

# INFORMATIONAL

**10,000 VILLAGES**-*Handicrafts from Around the World*  
Our business is a non-profit, volunteer staffed marketing outlet for needy craftspeople in about 30 countries. We explain our program and bring samples of the handicrafts sold in our store. We tell a story about one of our producers and show items she has made. We can adapt our program to children. We are happy to have groups visit our store! The store is located on "The Bricks" in downtown Kearney. Time: 15-45 minutes. Cost: none. Contact: 2119 Central Ave. Kearney, Nebraska 68847, (308) 234-1474.

## NEBRASKA SAFETY CENTER

Educational presentations on a variety of safety topics. Demonstrations, lectures and discussions are available depending on the size of the group. Times, cost, and equipment vary depending on the presentation given. Contact: Nebraska Safety Center, Sherry Morrow, University of Nebraska West Campus, Kearney, Nebraska 68849, (308) 865-8256.

## MUSEUM OF NEBRASKA ART

The Museum of Nebraska Art is the home of the Nebraska Art Collection, the official collection of the State of Nebraska. The Nebraska Art Collection was created in 1976 to collect and preserve the artworks that are the cultural heritage of Nebraska. All works are either created by Nebraskans or use some aspect of Nebraska as subject matter for the work. There is no admission charge, but donations are welcome. A two week notice is required for large groups. Open: Tuesday through Sunday 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 1-5 p.m. Closed Mondays and major holidays. Contact: Museum of Nebraska Art, 2401 Central Avenue, Kearney, Nebraska 68847, (308) 865-8559.

## CENTER FOR RURAL AFFAIRS

The staff is knowledgeable in agriculture and rural community issues from school to finance, to livestock and the environment, their programs are current, compelling and sometimes controversial. Time: varies. Cost: expenses. Contact: Center for Rural Affairs, PO Box 136, Lyons, Nebraska 68038, (402) 687-2100 [www.cfra.org](http://www.cfra.org).

## GEALY'S GREENHOUSE & FLORAL DESIGNS

With over 32 years of experience, we will share our knowledge with your groups through a common program choice and food. We welcome groups of a minimum of 10 to 30 or more to choose the category that best fits your schedule. Presentations are available on perennials, annuals, bulbs and roots, container gardens, basic floral design, houseplants, and seasonal decorating. Also take part in Coffee & Dessert Program Tours or Brunch, Lunch or Supper. Our program tours are March, April, June, September, October or November. Contact: Jill Gealy, 911 West Talmadge, Kearney NE 68847, (308) 234-6649 or (800) 327-7161.

## BREATHE YOGA

Need stress relief, feel tight and out of shape? Yoga is the answer. Anyone can practice yoga. Yoga exercises every part of the body from muscles and joints to internal organs. She will teach yoga, pilates or tai chi classes for a group of any size. Contact: Trudy Flaherty, Breathe Yoga (308) 237-5362

## TRAVELING HISTORICAL PROGRAMS, INC.

Offerings include: Native Americans, Lewis and Clark with a Newfoundland dog, Oregon and Mormon Trail, Nebraska Studies, or a specially designed program of your choice. Programs can be designed for any length of time. For fees and schedule contact: Dale Clark, 3931 Dover Ct., Grand Island, Nebraska 68803. 308-384-2655  
Email [jjdclark@msn.com](mailto:jjdclark@msn.com)

# SPEAKERS BUREAUS

## UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA AT KEARNEY SPEAKERS BUREAU

As part of a long-standing tradition of service to Nebraska, the University of Nebraska at Kearney Speakers Bureau provides accomplished speakers and lecturers for a wide variety of community groups and forums throughout the state. Outstanding faculty experts are available to inform, entertain, and educate audiences of all kinds. The Speakers Bureau coordinates this service, matching your needs with the expertise of experienced educators. Contact: University of Nebraska at Kearney Speakers Bureau, Communications Center Building, 1918 University Drive, Kearney, Nebraska 68849, (308) 865-8130.

## 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, inspirationalists, motivationalists, personal development speakers, athletes and celebrities. Time: variable. Cost: variable. Contact: Richard Lutz Agency, 145 N. 46th Street, Suite 1, Lincoln, NE 68503 (402) 475-1900, fax: (402) 475-2299, [mlutz@binary.net](mailto:mlutz@binary.net), home page: [www.lutzagency.com](http://www.lutzagency.com).

## SPEAKERS UNLIMITED

Speakers Unlimited is one of the oldest and largest speakers bureaus in North America. We can accommodate your needs with a speaker who is geographically close to you and can meet any fee range. Our role is to help you get the right speakers for your needs. Contact: Speakers Unlimited, PO Box 27225, Columbus, Ohio 43227, (614) 864-3703, fax (614) 864-3876, [www.speakersunlimited.com](http://www.speakersunlimited.com)

## FIVE STAR SPEAKERS & TRAINERS

Speakers, trainers, and consultants represent nationally known authors, trainers, celebrities, entertainers, and comedians on topics from business and economics to sports and the future. Complimentary 72 page catalog available upon request. Time: varies. Cost: varies. Contact: Five Star Speakers & Trainers, 8685 West 96th Street, Overland Park, Kansas 66212, (913) 648-6480, web site: [www.fivestarspeakers.com](http://www.fivestarspeakers.com), e-mail: [fivestar@fivestarspeakers.com](mailto:fivestar@fivestarspeakers.com).

## NEBRASKA HUMANITIES COUNCIL

The Nebraska Humanities Council offers a variety of topics including World History and Culture, United States History, Nebraska/Great Plains History and much more. For more information contact: Nebraska Humanities Council, 215 Centennial Mall South, Suite 330, Lincoln, Nebraska, 68508, (402) 474-2131 or e-mail [nhc@nebraskahumanities.org](mailto:nhc@nebraskahumanities.org)

# SAFETY

## FT. KEARNEY CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

Representatives from the Red Cross are available to present programs on the following:

- Disaster Education/Preparedness
- Armed Forces Emergency Services
- Blood Services-donating blood
- Health & Safety Services: CPR, First Aid, HIV/AIDS, Education, Water Safety and others
- International Red Cross Services
- Language Bank

The above programs may be presented individually or in combination. Volunteers are also available to give presentations on items such as Disaster Response. Contact: American Red Cross, Ft. Kearney Chapter, 520 West 48th Street, Kearney, Nebraska 68847, (308) 234-2770.

## FIRE PREVENTION AND SAFETY

*Kearney Volunteer Fire Department*

Fire Prevention and safety education videos and discussion on topics such as E.D.I.T.H, Exit Drills In The Home, portable fire extinguishers, fire pre-incident planning, business and public assembly fire evacuation planning and various children's educational videos and program on fire prevention and safety are available. Donations to the KVFD accepted. Contact: Kearney Volunteer Fire Department, 2211 Avenue A, Kearney, Nebraska 68847, (308) 233-3226. [www.kvfd.net](http://www.kvfd.net).

## FIRE STATION TOURS

*Kearney Volunteer Fire Department*

Tour the Kearney Volunteer Fire department fire station 1, 2211 Avenue A, or fire station 2, 3820 30th Avenue. Receive information on Fire Prevention and Safety. Look inside the different types of trucks and see the special equipment they carry. Donations to the KVFD accepted. Contact: Kearney Volunteer Fire Department, 2211 Avenue A, Kearney, Nebraska 68847, (308) 233-3226. Website: [www.kvfd.net](http://www.kvfd.net).

## MOBILE FIRE SAFETY TRAILER

*Kearney Volunteer Fire Department*

This unit is an actual structure including a living room/kitchen and bedroom with a window, escape ladder and a telephone for practice calling 911. Children and adults learn about fire prevention, fire hazards, and severe weather in a realistic setting. Programs take about 30 minutes and the size of the program area is limited to small groups. We recommend the trailer to be part of an all day or weekend event.

# NUTRITION & HEALTH

## STRESS MANAGEMENT - Dr. Yozan Mosig

Stress management perspectives and ideas derived from far Eastern sources: Zen mediation and Morita and Naikan psychotherapies. The presentation offers practical strategies to understand and reinterpret stresses in modern life. Dr. Yozan Mosig, winner of the 1998 Pratt-Heins Scholarship Award for his work, is a professor of psychology at the University of Nebraska at Kearney. Time: 45-60 minutes. Contact: Dr. Yozan Mosig, Department of Psychology, UNK, Kearney, Nebraska 68849, (308) 865-8236/(308) 237-1294 or [mosigy@unk.edu](mailto:mosigy@unk.edu).

## BUFFALO COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE - UNL

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension has numerous programs available to community groups and conventions throughout the state. We offer a variety of educational programs for all ages. Listed below is a partial list of available programs,

- \*Fun and Inexpensive Activities for Families
- \*Differences in the Way Men and Women Communicate
- \*Organization of Space and Time
- \*Real Colors (Personality Assessment - \$5.00 charge per person for booklet)
- \* Intergenerational Activities
- \* MyPyramid - for a Healthy Lifestyle
- \*Choc-o-late
- \*Flowers that are Edible
- \*Add a Little Spice (and Herbs) to Your Life
- \*Whole Grains for Fiber Fitness
- \*Calcium - for Health Bones
- \*Food Safety for Seniors
- \*Fall Prevention in the Home
- \*Turf Management
- \*Weed Control
- \*Ornamental Trees and Flowers for Nebraska
- \*Container Gardening

The above programs vary in length and cost. Contact: Carol Schwarz, Extension Educator, Buffalo County Extension Office, 1400 East 34th Street, Kearney, Nebraska 68847, (308) 236-1235.

## THE NEBRASKA FIREFIGHTERS MUSEUM & EDUCATION CENTER-

The mission of the Nebraska Firefighters Foundation is to preserve Nebraska's firefighting heritage, foster public understanding of the impact and benefit to firefighting in regard to saving lives and possessions, educate individuals about fire prevention and fire safety, and memorialize Nebraska Firefighters. A group of firefighters had a dream to someday create a special place to honor our firefighters. The idea of a statewide Nebraska Firefighters Museum & Education Center was born. A benefit of this museum is not only telling the history, but also serving as an extensive education center to provide the general public and especially our young people with learning opportunities through interactive and entertaining exhibits. Contact Lee Hause, (308)293-5658.

## LICENSED ESTHETICIAN

Amber Ourada is a specialist in skin care. She will provide tips and pointers for improving your skins natural beauty. She can customize her program to your needs. Contact: Amber Ourada: Bang Salon & Spa, 5012 3rd Ave, Ste 170, Kearney, NE 68845, (308) 234-3144 ext 23, [www.bangsalonandspa.com](http://www.bangsalonandspa.com)

# MOTIVATIONAL

## TEAM DEVELOPMENT - Michelle Roggasch

Teams, teams, teams. Everyone wants to do business using teams. But how do you change a "group" of people into a team? We will show your group how to lead a team or be a great team member including win-win strategies, ownership, abundance mentality and when a team just might not work. Customized for 45 minutes to 3 hours. Fees and expenses negotiable. Contact: Beacon Consulting Group, 1507 12th Avenue, Kearney, Nebraska 68845, (308) 236-9450. [mjroggasch@frontiernet.net](mailto:mjroggasch@frontiernet.net)

## **MAUN LEMKE, Speaking & Consulting**

Raymond Lemke, CSP is a high-energy motivator who will inspire you with his enthusiasm, passion, and humor. Contact: 8031 West Center Road #222, Omaha, Nebraska 68124, (800) 356-2233/(402) 391-5540 or fax (402) 391-1025. [www.clintmaun.com](http://www.clintmaun.com)

## **AN ENTREPRENEURS STORY**

James Gardner is the owner and CEO of Kearney, Nebraska based Wild West, Inc. the parent company of Whiskey Creek Steakhouses. His is a story of overcoming the odds to build a multi million dollar organization from scratch. Jim grew up in a single parent home since his father died when Jim was just 5 years old and he didn't go to college. He moved to Nebraska at the age of 19 in a 1971 AMC Gremlin with nothing but his clothes and a pair of water skis. He enjoys speaking to young people about seizing the opportunity, avoiding pitfalls, and living a quality life. Time: 30 - 60 minutes. Wild West Inc. PO Box 1630 Kearney, Nebraska 68848. 308-234-2757 Email [jodi@whiskeycreek.com](mailto:jodi@whiskeycreek.com)

## **PERSONAL MOTIVATION - Michelle Roggasch**

Are you a STAR? Are your employees STARS? We can show you and your group the four steps to personal development:

- Success Focus
- Training
- Action
- Responsibility

STARS are needed in business, in volunteer organizations, in service organizations, in our schools. Customized for 45 minutes to 3 hours. Fees and expenses negotiable. Contact: Beacon Consulting Group, 1507 12th Avenue, Kearney, Nebraska 68845, (308) 236-9450. [mjrogasch@frontiernet.net](mailto:mjrogasch@frontiernet.net)

## **CREATING FIT LEADERS - Michelle Roggasch**

It's not about pushups! It's about keeping your mind, body and spirit sharp for the world today. Tips for strengthening your mind (self-talk), body (stretching) and spirit (play!!) to keep you at the peak of your leadership ability. Let's have fun learning to be fit leaders! Customized for 45 minutes to 3 hours. Fees and expenses negotiable. Contact: Beacon Consulting Group, 1507 12th Avenue, Kearney, Nebraska 68845, (308) 236-9450. [mjrogasch@frontiernet.net](mailto:mjrogasch@frontiernet.net)

## **FRIENDS OF THE FRANK HOUSE**

The Frank House, on UNK's West Campus, is Kearney's last surviving Victorian age treasure with access for the public. Speaker can recount history of structure and the reflection of Kearney's life & times since 1889; speaker can also explain on-going restoration efforts and Friend's projects, such as the annual Bridge Party, the Titanic Dinner, the Garden Walk and the Edible Flowers Tea (yes, they really do eat flowers!). Contact Bobbie McKenzie, 624 W. 24th, Kearney, NE 68845, (308) 237-7746; or Gloria LeDroit, PO Box 271, Kearney, NE 68848, (308) 234-9812 weekdays

## **MENTORS WANTED....NEEDED**

- Michelle Roggasch

Beginning with Greek mythology, the ability to be a mentor has been a special gift. In today's fast-paced business climate, developing business mentors is crucial. In today's fast-paced "real" world, developing young people using a mentoring program is crucial. Learn how to add value quickly when you create a mentor program in your company or community. Customized for 45 minutes to 3 hours. Fees and expenses negotiable. Contact: Beacon Consulting Group, 1507 12th Avenue, Kearney, Nebraska 68845, (308) 236-9450. [mjrogasch@frontiernet.net](mailto:mjrogasch@frontiernet.net)

## **TOM BASSETT, CAE**

Tom is a former teacher, coach and association director. He is also an auctioneer, a professional antique appraiser and a nationally ranked master's division runner. His topics include: "Motivation-- One Size Does Not Fit All "; and (humor) "To Grow Up or Not to Grow Up -- That's a Silly Question." He also conducts an Antique/ Collectable Road Show, (a big hit with members and spouses). His Road Show can also serve as a unique fundraising event. Tom can educate and at the same time entertain an audience. Contact him for a brochure and/or a short video. Contact: Tom Bassett, 2401 Heritage Pines Ct., Lincoln, NE. 68506, (402) 484-8143, [tkbassett@alltel.net](mailto:tkbassett@alltel.net)

## **FINDING YOUR RAINBOWS EACH DAY**

- Sally Hauff

Inspirational Humorist Sally entertains with hilarious stories relating her own experiences with children and adults with charm and humor. "You'll laugh, you'll cry, and you'll share Sally's joy and enthusiasm as you hear her stories of love and laughter concerning her days spent working with children in the Kearney Public Schools. These are true stories you will hear with only the names changed to protect the innocent little people whom Sally enjoys so much"....Elda Heckenlively. Sally has been a guest speaker at many banquets delivering a dose of life at its best! Cost: negotiable. Contact: Sally Hauff, 4 Sleepyhollow Lane, Kearney, Nebraska 68847, (308) 237-5090.

## **MARY ALICE KONZ**

A twenty-year veteran of the high school speech classroom, present this lighthearted, entertaining information session to help participants learn more about communication styles and the inherent barriers to effective conversation that exists in our language. Presentations can include: "Leaping Tall Buildings in a Single Bound: Be the Hero of Your Own Story", "Dr. Seuss, We Need You Now: How to Defeat the Negative Lessons of Popular Culture", "Wash My Mouth Out With Soap: The Evolution and Study of Profanity's Overuse", "Playing Nice...Why We Can't, and What We Can Do About It." Contact: Mary Alice Konz, (308) 224-1088, [mkonzcu@yahoo.com](mailto:mkonzcu@yahoo.com).

## **DAVE ZIMMER**

Dave is a motivational speaker with a proven track record of successful leadership. Dave has been a teacher, coach, and a high school principal. His message focuses on being a person of character and leading a significant life. His message isn't limited to an age, or occupation or gender. His message is for everyone because we can all become better people. Contact: Dave Zimmer, 1319 East 45th Street P-12, Kearney, NE 68847, (308) 237-0316, (402) 841-8102, [www.davezimmerspeak.com](http://www.davezimmerspeak.com), [drzimmer@frontiernet.net](mailto:drzimmer@frontiernet.net)

## **NEBRASKA ADMIRALS ASSOCIATION**

The Nebraska Governor's office has awarded Admiralships to deserving Nebraskans since 1931; the Nebraska Admirals Association has given them a way to make use of the award. The organization, first formed in 1986, hosts sailors from the submarine USS NEBRASKA when they visit the namesake state. The Association also has provided an annual scholarship for a senior in the 4-year Travel & Tourism degree program at the University of Nebraska at Kearney since 1992. Education about the state of Nebraska is their goal. Speaker can address a variety of topics and can tie Nebraska's uniqueness into your organization's focus. Group games available, including "The County Game". Contact: Chief of Staff Gloria LeDroit, PO Box 271, Kearney, NE 68848, (308) 234-9812 weekdays.

# HUMORISTS

## LAUGHTER AN INSTANT VACATION -

- Dana E. Snyder

Dana uses real life experiences with which everyone can identify. Your group will enjoy a relaxed, amusing message with pertinent applications. Presentations are tailored for each group, with information about individual members gleaned from an "informant." Dana incorporates these anecdotes throughout this presentation. No one is safe, but everyone is respected. Cost: negotiable. Contact: Dana E. Snyder, 1330 Urbana Lane, Lincoln, Nebraska 68505, (402) 646-9081.

## "BEA FUNNY" - Bea Fiala

Bea is an area entertainer who enjoys entertaining family and friends and making people laugh. Bea tries to take everyday situations and turn it into something to laugh about. She can accommodate any group or organization and tailor to the needs of your program. Current programs are Comedy, Angels in our Lives, Humor to Reduce Stress in Everyday Life. Cost: negotiable. Contact Bea Fiala, 3548 Hillside Drive, Grand Island, NE 68803, 308-384-9459, email: d\_bfiala@kdsi.net

# BUSINESS

## IDEA BANK MARKETING

The marketing and advertising gurus at Idea Bank Marketing can bring timely, lively talks and seminars on a variety of marketing topics to your group or convention. Idea Bank Marketing is a full service advertising and marketing agency, founded in Hastings, Nebraska in 1982. If you have a particular topic in mind, Idea Bank can tailor a presentation to focus on your specific request. All of our presentations, however, are geared to offer information pertinent to the audience. Some of our more commonly requested topics are:

*How can we effectively communicate with our customers?*

*What are some of the best ways to generate positive publicity for our company?*

*What does the World Wide Web mean to our company's future?*

*Can we create successful advertising on a shoestring budget?*

*What is market research, and how can we gather and utilize information?*

Time: 30-60 minutes. Contact: Ann Martin or Sherma Jones, 701 West Second Street, Hastings, Nebraska 68901, (402) 463-0588, fax (402) 463-2187, website [www.ideabankmarketing.com](http://www.ideabankmarketing.com).

## BETTY STREFF

The secret to radically distinguishing your business is really, really fun and doesn't cost a cent!! It can be done without equipment, inventory or publicity. It lasts forever and has a magical way of growing and being embellished as time goes by. The only things required are a big smile the desire to have fun with people. This amazing secret is outstanding, outrageous customer service!! Betty Streff is what she describes as an Old War Horse in retail, manufacture and most recently the hospitality industry. A veteran of over 30 years in customer service, she will deliver a fast paced, humorous and thought-provoking presentation to help you make your business the one that everyone tells their friends about. Customized from 30 minutes to 2 hours, cost and fees are negotiable. You can reach Betty at 308-627-5558 or via email at [bjstreff@hotmail.com](mailto:bjstreff@hotmail.com).

## SCORR MARKETING

Scorr Marketing offers you a curriculum of marketing and training tools to enhance the productivity and effectiveness of your marketing strategy and your leadership team. SCORR brings together leaders in the field of marketing and training to provide provocative and motivating programs in marketing and leadership development. Contact: Cinda Orr at (308)237-5567, [cinda@scorrmktg.com](mailto:cinda@scorrmktg.com)

## STRATEGIC PLAN FACILITATION

You know it's time to have the team plan real strategies without personalities interfering. We will show you how to develop an objective-filled agenda and facilitate discussion without bias. Plus we'll show you how to set RUMBA goals: Reasonable, Understandable, Measurable, Believable, Achievable. Customized for 45 minutes to 3 hours. Fees and expenses negotiable. Contact: Beacon Consulting Group, 1507 12th Avenue, Kearney, Nebraska 68845, (308) 236-9450. [mjroggash@frontiernet.net](mailto:mjroggash@frontiernet.net)

## MAGIC OF COMMUNICATION - Michelle Roggash

Good communication is 2/3 non-verbal and 1/3 verbal, so how to you make your communication skills work like magic? This program will cover the differences between communication skills, the diversity of messages, and how to communicate well with a little "magic" thrown in to spell bind your group. Customized for 45 minutes to 3 hours. Fees and expenses negotiable. Contact: Beacon Consulting Group, 1507 12th Avenue, Kearney, Nebraska 68845, (308) 236-9450. [mjroggash@frontiernet.net](mailto:mjroggash@frontiernet.net)

## CORE IMPACT

Provide personal and professional development presentations and workshops for business, education, organizations, and agencies. Topics include: goal setting, conflict management, leadership, time management, professionalism in the rural workplace, communications and image. Contact us for more information, to build a personalized workshop or presentation, or to price our services. Contact: Jill Kulp & Mary Ridder, 79225 Rye Valley Rd., Callaway, NE 68825, (308) 836.4430, [CoreImpact@hotmail.com](mailto:CoreImpact@hotmail.com)

## CENTRAL NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION OF INSURANCE & FINANCIAL ADVISORS

A wide variety of topics are available on any line of insurance, including business, automobile, life, disability, and long-term care and Mutual Funds. The "Auto Insurance Made Easy" game is also available and suitable for any age. Time: flexible. Cost: meal or refreshments. Equipment needed: varies by program requested. Contact: Gloria LeDroit, PO Box 271, Kearney, Nebraska 68848, (308) 234-9812.

## HOW TO GET A SMALL BUSINESS LOAN

Jim Gardner shares his secrets for obtaining a loan to start or grow a business. This is a hands on presentation designed to teach you how to package a loan request, communicate with your prospective banker, educate the bank about your business and close the deal. Jim's motto of "Profit is a Pre-determined Figure" is fully explained in this highly educational, business seminar. Time 45 - 60 minutes Cost: \$100 per person payable to Habitat for Humanity. Handout provided. Wild West Inc. PO Box 1630 Kearney, Nebraska 68848, (308)-234-2757 Email [restconcepts@nebi.com](mailto:restconcepts@nebi.com)

## ETIQUETTE

Nancy Kneen will inform you with the basics of dining, networking, making proper introductions, shaking hands and small talk. Demonstrations and audience participation is a must. Contact: Nancy Kneen, 865-8501, [horizonsn@yahoo.com](mailto:horizonsn@yahoo.com)

## **DR. CHRISTINA McCANN CONSULTING SERVICES, INC.**

Dr. Christina McCann Consulting Services, Inc. is a nationwide firm with 20 years experience successfully assisting managers, employees, businesses, private and public boards to improve their productivity, profitability, and morale. Our seminars are tailored to meet specific needs of each group in practical, realistic, and enjoyable ways. Please call with your special requests. The following topics are possible: Board Training; Communication; Customer Sales, Service and Motivation; Ethics; Leadership; Relationship Building; Self Confidence; and Stress, Anger, and Grief Management. Contact: Dr. Christina McCann Consulting Services, Inc., 1811 Newport, Casper, Wyoming 82609, (307)265-3436.

## **BETTER SALES IN THIRTY DAYS**

Tired of giving free consulting? Frustrated with "think it over?" Sales just keep getting away? Explore The Sandler Sales System™ to find ideas you can use right away. This presentation can be scheduled in either an after-dinner keynote or a workshop. Visit <http://davearch.sandler.com> for more information and to request a free sample video too.

## **JOHN IRVIN, C.S.P.**

John Irvin is a Certified Speaking Professional, trainer, wellness educator and author. He holds a degree from the University of Tulsa and has been active in creating opportunities for professional and personal growth for over 25 years. John shares from his work in corporate training, mental health, leisure sciences and health and wellness. Contact: Lifestyle Enhancement Services, Inc., P.O. Box 4397, Tulsa, OK 74159-0397, 888-997-7486, [www.johnirvin.com](http://www.johnirvin.com), [john@johnirvin.com](mailto:john@johnirvin.com)

## **CATALYST COMMUNICATIONS**

– *Diane Kaye Walkowiak*

Your employees cannot be at their best if they are not handling stress well. In addition to presentations on managing stress, Diane also speaks on employee motivation and flextime/job sharing issues. Time: 1-2 hours. Contact: Catalyst Communications, 4934 Knox Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68504, (402) 466-0416, e-mail: [wemotiv8@aol.com](mailto:wemotiv8@aol.com).

## **MSP RESOURCES, INC. - Suzanne Mahel Tyrrell**

"Outsourcing-Buzz Word for the 90s." Topics include changing uses of labor in this country, current trends in labor, use of contract labor, leased labor and ways for employers to handle a variety of labor needs. Time: 10-30 minutes.

Contact: MSP Resources, Inc., 210 Gateway North Suite 438, Lincoln NE 68505, (402)464-3225, fax (402)464-3308.

## **ONE'S COMPANY**

One's Company offers a number of one-woman shows that are both entertaining and educational. Such historical events as passing through Ellis Island, riding on the Orphan Train, fighting in the Resistance during World War II, these and more are dramatized and brought to life by actress Pippa White. Time: varies. Cost: varies. Contact: One's Company, Pippa White, 2240 Lake Street, Lincoln NE 68502, (402)477-6914.

## **QUICKDRAW CARICATURES**

Dirk Christensen will create live caricature art for conventions, office parties or as special gifts. He can also construct custom presentation pieces from photos for boss'/secretaries day, retirement, special recognition. Visit his webpage at [www.kwkdraw.com](http://www.kwkdraw.com). Contact: Dirk at PO Box 2171, Kearney, NE 68845 (308) 440-4815 or e-mail [dc@kwkdraw.com](mailto:dc@kwkdraw.com).

## **JUDI SICKLER**

Judi Sickler is Executive Director of the Kearney Area Community Foundation. She can facilitate non-profit organizations through their strategic planning process by using such methods as the SWOT analysis. Contact: Judi Sickler, 308-237-3114 or email: [cmtyfndn@kearney.net](mailto:cmtyfndn@kearney.net)

## **CENTRAL MEDIATION CENTER**

Central Mediation Center (CMC) is a private, non-profit corporation that provides mediation, facilitation, and conflict resolution training within a 31 county area in central and southwest Nebraska. Contact: Central Mediation Center, 204 E 25th Street, Ste 5, Kearney, NE 68848 308-237-4692 or 800-203-3452, [www.centralmediationcenter.com](http://www.centralmediationcenter.com)

## **IDEA·LOGIC MARKETING CONCEPTS**

idea·logic marketing concepts is a full service advertising, marketing and public relations firm located in North Platte, Nebraska. Whether it's marketing, advertising, image consulting, budget analysis, promotions, training tools, graphic and web design or event publicity you need, idea·logic is the place to go. At idea·logic marketing concepts, we pride ourselves on marketing with a point. Contact: Missy Black, (308) 696-1090 or [www.idealogicmarketing.com](http://www.idealogicmarketing.com)

# **ENTERTAINMENT**

## **FULL TILT 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, PO Box 2182, Kearney, NE 68848, (308) 236-8844, fax (308) 237-7347, email: [info@fulltiltmanagement.com](mailto:info@fulltiltmanagement.com).

## **COMEDY PRODUCTIONS**

Comedy Productions has speakers for every occasion to fit all of your needs. Here are just a few examples: Tim Slagle's slightly askew observations bring politics down to street level, but his love of irony will delight even the most sophisticated fans. Chrissy Burns speaks about her experiences as a cancer survivor and applies it to everyday challenges of life as Jay Wendall Walker, "The Great Imposter," who can be anyone or anything. For more information on these or other speakers contact Kenneth Muller's Comedy Productions, 5120 Jackson, Omaha NE 68106, (888) 811-LAFF or [JEKelly@compuser.com](mailto:JEKelly@compuser.com). [www.comedypro.com](http://www.comedypro.com)

## **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. Time: negotiable. Cost: \$500 or bid per event. No equipment needed. Contact: Sherry Morrow, 713 W 29th, Kearney, Nebraska 68847, (308) 237-5247/(800) 600-5247.

## **HABITAT 4 HARMONY**

This comedy men's quartet sings a variety of unaccompanied songs sure to have your convention, party or celebration audience laughing. We need one mic. Contact Fran Wilson at 308-234-5376 or frjgwils@yahoo.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, Kearney, NE. at 308-236-2083.

## **MIDLAND PRIDE CHORUS OF SWEET ADELINE'S INTERNATIONAL**

This women's chorus will satisfy any audience with their acappella barbershop style music. They will entertain for your large or small group. Time: 20-45 minutes. Contact: Judy Drown, 114 Huron Drive, Kearney NE 688847, (308) 236-2083.

## **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, Washington, D.C., California, Arizona, Japan, Germany, Austria, the Czech Republic, China, Australia and England. 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: Andrew White, Department of Music and Performing Arts, University of Nebraska at Kearney, Kearney Nebraska 68849, (308) 865-8610

## **4 FOR 1**

Donna Bisbee, Robbie Samuelson, Brian Jenkins and Steve England-4 servants singing for one Awesome God. The group has been together for a little over a year performing at Storm Hockey games and other complete shows in the area. They currently have prepared musical selections with gospel, patriotic and Christmas themes but can do other music by special request if given time to learn. Contact: Steve England (308) 236-9746 or Robbie Samuelson at (308) 237-5883.

## **VERLE STRAATMANN & JORDAN PALLAS**

Verle Straatmann and Jordan Pallas 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: 515 West 22nd, Kearney NE 68847. Call: (308) 224-9954

## **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 the gospel, spiritual and patriotic venues. Music is selected from Meredith Wilson, Lerner and Loewe, Rogers and Hammerstein and many others. Time: 15-60 minutes. Cost: negotiable. Contact: Jim Anderson, 32 East 48th Street, Kearney, Nebraska 68847, (308) 237-7893.

## **BILL MAY AND PAT BOILESEN**

These 2 performers of cowboy poetry and western music have put together an act that covers it all. Bill May resides and works a family farm outside of Kearney, NE and much of his poetry, humorous and serious is drawn from life on the farm. Pat Boilesen is from Albion, NE. She is a singer and songwriter, writing of her life experiences as well as songs that tell the story of the settler and cowboy. They take their audience from smiles and laughter straight through to nostalgic memories of days gone by. Their material covers everything from barnyard animals to pickin' corn; from mother's quilts to the perils of growing old. Patriotism and spiritual inspiration give the audience cause to appreciate what is ours today. Recent performances in Estes Park included opening for famed poet, Baxter Black. Upcoming events include the Durango, CO. Cowboy Poet Gathering as featured guest performers. The two have just released their first album produced as a duo. Both have many solo albums to their credit. Contact Information: Bill May, 13230 YDC Rd., Kearney, NE. 68845 308-893-3488 or 402-395-6558 E-mail: pboiles@cablene.com

## **KEARNEY AREA BARBERSHOPPERS 1733 CHORUS**

The 4-part acappella songs by this group of male Barbershop Harmony singers cover many decades and styles from patriotic and popular from 1920 to the present. We entertain both large and small groups including conventions, banquets, county fairs and celebrations. (We'll dress in tuxes or informally-your choice.) Price is negotiable and equipment needed is one mic and room for 20-35 men. Contact Fran Wilson at 308-234-5376 or frjgwils@yahoo.com

## **CHERRIE BEAM-CLARKE "SUN BEAMS"**

Pioneer Storyteller and Nature programs for all ages. Cherrie has entertained 77,000 Nebraskans over 20 yrs. You'll laugh and cry through dramatic renditions bringing the 1800's to life. The audience transports in time...riding the wagon, fighting prairie fires and grasshoppers, losing loved ones, hard work and becoming an American. Nebraska Nature is fun filled and hands on. Contact: Cherrie Clarke, (402) 727-2820 or cherrieclarke@hotmail.com

## **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. The band can select from over one hundred fifty tunes from it's specialty of Irish music to the "and more" category. The "and more" includes music from Glen Miller, The Beatles and Nickel Creek as well as numerous tunes in the styles of bluegrass and Cajun. For more information contact Dave Klein at 308-237-5999, wildcloverband@kearney.net

## **CODY OF THE PLAINS**

Kirk Shapland portrays the Young William F. Cody-later to become known as Buffalo Bill. Though his Wild West Show was widely known in his later years, his beginnings as a scout and hunter are often overlooked. Watch Cody's early years come to life with his theatrically interpretive show. Cody tells of his life on the plains, hunting buffalo and more through theatrical presentations. Time: 15 minutes to 1 hour. Contact: Kirk Shapland, PO Box 184, Dighton, Kansas 67839, (620)397-5796 or ktshapland@yahoo.com.

## **BUFFALO BILL**

Bruce Richman, 107 N. Elder Ave., North Platte, NE 69101, (308) 532-3509

## **CABRIOLET**

This women's acappella quartet is perfect for any occasion. They sing barbershop style harmony music for crowds small and large. They perform for events such as birthdays, anniversaries, special events, service clubs and conventions. Cost: negotiable. Contact: Judy Drown, 114 Huron Drive, Kearney NE 68847, (308) 236-2083.

## **JOAN WELLS**

Joan Wells knows the ropes. Joan combines years of stage and rodeo experience into a traditional, fast moving, exciting performance. Joan's performance can be "spun" to fit your event. Contact: Joan Wells, 4940 M Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68510, (402) 484-5676 or (800) 884-4968. joanwellscrickroper@yahoo.com

## **BLACKBERRY WINTER**

Known throughout the Midwest in the 60's and 70's this touring band was famous for their great horn rock sound. Now, resurrected in the late 1990's, this eight piece band still features those great "Brass Kickin" Classic Rock sounds - playing the great horn rock from that era 100% live, no pre-recorded tracks or electronic trickery! Chicago, Blood Sweat and Tears, The Grass Roots, The Buckingham's, just to name a few. Blackberry Winter is great for concerts or dances. A guaranteed crowd pleaser! Contact Steve Jacobi for booking information at: Blackberry Winter, 937 Glenwood, Hastings, NE 68901. Phone: 888.600.0081

## **THE WIZARDS**

This group of talented musicians are very versatile, playing a wide variety of jazz, funk, blues and classic standards. The group can play instrumental music or upbeat recognizable favorites with vocals. Receptions, concerts, easy listening . . . very flexible with great stylings of whatever kind of music the crowd prefers, country, jazz, classic rock, etc. If you're looking for quiet background music or center stage great musical entertainment, you won't be disappointed in the Wizards! Contact Greg Tesdall, 417 West 30th Street, Kearney, NE 68847 308-236-9780

## **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. TASL - one of Kearney's best live bands and affordably priced. Contact: Greg Tesdall, 417 West 30th Street, Kearney, NE 68847 308-236-9780

## **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) 237-5313.

## **KENTUCKY RYE BLUEGRASS BAND**

This 5 member band performs Old Fashioned Bluegrass Music. Contact: Don Barger, (308) 893-2542, email kentuckyrye@earthlink.net or Raymon Johnson, (308) 732-3327, email rayj@nct.net

## **WES & VERL DUO**

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

## **MIKE ADAMS**

Mike Adams's dynamic acoustic guitar sound combines folk and country with jazz and blues in an Americana style. Whether he's playing his originals or covers, his songs are infused with his individual voice and musical arrangements. Each performance is a unique musical experience, whether he's solo or with the Duo, the Mike Adams Trio, or TASL: "When you're standing in front of a live audience, you're flying without a net," he says. In intimate dinner settings or larger party venues, listeners experience the spontaneity and improvisation that he creates in the moment. A "troubadour" in the best sense of the word, he plays his songs to the heart of his audience. Contact: Mike Adams (308) 293-0745 or 293-3408, info@faceatmydoormusic.com, www.faceatmydoormusic.com

## **THALKEN, TESDALL & 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. Concerts, receptions. Contact: Greg Tesdall 308-236-9780

## **RIVERDALE ROUNDERS**

This group performs Old Country and Bluegrass. Contact: John Shafer, (308) 236-6559 after 5pm or email rounders@68870.com.

## **ROUGH AROUND THE EDGES**

Rough Around the Edges is a band for fun. 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) 237-5313.

## **BIG BAND REPRISE**

Big Band Reprise is a 17 member big band with a female vocalist who enjoy 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, Les Brown, Gene Krupa, Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Woody Herman, Peggy Lee, Ella Fitzgerald, and of course, Glenn Miller. Big Band Reprise can tailor their performance to your needs whether it be a show concert or a WWII hangar dance. Contact: Don Krysl, 4966 So. 136th St., Omaha, NE 68137, (402) 504-4657, (402) 768-8468, dkrysl@cox.net, www.bigbandreprise.com

## **THE JERRY NEEMAN BLUES BAND**

Jerry Neeman can play as a solo blues artist or with a four piece band. They play some traditional blues as well as some classic rock. Contact Jerry Neeman, jneeman@esu10.org

### **VON KAMPEN TRIO**

The von Kampen Trio is a piano pop/rock outfit from the small town of Seward, Nebraska. Brothers David and Paul von Kampen, along with their friend Brad Ramp, are working hard to fuse their love for the advanced harmonies of jazz and blues with the excitement and intensity of modern rock music. The result is a unique brand of piano rock that mixes serious musical chops with solid beats and catchy choruses. Contact: David von Kampen at (402) 646-2243 or david@vonkampentrio.com

### **OK SISTERS**

The OK Sisters, a Nebraska band, perform a refreshing mix of cover tunes and original music from their cds "Edge of a Rock" and "the girls are alright." They've often been compared to Heart, Bonnie Raitt, Ricki Lee Jones, with an infectious beat to keep you movin'. Contact: Mark Wienand, Full Tilt Management, 8 W. 23rd Street, Ste B, Kearney, NE 68847, (308) 236-8844, ftm@charter.net.

### **TOMMY WATT & THE CIRCUIT BREAKERS**

This five piece high energy variety band brings you a high energy, and heart warming show featuring classic and new country, rock n' roll, inspirational, original music from their new CDs and a moving patriot salute to our veterans. Whether it be a fair, street dance, club, corporate event or specialized engagement you will "Wynne" with Tommy Watt & The Circuit Breakers and your crowd will never "short circuit". Contact: Vision Productions, 866-41VISION, 308-237-3709 vision1productions@yahoo.com.

### **PETER THE NEAR (GREAT)**

Peter the Near (Great) is an Omaha Magician. His show is designed to please audiences of all ages. Shows are fast-moving, modern type of entertainment. Audience participation is part of the act. Peter is the only magician in the world to have performed in the Goodyear Blimp. Contact Peter Petrashek, 13442 Westwood Ln., Omaha, NE (402) 334-2929, petebabemagic@webtv.net

### **QUIK AS A WINK COWBOY BAND**

Based out of Ainsworth, Nebraska, this "spirited entertaining cowboy band" is in the style of the Sons of Pioneers. Contact Donna Mentzer, 1501 West Leota, North Platte, NE 69101, (308) 532-1465, (308) 530-0452, wwbluegrass@charter.net, www.cowboyyodeling.com

### **LAGNIAPPE 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, 616 Valle' Vista Court, Keller, Texas 76248, (817) 482-1885, info@lagniappeproductions.com, www.lagniappeproductions.com

**RUSTY GEARS THE ROBOT** from Lagniappe Productions Rusty Gears, the world's most versatile, mobile, charming, and quick-witted robot entertainer! I'm also an effective educator and an unprecedented promotional item. Lagniappe Productions, 616 Valle' Vista Court, Keller, Texas 76248, (817) 482-1885, info@lagniappeproductions.com, www.lagniappeproductions.com

### **J & J PONY RIDES**

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

### **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, info@jasonthejuggler.com.

### **THE ATHENIAN DANCERS**

Middle Eastern Dancing is unique entertainment for any event. Dances are available in several styles, Arabic, Greek, Turkish Egyptian and can supply music customized to the culture and event. Shows are high-quality and tasteful. We provide our own sound system and lights. Contact: Naajidah, PO Box 67097, Lincoln, NE 68508. (402) 770-6823, www.athenian-dancers.com

### **THE MELLOW D'S**

Larry's experience has provided him with a rainbow blend of musical preferences that included Classic 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 2004, the Mellow D's were honored as Nebraska's Country Music Duet of the Year, as Larry won 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 and Karen Doran, Box 218, McCool Junction, NE 68401 (402) 724-2474, ledoran@galaxycable.net.

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

T.J. Casey is a cowboy-cowboy poet, singer, songwriter and composer. He has spent two thirds of his life in the saddle on ranches in Montana, Wyoming, Nevada, Oregon and Arizona. Contact: Cowboy Enterprises, PO Box 21676, Billings, MT, 59101, www.tjcasey.net (402) 245-0734.

### **PROFESSIONAL FEMALE STAGE HYPNOTIST**

Linda Dietz, female stage hypnotist, has spent over 20 years bringing stage hypnosis entertainment, hypnotherapy and self-help 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 or 515-360-7665, mindworks123@mchsi.com, www.exploremindworks.com

### **GREENBLATT STRING TRIO**

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

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