Earth Day Across Nebraska Includes Activities for Everyone

Although Earth Day 2017 is officially April 22, several events across Nebraska will continue throughout the month of April. Most are family-friendly, intended to get all ages involved in learning about our world and understanding ways of ensuring it’s still around for future generations. Following are just some of the celebrations being planned.

Sarpy County Earth Day Bellevue
April 29 & 30
A Tradition Shoe and Recycle Run highlights this year’s family-fun filled events. Storytelling, face-painting, and pollinator gardening are among activities for children. The free events will be held in the BPS Lied Activity Center, 2820 Arborstone Drive in Bellevue.
Click here to visit the website.

Panhandle Earth Day Celebration Scottsbluff
April 22
Used oil, arthritis and batteries will be collected; cardboard and plastics bags will be collected and recycled, and cloth bags will be given away; SHS FFA Chapter will host the water tasting; trees will be given away by NPFRF; and a bike rodeo will be among the activities held from 10 am to noon at 401 S. Belhaven High-way in Scottsbluff. Organizations from Scottsbluff, Gering, North Platte, and others. Afterward, a picnic and live music will be held at TahtaZouka Park, Sunset Plaza, the Elbon Park, 21st and Q Streets.

Cleaning the Fork Earth Day Celebration
North Platte
April 22
For the second year, North Fork Outfitters is sponsoring a city-wide clean up on Earth Day. Volunteers will meet in Johnson Park at 10 am and be dispersed to TahtaZouka Park, Sunset Plaza, the Elbon Park, 21st and Q Streets. Afterwards, a picnic and entertainment will be held at 3 pm in Johnson Park, and free kayak rides will be provided. Click here for more information.

Earth Day Celebration Wayne
April 23
The Wayne Green Team will be screening Just Eat It: A Food Waste Story at the Majestic Theater on Sunday, April 23. The festivities are free and begin at 1:00 pm. There will be a raffle, exhibits, and a discussion. More information on the Green Team’s Facebook page.

Lincoln Earth Day Celebration Wayne
April 22
2017 Lincoln Earth Day Celebration Wayne will do well water testing; trees will be given away; SHS FFA Chapter will have a booth at the event.

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Central Community College Earth Week Celebration Grand Island, Hastings & Columbus
April 17-22 and beyond
Central Community College has a host of activities planned for their campuses in Grand Island, Hastings & Columbus during the week. From learning more about wind turbines and bees, bike sharing apps and local foods to energy use in buildings and alien wildlife, including predators, there will be something for everyone.
Monday, April 17, the expo will be in Grand Island; in Hastings on Tuesday, April 18; and in Columbus on April 19. On the 20th, a live webinar will be held on all three campuses, and a Green Fling to celebrate local foods will be held in Hastings on the 22nd. Vendors will have booths at each site. More information on the website.

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NEWS FROM JOSILYN INSTITUTE for Sustainable Communities

Town/Gown Collaborations for Sustainable Development Topic of UTC 2.0
The Joslyn Institute for Sustainable Communities has been selected as one of two U.S. sites for this year’s Urban Thinkers Campus Conference. Cities are the vanguard in addressing immediate effects of climate change, population migration and growth, and infrastructure modernization in the United States. Amidst a general atmosphere of industrial and political deadlock, cities now face front-line and more urgent demands with fewer resources to address them. Unconventionally, on the conference stage are virtual laboratories of Big Data, technological breakthroughs, and innovative sustainability research and modeling. The Joslyn Institute for Sustainable Communities proposes to find common ground among a select number of university and host city’s in its Urban Thinkers Campus (UTC) 2.0, to be held in Lincoln August 24-26, 2017 at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln’s Innovation Campus.
More info and Opportunities for Small and Mid-size Cities in Town/Gown Relationships: Actionable Urban/Rural Planning for the New Urban Agenda will be the topic of the conference. Lincoln Mayor Chris Beutler and UNL Chancellor Ronald Green, along with Joslyn Institute President and CEO W. Cecil Steward, will host mayors, university administration representatives and other decision makers from among the 14 cities and universities of the Big 10 Athletic Conference to discuss and lay the groundwork for how these universities and cities can collaborate, support, and strategize for long-term sustainability, resilience, and high-quality life in the urban Midwest and Northeast area of the U.S.
#LincolnPublicMarket
#JoslynInstitute
#TheNewUrbanAgenda
#NewSocialMediaCampaign

New Social Media Campaign
In an effort to provide a vital resource for everything related to Nebraska foods—from producers to growing tips, from farmer’s markets to food distribution information, from local foods vendors to nonprofit feeding the hungry—the Joslyn Institute has undertaken a new social media campaign. We have a #Facebook page, a #Twitter page, and we’re encouraging all our friends to “like” us on Facebook, “follow” us on Twitter and to use the hashtag #LincolnPublicMarket. Help us spread the word about anything related to Nebraska foods.
"We hope you’ll join us in making this campaign useful and relevant for all interested in Nebraska foods.

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