# Butler Co. Arts 2023-2024 Season

## July 13-16—County Fair

here is always something to see and do at the Butler County Fair for young and old alike! The Butler County Arts Council sponsors the Angie Kriz Polka Band performance on Thursday night. We also have an information booth and will award prizes for artistic photography in black and white and creative digital. Brochures for the BCAC season and for the Art Day Camp are also provided at the fair.

## **July 27—Art Camp**

Art Day Camp, organized and sponsored by the Butler County Arts Council, returns to the Aquinas High School art

room with a choice of up to six different sessions over a 3-day period (July 27, 28, 31) taught by excellent art instructors. Children ages 8 and over are always pleased with their creations. Samples of their work are on display during the month of August at Hruska Memorial Library.

This year's instructors

#### Students get creative with one of their many projects each year at the summer Art Day Camp.

include Sarah Juranek, a graduate of the UNK studio art program and current employee of Bone Creek Art Museum; Diane Noonan, a fairly new art day camp instructor but an experienced art teacher at David City H.S. and a member of Columbus Area Artists; Gabrielle Comte, a returning art day camp instructor and a UNL grad in visual arts who is also employed by the Bone Creek Art Museum; and Addie Zook, a gifted artist back for her third year of teaching for the program and is now a graphic design major at Benedictine College.

## Aug. 27— Czech Celebration

Moving the Czech musical celebration to a Sunday afternoon in recent years has increased attendance. Come to the



David City Auditorium on Sunday, Aug. 27, at 2 p.m., when The Bill Andel Band returns, featuring Bill Andel on vocals, Steve Steager on baritone, Vern Dvorak on baritone, Krissy Bywater on clarinet, Steve Hines on drums, Vickie Hines on clarinet, Jan Lhoutak on trumpet, Al Moravec on tuba, Mike Palensky on clarinet and sax, Larry Skarka on trumpet and vocals, Joe Skarka on trumpet, Frank

Siedlik on trumpet, and Alan Valish on vocals and accordion. After many years lead the Czech leading the group, Bill Andel is retiring. musical celebra-As fundraisers for two nonprofit groups, a tion for his last light lunch and decadent desserts will be time this year. available.

## Sept. 10-Toasted Ponies

 $\mathbf{P}_{\mathrm{erforming}}$  again this season are The Toasted Ponies, who

have delighted audiences before with their classic country and western music. The group has a repertoire that includes the likes of Hank Williams, Patsy Cline, and Johnny Cash. They are at the Bone Creek Museum of Agrarian Art on Sunday,

Sept. 10, at 3 p.m.



The Toasted **Ponies includes** (1 to r) Randy and Pam **Barger**. Jim Pipher, Steve Hanson, and Terry Keefe.

## Nov. 16– One-Act Plays

A great night's entertainment is in store once again as the high school casts from David City, Aquinas, and East Butler present their one-act plays. Each year, audiences are amazed at the high level of talent that these young actors display, which has led to some of the plays winning the state competition. Proceeds will once again go toward the youth theater programs. including the one-acts. Enjoy this night of theater on Thursday, Nov. 16, at 7 p.m., at East Butler High School.

## **Dec. 3-Holiday Concert**

ome hear the sounds of the season with this annual favor-

ite. The cantata features the Butler County Community Choir and the Children's Choir under the direction of Michael Eldridge. Enjoy their talents and those of the professional musicians from the Harris Academy of the Arts. This concert is sure to be a favorite start to the holiday season. Join us on Sunday, Dec. 3, at 3 p.m., at St. Luke's United Methodist Church.



The Community Choir and the Children's Choir perform each year at the Holiday Concert.

## **April 7—Artist**

#### Showcase

case highlights the talents of local artists who share instrumentals, vocals, gospel music, poetry, and speech selections. The performers represent a

are a wonderful way to highlight the wide array of

talent in Butler County. The performances will be on Sunday, April 7, at 3 p.m., at St. Luke's United Methodist Church.

The visual arts portion by regional artists of all ages will be on display in the Hruska Memorial Library during the entire month of April. Be sure to check it out!

#### **Board Members**

Michael Eldridge Brainard, (President) Superintendent of East Butler Public Schools. He is the director of the Butler County Community Choir.

Nancy Kozisek David City (Vice-president) A vocal performance major in college, she has been a soloist in the Butler County Community Choir and for other events.

Mistyn Kozisek David City, (Secretary) Elementary music teacher at David City and Bellwood. She also performs as a violinist.

Vickie Hines Brainard, (Treasurer) K-8 music teacher at East Butler Public Schools.

Jarod Ockander David City, English and speech teacher at David City High School.

Joe Bechtel David City, A volunteer at Bone Creek Museum.

Larry Griffiths David City, Creates the BCAC season brochure.

Vern Dvorak Brainard, Plays baritone and sings with local musicians.

Anna Nolan (Covault) David City, Volunteer administrator, grant writer, and membership chairperson for BCAC. She actively partners the arts council with Bone Creek Museum of Agrarian Art and organizes the Art Day Camp, held the last three weekdays of July.

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#### **Membership Application**

Clip and mail this form to Butler County Arts Council, PO Box 165, David City, NE 68632, c/o Membership: Anna Nolan.

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Your membership supports not only performances		
in the coming year but also our expanded Artist-in-		
the-Schools residencies, which enrich the education		
of children in Butler County.		

All events are accessible to individuals in wheelchairs.

A small number of large-print programs will be available at each performance if requested in advance. For large print brochures or other disability needs, please call 402-367-3709.

Thanks for your support!

Check out our BCAC website at http://butlercountyarts.com

#### Solo Art Exhibits

**B**eginning with Sarah Juranek's Czech heritage art exhibit in 2022, the Butler County Arts Council continues to sponsor local artists' solo exhibits in the gallery at 569 E St., David City, next door to the Bone Creek Museum. During June and through July 31, 2023, the work of Emily Heermann is on display. An alum of Aquinas High School and recently obtaining her art degree, Heermann brings an environmental touch to each of her pieces. Retired David City Elementary principal Jim Bathen will display his art during August 2023. Bathen, who had a very successful exhibit last January, enjoys working with acrylics and painting landscapes. Thanks to the support of

many, the Arts Council hopes to showcase these and

other local artists in the fu-



ture. Sarah Juranek, Jim Bathen, and Emily Heermann are three local artists who have had solo exhibits in the gallery at

569 E St., David City.

#### Butler County Arts Council —

The Butler County Arts Council partners with area schools, the Bone Creek Museum of Agrarian Art, St. Luke's United Methodist Church and the local library as well as with the Butler County Fair to bring more arts and music activities to all. To become a sponsor contact <u>anolan@bonecreek.org</u>, BCAC volunteer administrator.

Nebraska Arts Council— The Nebraska Arts Council, a state agency, has supported these arts events through its matching grants program funded by the Nebraska Legislature, the National Endowment for the Arts and the Nebraska Cultural Endowment. Visit www.nebraskaartscouncil.org for information on how the Nebraska Arts Council can assist your organization, or





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