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Musical selections include gospel, patriotic and Christmas themes but can do other music, by special requests. Contact: Steve Englund (308)236-9746

***ALEXA WHIPPLE**

Young county music singer, Alexa Whipple, from Arapahoe, NE has a captivating voice and has recorded a moving collection of songs ranging from yodeling to Christian and traditional country. Contact: Christine Whipple (308) 962-7555, 402 Walnut Street, Arapahoe, NE 68922. www.alexawhipple.com.

BIG BAND REPRISE

Big Band Reprise is a 17 member big with a female vocalist who enjoys recreating the sights and sounds from the big band swing era. The group performs a high energy show featuring theme songs and popular hits from Benny Goodman, Artie Shaw, Tommy Dorsey, Glenn Miller and many more. Contact: Don Krysl, Omaha, NE, (402)679-9423, dkrysl@cox.net, www.bigbandreprise.com

CABRIOLET

This women's acappella quartet is perfect for any occasion. They sing barbershop style harmony music for crowds small and large. Contact: Judy Drown, (308)236-2083, Kearney, NE.

CODE BLUE

This is a five piece blues band that plays primarily classic blues and blues rock. Featuring harmonica, sax, flute, guitar, bass and drums. Excellent night club band or for concerts – a great party band. The group is flexible and can play many different genre's, blues, rock, country, or country swing. Contact: Greg Tesdall (308)234-9780, gtesdall@yahoo.com, Kearney, NE.

DON RICHMOND

Don Richmond plays prairie folk music, largely original, but with some covers of Dylan, Gordon Lightfoot, John Prine, and Woody Guthrie thrown in. Contact: Don Richmond, (308) 293-0572.

***DOUBLE D WRANGLERS**

This trio features award winning yodeling, harmonies, and instrumentals, all in one package. The Double D Wranglers present western cowboy folk music from the cattle drives of the 1800's to the present. Contact Chris Gudgel, chris@cowboyyodeling.com or (402) 387-1134 or Paul Siebert, paul@paulsiebert.net, (402) 366-8245.

FURNACE MAN MUSIC

Paul Siebert is a purveyor of acoustic-based Classic Rock, Blues, Pop, Country and Folk to central Nebraska for over 20 years. Contact: Paul Siebert (402) 366-8245, www.paulsiebert.net

GREENBLATT STING TRIO

Greenblatt String Trio can provide an elegant atmosphere for any type of reception including weddings. Contact: Deborah Greenblatt, (402)275-3221

HABITAT 4 HARMONY

This comedy men's quartet sings unaccompanied music in a variety of styles sure to have your convention or celebration audience smiling and laughing. All we need is two mics. Contact Fran Wilson at (308)234-5376 or frjgwils@yahoo.com

JIM ANDERSON-singer

Anderson will entertain your audience bringing you all of your favorite tunes from Broadway musicals and Pop Standards. He can also provide selections from gospel, spiritual and patriotic venues. Music is selected from Meredith Wilson, Lerner and Loewe, Rogers and Hammerstein and many others. Contact: Jim Anderson, (308)237-7893, Kearney, NE.

JIM "MR. STINKY FEET" COSGROVE

Award-Winning Children's Entertainer. Jim Cosgrove knows what kids like to laugh and sing about. And he's taken that knowledge along with his guitar and a box full of instruments around the country and the world, singing his songs for kids of all ages. Contact (913) 219-4815 or jeni@jimcosgrove.com, www.jimcosgrove.com

JUST 4 FUN

Just 4 Fun is an acappella men's quartet with a song list including hits from the 50's and 60's, patriotic, and gospel songs. These guys will entertain small or large groups at your party, banquet, or reception. Contact: Monty at (308)238-3423 or montym@rcomOne.com, Kearney, NE.

KEARNEY AREA BARBERSHOPPERS 1733 CHORUS

The 4-part acappella songs, by this chorus of barbershop singers, spans many decades and styles, with emphasis on patriotic and popular. Contact: Fran Wilson (308)234-5376, frjgwils@yahoo.com, www.1733chorus.com, Kearney, NE.

KENTUCKY RYE BLUEGRASS BAND

This 3 member band performs Old Fashioned Bluegrass Music. Contact: Don Barger, (308)893-2542, kentuckyrye@frontiernet.net or Raymon Johnson, (308)732-3327, rayj@nctc.net

THE MELLOW D'S

Larry's experience has provided him with a rainbow blend of musical preferences that included Classical Country, 50's and 60's Rock n' Roll, Gospel and Rhythm & Blues with Traditional and Bluegrass flavors. In 2003, the Nebraska Country Music Foundation selected Larry as the Semi-Pro Male Vocalist of the Year, and runner-up Songwriter of the Year. In 2006, the Mellow D's were inducted into the America's Old Time Country Music Hall of Fame. Contact: Larry & Karen Doran, (402)724-3151, (402)724-2474, larry@themellowds.com, www.themellowds.com, McCool Junction, NE.

MIKE ADAMS

Mike's dynamic acoustic guitar sound combines folk and country with jazz and blues. Whether he's playing originals or covers, his songs are all "originals" and geared toward the particular venue. He also performs with a Duo and Trio for a larger sound. Contact: Kate Benzel, (308)293-3408, info@faceatmydoormusic.com, www.faceatmydoormusic.com

NEBRASKA PRIDE CHORUS OF SWEET ADELINES INTERNATIONAL

This women's chorus will satisfy any audience with their acappella barbershop style music. They will entertain for your large or small group. Contact: Judy Drown, (308)236-2038, Kearney NE.

PAT BOILESEN

Pat Boilesen, writer and performer of western, traditional country, and gospel music. She has been performing across the state of Nebraska for 30 years, won awards for her piano, vocal, songwriting, gospel songwriting, and cowboy poetry talents. Contact: Pat Boilesen, 216 S. 7th, Albion, NE 68620. pboiles@cablene.com, www.patboilesen.homestead.com.

PATENT PENDING

What a great invention! Harmony plus comedy! What we need is a patent! Ergo...Patent Pending is now under consideration as one of the area's finest acappella quartets who blend a very serious form of comedy with some powerhouse harmony. Songs include everything from traditional Barbershop style music, pop songs of the 50s and 60s, a little country and even some gospel. Contact: Gary Drown, (308)236-2083 or (308)627-4509, Kearney, NE.

PATSY CLINE

Melinda Ferree as the Legendary Patsy Cline. Contact: Melinda Ferree (308) 478-5837

***PAUL SIEBERT**

Wide range of music includes: classical pieces on acoustic guitar and hammer dulcimer, 50's and 60's country favorites. Paul used only acoustic instruments and vocal playing live or used a compact *Bose Acoustic* sound system if needed. Contact Paul Siebert at paul@paulsiebert.net, (402) 366-8245

PILGRIM CLASSIC COUNTRY

This four piece band plays mostly country music from the days of early country styling's from Merle Haggard and the like. They can also play other styles of music from artists such as Bob Dylan and etc. The group features two guitar players, bass and drums – everyone sings vocals. Contact: Kate Benzel, (308)293-3408

PLATTE RIVER JAZZ

Greg Tesdall (308)234-9780, gtesdall@yahoo.com, Kearney, NE.

QUIK AS A WINK COWBOY BAND

This "spirited entertaining cowboy band" is in the style of the Son of Pioneers. Contact: Donna Mentzer, (308)532-1465, (308)530-0452, wwwbluegrass@charter.net, www.cowboyyodeling.com, North Platte, NE.

RIVERDALE ROUNDERS

This group performs Old Country and Bluegrass. Contact: John Shafer, (308)236-6559

ROOK THORELL

Elvis impersonator. Contact: Rook Thorell (308) 876-2207

ROUGH AROUND THE EDGES

We play 50's and 60's rock and folk and country music, along with some original material. We play several sets of gospel for churches, and the occasional wedding dance. We have fun playing it, and our audiences have fun listening. Contact: Don Richmond, (308)293-0572.

SHIRLEY JOHNSON

Vocal music entertainment for special events: contemporary, gospel & country (spanning several decades). Contact: Shirley Johnson, H: (308) 238-0718; C: (308) 293-1906. E-mail: surlynot@frontiernet.net. Mailing address: 4100 Country Club Lane A-1, Kearney, Nebraska 68845.

T.A.S.L.

One of Kearney's local favorite bands, playing classic country and easy rock with their own distinctive musical style. Bob Dylan, Johnny Cash, Dell Shannon, and many of the favorites done with a new sound and style that will captivate the crowd. Great for easy listening or concert situations. Contact: Greg Tesdall, (308)236-9780, gtesdall@yahoo.com, Kearney, NE.

THALKEN, TEDDALL & THALKEN

An area favorite, performing a sophisticated and unique sound that includes jazz standards, latin music, sultry blues, and "good time jump music". Rich and cool vocal and instrumental renditions of popular and jazz music that spans from the 30's to the current era. Contact: Greg Tesdall, (308)236-9780, gtesdall@yahoo.com, Kearney, NE.

THE THREE JACKS

Top Country & Rock Music Group. Hear songs from Artists such as: Eagles, Johnny Cash, Faith Hill, Dixie Chicks, Elvis, and many more. CD's available upon request. Contact: Larry Henderson, (785)877-5465, Norton, KS.

***T.J. CASEY- MONTANA'S SINGING COWBOY**

T.J. Casey is a cowboy-cowboy poet, singer, songwriter and composer. Contact: Cowboy Enterprises, (406)245-0734, www.tjcasey.net, Billings, MT.

***TREGO**

A local band that performs all sorts of music including Blues, Reggae, Rock, and Ballads. Contact: David N. Kingsley, M.D., (308) 865-2331, Kearney, NE.

VERLE STRAATMANN & JORDAN PALLAS SORENSEN

Verle Straatmann and Jordan Pallas Sorensen will perform cocktail music, jazz, Broadway, movie and show tunes suitable for cocktail hours, dinner music and other events individually or as a duo. Style same as found in four and five star hotels. Verle has a CD available for demonstration. Contact: Verle Straatman, (308)236-5354.

VON KAMPEN JAZZ TRIO

The Von Kampen Jazz Trio is a piano-bass-drums combo based out of Lincoln, NE. Performing featured entertainment as well as background jazz, the group can tailor its music to fit any type of event. Contact: David von Kampen, (402)770-1620.

WES & VERL DUO

Big Band Standard to Country Classic. Contact: Wes Hird, (308)234-1250

WES HIRD

Wes can accommodate groups looking for a variety of musical sensations, such as Jazz, Big Band, Swing or just some nice background music. Contact: Wes Hird, (308)234-1250

***WILD CLOVER BAND**

The Wild Clover Band “Irish Music and More” has grown to be one of the most popular entertainers in central Nebraska. This six-piece band has years of experience from performing background music for social gatherings to the featured entertainment in a live concert. Contact: Dave Klein, (308)237-5999, wildcloverband@kearney.net

THE WIZARDS

This group is a variety band that is also comfortable with nearly any style of music. While their forte is jazz and jazz fusion, they also play some rock, country, and pop. This group is an excellent choice for night clubs, corporate events for background music, or concerts. Instrumentation is sax, flute, keyboards, percussion, guitar, bass and drums. Contact: Greg Tesdall, (308)236-9780, gtesdall@yahoo.com, Kearney, NE.

YIKES!

YIKES performs an eclectic selection from classic rock to jazz instrumentals to country to pop standards: The Beatles to James Taylor, Spyro Gyra to Chicago, the Temptations to Vince Gill. Chances are you’ll recognize almost every song, but YIKES brings a unique and distinct flavor and color to each tune. This is not your typical cover band. YIKES is available for concerts, dances, or intimate parties that might need some background smooth jazz. Contact: Greg Tesdall, (308)236-9780, gtesdall@yahoo.com, Kearney, NE.

CASINO ENTERTAINMENT

ENTERTAINMENT PLUS

Entertainment Plus is a great addition to any party or social event. Activities provided include: casino, bingo, carnival, blackjack, craps, roulette, and chuck-a-luck. The activities are conducted professionally with play money. Prizes and the method of prize distribution are the sole responsibility of the contacting organization. These activities are for entertainment purposes only. Contact: Sherry Morrow, (308)236-6267, Kearney, NE.

MISCELLANEOUS

J & J PONY RIDES

Fairs, festivals, company picnics, birthday parties, and school and church functions Fully insured, no distance to far. Contact: Glen & Joleen Jochem, Stromsburg, NE 68666, (402)764-8247.

MAGICIANS / HYPNOTISTS / JUGGLERS

ADAM WHITE

Comedy Magic. Contact: Adam White, 402-489-4210. www.adamwhitemagic.com

GREG CLAASSEN

Comedian, entertainer, and ventriloquist. Greg has the background to prove he can entertain just about any group, including yours! He’s been an active performer since 1980. A full-time professional since 1998. Greg was a national winner in the “Bob Hope Search for the Top” talent competition. Before entering the corporate entertainment market, Greg was a featured performer at one of the Midwest’s most popular family theme parks, Silver Dollar City in Branson, MO. He has performed more than 3000 shows in over 40 states, setting new standards for quality entertainment at business functions. Website: <http://gregclaassen.com/home.html>. Phone: 800-293-8669.

JASON THE JUGGLER

Jason Huneke is a professional juggling entertainer specializing in corporate events, fairs, festivals and elementary schools. Shows can be tailored to any length; most will run between 35-45 minutes. The shows are choreographed with music, and feature many forms of juggling, unicycling, balancing and manipulation. Jason loves interaction with audience members and will invite a few to join him on stage for added fun and humor. Contact: Jason Huneke, (507)398-2599, www.jasonhuneke.com

JEK KELLY

Jek has performed at comedy clubs, casinos and festivals all over the U.S. as well as Canada and Japan. He has entertained for Fortune 500 companies and major universities. He has shared stages with national recording artist and television and movie stars. He has performed with Opera Omaha and the Omaha Symphony and at Joslyn Art Museum. 5120 Jackson, Omaha, NE 68106. Phone: 402-558-6666. Email: jekkelly@cox.net or visit <http://www.jekkelly.com> .

LINDA DIETZ, PROFESSIONAL FEMALE STAGE HYPNOTIST

Over 20 years of stage hypnosis entertainment, hypnotherapy and selfhelp services to groups and individuals nationally and internationally. Trained as a female stage hypnotist, Linda has a delightful sense of humor, strong intuition, a powerful stage presence, respect for her guests and a soothing, rhythmic voice. Contact: Linda Dietz, Mindworks Edu-Tainment & Intuitive Services, Des Moines, IA, 515-255-4325, now4uhypnosis@yahoo.com, www.exploremindworks.com

***MIKE PROCHNOW, CERTIFIED STAGE HYPNOTIST**

Post prom parties, Christmas & special events, community events, weddings, corporate events, seminars, meetings and more. Mike has been a certified hypnotist with the National Guild of Hypnotists since 1998. Mike has performed at numerous Nebraska High School Proms, Reunions, Conventions, Fairs, Hospitals, and more! Contact: Mike Prochnow, 2980 Raymond Rd, Seward, NE 68434, (402) 535-2341 or Cell (402) 440-0944, E-mail: mike@thehypnomike.com, www.thehypnomike.com

DANCE GROUPS

CLASSIC COUNTY CLOGGERS

Can dance anywhere from 10-45 minutes. Contact Kay at Lindquist@Hamilton.net. Or call 402-694-1180.

FLUTTER WHEELS

Square Dance club will perform and interact with for your group. Contact: Barb Muth, (308)234-5279

YWCA

The Grand Island YWCA offers various classes for a variety of ages, including clogging, baton twirling, hip hop dancing, belly dancing, ballet, tap, and jazz. Contact: Sheere Gleason, Grand Island YWCA Phone 308-384-9922, ext 128.

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA AT KEARNEY NEBRASKATS

The Nebraskats show choir from the University of Nebraska at Kearney includes singer/dancers who are accompanied by a band. The Nebraskats were formed in 1967, and are the oldest collegiate group of this type in the state. They have performed all across Nebraska, the United State and many overseas countries. The energetic group has received wide acclaim from audiences wherever they have performed. The Nebraskats music includes Broadway show tunes and popular music from the 30s to the present. Contact: University of

Nebraska at Kearney Department of Music and Performing Arts, (308)865-8610.

DISC JOCKEYS

BIG AL'S JUKEBOX

DJ Service. Contact: Big Al Weekley, P.O. Bo 907, Lexington, NE 68850, (308) 991-7062,
www.bigalweekley.com

COMPLETE MUSIC & VIDEO – 800-600-5247, Kearney, NE.

DJ AMERICA – 308-233-5872, www.djamericaonline.com, Kearney, NE.

PURE PLATINUM DJ SERVICE – 308-440-5530, pureplatinumDJ@hotmail.com, Kearney, NE.

ENTERTAINMENT COMPANIES

COMEDY PRODUCTIONS

Comedy Productions has speakers for every occasion to fit all of your needs. Contact: (888)811-LAFF,
www.comedypro.com

CREATIVE-ADVENTURES TOURS

Creative Adventures has over 20 years of experience in booking, coordinating, and producing motor coach tours for fairs, festivals, corporate functions, churches, schools, youth groups, Christmas parties, football games, and any other function you can think of. Free consultation. Contact: Larry (308) 234-5283.

CREATIVE COMMUNITY PROMOTIONS, LLC

Creative Promotions is a full-service event and travel planning company. We specialize in tours, cruises, vacation packages, travel accommodations, company events and parties, fundraisers and concerts. Contact: Joel Bieschke, (308) 234-2120, www.creativecommunitypromotions.com.

***DRAKE, JACKSON AND TATRO ENTERTAINMENT**

Drake, Jackson, Tatro believe in a hands-on approach. They believe in a higher moral ethic that is sometimes lacking in the entertainment business. This ethos makes them the #1 choice for fulfilling your entertainment needs. Contact: Kurt Tatro , Booking & Tour Manager (402) 366-0401, www.drakejacksontatro.com

FULLTILT MANAGEMENT

FTM brings to you the BEST in regional and national acts. With over 26 years of experience, FTM can help you to plan, budget, and produce your next important event. FTM is here to assist you with your goal of finding the perfect act for your event. Our knowledge is unparalleled in the regional booking industry. Contact: Mark Weinand, (308)-236-8844, www.fulltiltmanagement.com, info@fulltiltmanagement.com, Kearney, NE.

INNOVATIVE GOLF ENTERTAINMENT

Innovative Golf Entertainment is a business that specializes in golf entertainment. The company uses a portable golf simulator where customers are able to use real clubs, real balls and play real courses such as Pebble Beach, St. Andrews, Pinehurst #2 and many more. The simulator is able to host competitions such as Longest Drive, and Closest to the pin. This is great fun and very entertaining. Contact: Brandon Williams, (308) 529-1987, www.innovativegolf.org

LAGIAPPE PRODUCTIONS

Lagniappe Productions is a professional, fully insured entertainment company with 30 years of experience and over 10,000 shows to our credit. We specialize in Old West and High Tech entertainment. We provide cowboys, gunfighters, saloon girls, and robots for events and venues all over the world. Lagniappe Productions, 120 E Hill St, Keller, Texas 76248, (817)337-1882, info@lagniapperproductions.com, www.lagniapperproductions.com

MIDWEST SPEAKERS BUREAU

Des Moines, IA 50315, (877)974-6972, www.speakernow.com, info@speakersnow.com

MURDERS R US

Murders R Us presents original interactive murder mystery performances for all groups nationwide. The company is headquartered in Nebraska. We can provide professional performers, use your group's "stars," or a combination. Every show is written specifically for each client. Please call Paul to discuss your next event in Kearney. (312) 550-7868. www.murdersrus.com or paul@murdersrus.com. Address: 217 N Locust St, Grand Island, Nebraska 68801.

NEBRASKA ARTS COUNCIL

The Nebraska Arts Council provides an Artist Directory of Touring Programs including Dance, Literature, Music, Theatre and more. Contact: 800-341-4067, www.NebraskaArtsCouncil.org, Omaha, NE.

ON DECK PRODUCTIONS, LLC

Whatever your staging needs may be, an indoor or an outdoor show, a festival or fair, a series of events, a national tour, a sporting event or even a corporate show, On Deck Productions has a stage that will meet your needs. They also offer lights, sound, and tents for events. Contact: Michael (308) 940 2976 or Wayne (308) 940-1821, E-mail: ondeckproductions@yahoo.com, www.nebraskastage.com.

RICHARD LUTZ AGENCY

The Richard Lutz Agency will deliver more than expected...complete audience satisfaction, reasonable cost, high return and long remembered events. We are your source for general sessions, keynotes, seminars/workshops, banquet entertainment, theme parties, musical festivals, special events and fairs. We represent business experts, humorists, inspirational lists, motivation lists, personal development speakers, athletes and celebrities. Contact: Richard Lutz Agency, (877)585-0005, www.lutzagency.com, Lincoln, NE.

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA AT KEARNEY

Experts Directory

As a part of a long-standing tradition of service to Nebraska, the University of Nebraska at Kearney Experts Directory provides accomplished speakers and lecturers for a wide variety of community groups and forums throughout the state. Outstanding faculty and staff experts are available to inform, entertain, and educate audiences of all kinds. We coordinate this service, matching your needs with the expertise of our experienced educators. Contact: University of Nebraska at Kearney Experts Directory (308)865-8130.

AG TOUR OPTIONS

MONSANTO-1hr.

Monsanto is focused on seed corn production

Contact Jeff Tremel: 2615 Antelope Rd. Kearney, NE 68847, (308)234-9710

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT & ELM CREEK WILD HORSE AND BURRO CENTER – 1HR

Unique facility provides a wild horse adoption system through a federal government program. Located 25 minutes west of Kearney. North of Elm Creek. Monday-Friday, 8:00am-4:00pm. (308)856-4498.

CHIEF INDUSTRIES-1hr

Known for manufacturing of grain bin material and conditioning of grain bins. Monday-Friday. 9:00am-3:00pm. 4400 East 39th St. Kearney, NE 68845, (308)237-3186

WOLF DEN DAIRY FARM-1-2hrs.

Experience life on a modern day farm in central Nebraska. Contact: Steve Wolf: 2017 23rd Road, Kearney, NE 68845, (308)234-1318

CSS FARMS-1hr

CSS Farms is a diversified producer of vegetable crops as well as row crops and small grains with operations across the US. The Kearney plant raises potatoes for the Frito Lay plant. 2016 32 Road, Minden, NE 68959, (308)832-1733

KAAPA ETHANOL PLANT-1hr

See how ethanol is produced in central Nebraska. 8450. Kaapa Ln, Minden, NE 68959, (308)743-2217

THUNDERHEAD BREWERY-1-2hrs

A micro-brewery specializing in making small and unique batches of beer, both non-alcoholic and alcoholic varieties. 18 East 21st St. Kearney, NE 68847, (308)237-1588

WARD LABORATORIES, INC.-.5hr

Observe agriculture testing of soils, feeds, waters, and plants for scientific research. Mon-Friday 9:00am-5:00pm. 4007 Cherry Road, Kearney, NE 68847, (308)234-2418.

*** Indicates Entertainers and Speakers we have CD's for**