

power 'up bike rally

**See the
Teutuls**
at
State Fair Park



Mark your calendars to attend a new event coming to State Fair Park – the Power 'Up Bike Rally, June 22-24, 2007. Activities on June 23 will include the Nebraska Lottery second chance OCC™ custom chopper giveaway, OCC™ Cast Members Charity Bike Run (with proceeds going to the Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund), appearances by the Teutuls of Orange County Choppers and a concert performed by the OCC™ Band.

The Power 'Up Bike Rally will include a weekend packed full of entertainment including a free concert in the Open Air Auditorium featuring the national artists FireHouse and Warrant and the Xfest Production – M.O.B. FMX & Team Extreme Street Stunts. For a chance to win great prizes, bike

enthusiasts will have an opportunity to enter their bike into the Power 'Up Bike Show, participate in the Poker Run, or challenge their skills in friendly competitions such as hot dog and ice cream eating contests. The event promises plenty of food, fun, and of course, shopping for bike accessories of all kinds.

Tickets to attend the Power 'Up Bike Rally can be purchased online at www.statefair.org, at the State Fair Park ticket office, or by calling 402-473-4105 now through June 21. Advance tickets are \$15 per person for a day pass, or \$35 per person for a weekend pass. Day passes during the event will be available for \$20 per person, and weekend passes for \$35 per person. Children 12 and under are free with a paid adult. Parking is free.



STATE FAIR PARK, LINCOLN
Friday, June 22 – Sunday, June 24

Friday: Free Concert featuring FireHouse/Warrant

Saturday: Nebraska Lottery OCC™ Custom Bike Giveaway

OCC™ Cast Members Charity Bike Run

Photo session and Question & Answer session with the Teutuls

Free Concert performed by the OCC Band

Sunday: Poker Run - Proceeds benefit 1868 Nebraska State Fair Foundation

Saturday and Sunday: Custom Bike Show

scholarship *fund benefits*

Among the various efforts funded by Nebraska Lottery proceeds is the Nebraska Scholarship Fund, which is administered by the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education under the Nebraska Scholarship Act.



Commission for Post-Secondary Education approves the students and distributes funds to the institutions. Grants are made based on financial need, and students are not guaranteed to receive the grant every year they are enrolled.

With the help of the Nebraska Lottery, the Nebraska Scholarship Act has been able to award more than 25,000 Nebraska State Grants to college students at dozens of Nebraska institutions.

Grants were made to 12,139 students during the 2004-05 Academic Year. With grants averaging \$687, a total of \$8,336,903 was distributed to students attending 42 different institutions of higher education in Nebraska.

Among the students who received 2004-05 grants, 8,400 attended a public institution; 2,307 attended an independent college or university; and 1,432 attended a private for profit institution.

During the 2003-04 Academic Year, a total of 13,031 students received grants. Grant awards were divided evenly between dependent (traditional) and independent (non-traditional) students, with the average grant being worth \$671.

The 2003-04 grants helped students at 42 institutions of higher education across the state. These institutions included: all the state's 14 public 4-year and 2-year institutions, 12 private for profit institutions, and 16 private independent colleges.

Schools select students as potential recipients, and the Coordinating

The maximum grant that could be awarded during the 2004-05 Academic Year was \$2,389, which was the equivalent of 50 percent of fees and tuition for a full-time Nebraska resident undergraduate student at the University of Nebraska Lincoln (UNL). The maximum for the 2003-04 Academic Year was \$1,032, which was the equivalent of 25 percent of tuition and mandatory fees at UNL. For grants made to students for Academic Year 2005-06, the Legislature has set the maximum possible grant at 50 percent of fees and tuition at UNL.

The Nebraska Scholarship Fund uses a blend of funding from the United States Department of Education's LEAP/SLEAP program (7 percent in 2004-05, 12 percent in 2003-04), the State of Nebraska General Fund (68.5 percent in 2004-05, 65.5 percent in 2003-04), and Nebraska Lottery proceeds (24.5 percent in 2004-05, 22.5 percent in 2003-04).

Nebraska Lottery proceeds are being used in many ways to help people and projects across our state, supporting efforts focused on areas such as education, the environment, compulsive gamblers assistance, and the Nebraska State Fair. So far, \$280 million has been raised for Nebraska Lottery beneficiary funds.



Pheasant hunters have a passion for their sport. With its diverse upland game bird numbers, Nebraska is a featured destination for hunters from across the country. In Nebraska, 114,000 pheasant hunters annually generate over \$41.8 million for the state's economy. To ensure that upland wildlife remains a part of our landscape, Pheasants Forever (PF) has established thousands of acres of habitat for pheasants, quail and other wildlife with the assistance of the Nebraska Environmental Trust.

Local PF chapters are working with landowners to establish high-quality habitat on the corners of center pivot irrigated fields. Through the Corners for Wildlife program, these less-productive areas can provide needed habitat for Nebraska wildlife when planted with grasses, shrubs and trees. Willing landowners sign a five-year contract and receive an annual rental payment and cost-share assistance. By the end of the contract, the landowner has a complete wildlife habitat area and the knowledge to maintain it in the future.

Benefits of the Corners for Wildlife are numerous; restored corners provide food and cover for a variety of Nebraska birds and

wildlife, reduce soil erosion and protect water supplies from agricultural runoff. The Corners for Wildlife program has been highly successful, with landowner demand exceeding the available projects

each year. The Nebraska Environmental Trust has provided support for the Corners for Wildlife program since 1994. Trust funding allowed for the enrollment of 185 corners in 2006, the most projects ever enrolled in a single year. To date over 6,698 acres of habitat have been plant-

ed on 1,183 projects by local PF chapters and their partners.

PF chapters have also partnered with the Nebraska Environmental Trust to purchase no-till grass drills for wildlife habitat plantings. A no-till grass drill is needed to handle the fluffy seeds associated with many grasses, wildflowers, forbs and legumes used in habitat plantings. This specialized equipment is typically unavailable for most landowners in the state. Trust funding has allowed for the purchase of 45 no-till drills across Nebraska since 1994, resulting in the establishment of over 67,000 acres of habitat across the state. The drills are available for landowners to use at a nominal fee. To learn the location of a no-till grass drill near you, log on to www.NebraskaPF.com.



hershey man wins *getaway giveaway*



As tens of thousands of fairgoers made their way through the Nebraska State Fair on September 3, 2006, 25 semi-finalists in the Getaway Giveaway second chance contest gathered to determine who would win cash and merchandise prizes.

The semi-finalists, selected from among more than 41,295 entries in the contest for Nebraska Lottery \$2 Scratch games, were joined by their family and friends for the Getaway Giveaway game show that took place at the main intersection of State Fair Park.

Through a series of elimination rounds at the fair grounds, the field of 25 was narrowed until two contestants remained.

In the end, Mike Summers of Hershey won the Grand Prize valued at \$72,000.

Summers drove home a 2006 Toyota Tundra 4X4 Double Cab truck, a 2006 Fun Finder X210 travel trailer, and a 2006 Yamaha

VX110 WaveRunner personal watercraft, and received \$100 worth of E-10 Unleaded courtesy of the Nebraska Ethanol Coalition.

Summers squared off against Richard Arnold of Sidney. In the final elimination round they took turns drawing keys from a blind box and attempting to start the engine of the Tundra. Arnold went first, followed by Summers. After two rounds of keys, the contest came down to two final keys. Summers' key started the truck, and he won the Grand Prize.

Arnold and nine other semi-finalists who were eliminated in earlier rounds received \$1,000. They are:

Judy Johannsen of Fremont

Diane Jelkin of Hildreth

Misty Koperski of Grand Island

Donna Sisley of Omaha

Deb Borer of Albion

George Newill of Fremont

Dirk Allen of Fremont

Crystal Horky of Kearney

Charlette Casey of Ogallala

Watch for the 2007 edition of Truck\$ & Buck\$ coming in June.