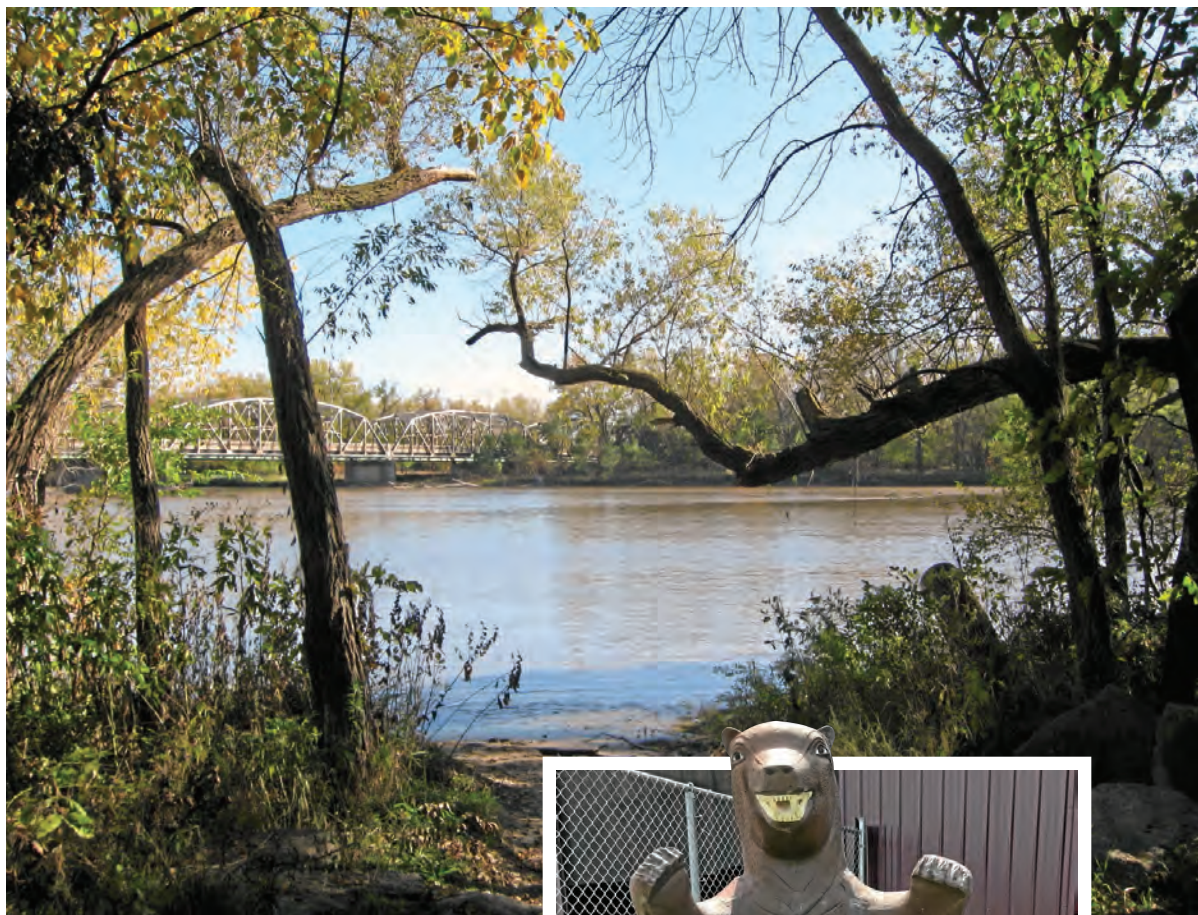
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THE QUINCENTENARY BELLTOWER

Pawnee Park

The Quincentenary Belltower was officially dedicated on April 25, 1992. The belltower was conceived as a lasting monument to the community's celebration of the Quincentenary, the 500th anniversary of Columbus' first voyage to the New World. The project was made possible by the donation of ten church bells from the collection of Leonard Fleischer. Each of the bells has area historical significance and a plaque near each tower tells of that bell's history. The bells toll every 15 minutes.

THE ANDREW JACKSON HIGGINS NATIONAL MEMORIAL

A.J. Higgins Rd. West Pawnee Park

See page 11 for more information.

PLATTE COUNTY MUSEUM2916 16th St. 402-564-1856
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Operated by the Platte County Historical Society, the museum is housed in three buildings, one of which is an original ward school built in 1912.

Exhibits include Native American artifacts, an authentic turn-of-the-century schoolroom and barbershop, rooms of Victorian clothing, furnishings, and heirlooms, military memorabilia complimenting the Andrew Jackson Higgins National Memorial, the 1857 Gottschalk log cabin, a 1913 Indian motorcycle, a 1914 Chevrolet Baby Grand Touring car, and displays created by each community in Platte County. The museum is open Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. year round; Saturday and Sunday from 1-4 p.m. May – September. Admission fee. For tours, call 402-564-1856 or email museum@megavision.com

ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH COMPLEX2 miles west of Hwy. 81, Tarnov
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Visit this 8.4 acre complex tracing its beginning to 1880 built by immigrants from the province of Galicia, Poland. You will find a church built in 1900 for \$17,000 which houses items for the 1880 church, a boarding school – now a museum – built in 1910/1911. Get the feel of what life in a boarding school was like and walk the halls of this school building and explore the rooms now filled with artifacts of bygone days some dating back to 1880. Check out the refurbished brick outhouse. The former rectory is now the Michael House, a completely furnished rental available for a day, weekend or week built in Gothic Revival Architecture. You will also find an Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, a brick chicken house and the cemetery plotted in 1880.

In 1990, the complex was placed on the National Register of Historic Places. The museum is open the first Sunday of May - Oct. from 1 to 5 p.m. Private tours by appointment with a meal by arrangement.



Statue at the Higgins Memorial in Pawnee Park

HISTORICAL MARKERS**PAWNEE PARK**

U.S. Highways 30 & 81

- **The Villasur Expedition of 1720:** The earliest record of explorers in Platte County.
- **Statue of the Prairie Pioneer:** Marks the North Branch Oregon Trail. The Platte Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution dedicated this marker in 1927.
- **Ferry Rock:** Marks the site of the first Loup River Ferry built to serve Columbus.
- **Spanish-American War Veterans Memorial:** Dedicated to all veterans who served in the Spanish-American War and the conflict in the Philippines.
- **Veterans of All Wars Memorial:** Dedicated by Hartman Post No. 84 and Auxiliary American Legion.
- **Statue of Liberty Replica:** Commemorates the 40th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America's crusade to strengthen the arm of liberty.
- **Quincentenary Belltower:** Commemorates the 500th Anniversary of Columbus' voyage.
- **Quincentenary Plaque:** Identifies donors to the Belltower Project. Dedicated by the Woodmen of the World Lodge 702 in Columbus.
- **Andrew Jackson Higgins National Memorial:** A marker to the right of the Memorial displays a biography of Andrew Jackson Higgins, highlighting his outstanding accomplishments and contributions to both his community and the nation.

764 33RD AVENUE

- **The North Brothers:** Dedicated to Frank & Luther North, highly revered as leaders of the Pawnee Scouts. The North Brothers later became ranching partners with Buffalo Bill and were members of his Wild West Show.

FRANKFORT SQUARE - DOWNTOWN COLUMBUS

- **Union Veterans of the Civil War**

Memorial: Dedicated to those from Platte County who served in the Union Army during the American Civil War.

- **Jaycees 50th Anniversary Time Capsule and Sundial:** Commemorates the organization's Golden Anniversary.

BUFFALO SQUARE - 6TH ST. & 15TH AVE.

- **First Home in Columbus Plaque:** This plaque commemorates the location of the first home built in Columbus. The cabin was moved to Pawnee Park and later lost to fire.

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- **Frank Zybach - 2120 28th St.:** Honors Frank Zybach who invented the center pivot system.
- **Agricultural Park:** Dedicated to the many benefactors who, due to their generosity, enabled the dreams of several residents to become reality on June 3, 1941 when Platte County Agricultural Society was formed.
- **Columbus Powerhouse - 3rd Ave. North of Columbus:** Marks the location of one of Nebraska's largest hydroelectric generating plants which is operated by Loup Public Power District.

RURAL PLATTE COUNTY

- **Camp Platte - 175th Ave. & 325th St., North of Columbus:** Marks the site of a CCC camp for veterans in the 1930's.
- **West Hill Community - (460th Ave. & 325th St., North of Genoa):** Marks sites of the West Hill Community & Cemetery.
- **Alfred Maximilian Gruenther - 315 4th St., Platte Center:** Honors Alfred Maximilian Gruenther, honored military veteran born in Platte Center.
- **Granville Cemetery - 445th St. & 325th Ave., SW of Humphrey:** Marks the location of Granville Cemetery.
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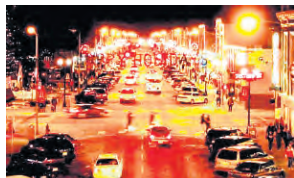


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- **Downtown Trick or Treat** Thursday before Halloween. 4:00 to 6:00 pm
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Hotels, car garages, campgrounds, service and gas stations were erected to accommodate the increased visitor travel. Some of those buildings still exist along 13th Street today. To welcome visitors to Columbus the famous Lincoln Highway arches were dedicated in 1940. These arches were located at 23rd Street and 23rd Avenue, and on 33rd Avenue.

In the mid 1920's the Lincoln Highway was renamed U.S. Highway 30. Over the years the route was changed to better accommodate the increased traffic and improved roads. Today parts of U.S. Highway 30 travel along the same route through Platte County as the original highway did in 1913.



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AVENUE OF TREES & LINCOLN HIGHWAY MARKERS – DUNCAN

The Avenue of Trees is located north of the railroad tracks on the west side of the main entrance into Duncan. A Lincoln Highway marker, in its original position since 1928, sets on the southeast corner of Main Avenue & North Boulevard, east of the Avenue of Trees. The other marker is located on the corner of Main Avenue & 9th Street.



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EVANS HOTEL – COLUMBUS

(currently named Park Plaza)
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This large building is the original Evans Hotel constructed in 1913. The name is still on the capstone and it stills appears much like it did in the 1924 Lincoln Highway Road Guide.

LINCOLN HIGHWAY GARAGE – COLUMBUS

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In 1915, as a result of the incorporation of the Lincoln Highway Garage Association, this service station garage was built. By 1930, this garage was sold to Ed M. Nielsen and operated under that surname for 74 years.

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