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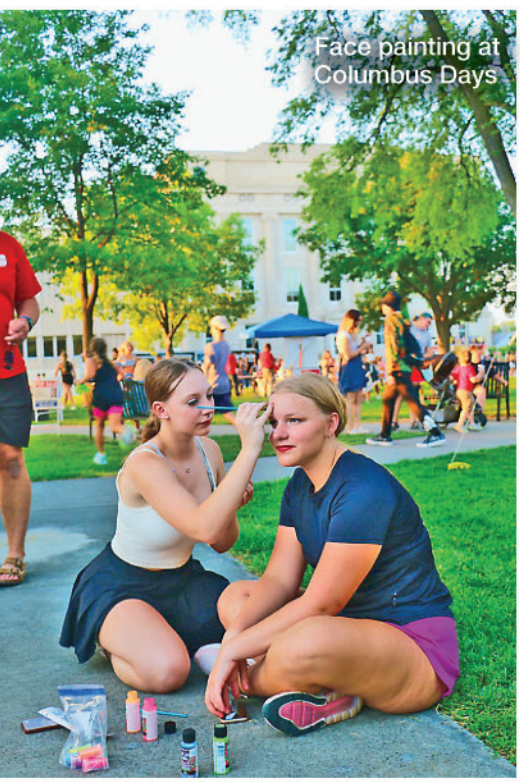
Welcome to Columbus and Platte County! We are so happy you are here and invite you to explore and experience all our communities have to offer! Check out our walking/biking trails, many parks, camping, dining and lodging options. There is something here for everyone and no two visits are the same! Take time to visit our boutiques and unique finds in historic downtown Columbus or one of our famed attractions like the Pawnee Plunge, Andrew Jackson Higgins National Memorial, US 30 Speedway or place your bets!

Consider this your formal invitation to visit for Duncan RibFest, Humphrey Days, the Columbus Races, Platte Center's 4th of July Celebration, Pivot Days in Lindsay, and our annual Columbus Days Celebration in August. Come for the day, stay for a night (or two) and experience our "Something Good each time!" We are proud to call Platte County home and cannot wait to roll out our red carpet for you! Please reach out with any questions you may have.





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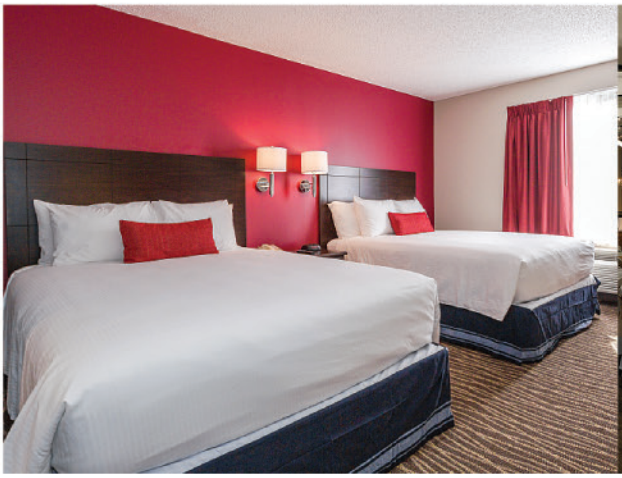
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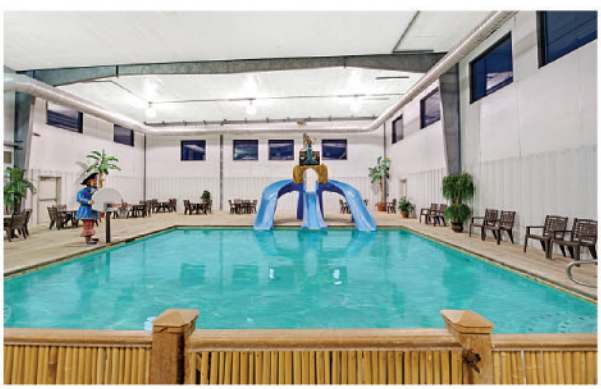


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Early in 1856, several men living in Columbus, Ohio, dreamed of a bold business venture: the establishment of a town along the route of the proposed transcontinental railway. By March they had formed the "Columbus Town Company." Believing the logical choice for a railroad would be in the wide, flat Platte Valley that stretched from the Missouri to the mountains, they chose to locate their town at the confluence of the Loup and Platte rivers in the Nebraska Territory.

Eleven of the 13 men were of German descent, one was Swiss, and one was Irish. They ranged in age from 22 to 42. They traveled by ox team 80 miles west from Omaha arriving at the Columbus Settlement site on May 29, 1856. Using trees from along the Loup, they built a log cabin with a thatched roof. This served as a home for the colony until other houses could be built.

When more pioneers arrived in the new town, a sawmill, grist mill, and a brewery sprang up. The well-established village was an easy choice for county seat when the area north of the Platte was reorganized.

The "choice location" not only placed Columbus on the main line of the Union Pacific Railroad, but later as a hub for branch lines such as the Atchison & Nebraska from Lincoln, and the Omaha, Niobrara and Black Hills to Norfolk.

Buffalo Bill was a frequent visitor to Columbus, being a good friend of the North Brothers. The North Brothers were known for beginning and overseeing the group of native Americans known as the Pawnee Scouts. The Scouts were renowned for the assistance they provided the U.S. government during its westward expansion. Buffalo Bill so enjoyed Columbus that it was the site for the first full dress rehearsal of Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show. The wild west extravaganza formally opened in Omaha a couple days later.

With the adoption of the automobile as the preferred method of transportation, the cry "take Nebraska out of the mud" resulted in paving the old Mormon Trail/Lincoln Highway (U.S. 30) and the Meridian Highway (U.S. 81) making Columbus the "crossroads of the nation." Bridges over the rivers were improved and a viaduct was built across the busy U.P. tracks.

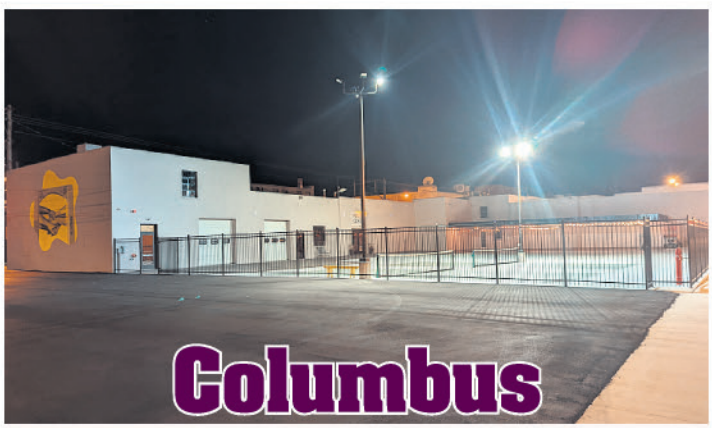
By 1910 Columbus had a population of 5,000, a sizeable number of inhabitants for those days. It was a strong commercial point for goods going west. The town's next big growth spurt came in the mid part of the century when the Columbus economy became three pronged: industry, agriculture and electricity.

Adapted from Irene O'Brien's article for the Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce

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Platte County FUN FACTS

■ Columbus is known as the most industrialized city per capita in the State of Nebraska.

■ Monroe NE was named after former President James Monroe and is home to the Horn T Zoo.

■ The Lincoln Memorial Highway (US Hwy 30, New York to San Francisco) and the Pan American Highway (US Highway 81, Winnipeg to Glaveston were built through Platte County in the early 1900's and cross paths in Columbus.

■ Columbus is the second original location to Godfather's Pizza.

■ Columbus was honored to be one of the first 2 cities in the United States to receive steel from the New York Twin Towers. The steel is displayed at the Andrew Jackson Higgins Memorial in Pawnee Park.

■ Columbus is home to three public power districts: Nebraska Public Power, Loup Public Power & Cornhusker Public Power. Hence "the City of Power & Progress."

■ Buffalo Bill practiced his "Wild West Show" in Columbus before taking it on the circuit.

■ Glur's Tavern in Columbus is the oldest continuous operating tavern west of the Missouri River.

■ Tarnov, Platte County, was bombed on August 16, 1943, during a practice run during World War II.

■ Columbus/Duncan is home to Dorothy Lynch salad dressing – pleasing salad lovers all over the U.S.

■ Platte Center gets its name for being at the center of Platte County.

■ Max Carl (Gronenthal) is a singer/songwriter for Grand Funk Railroad and .38 Special and grew up in Humphrey.

■ More than 11 square miles of Platte County is comprised of water.

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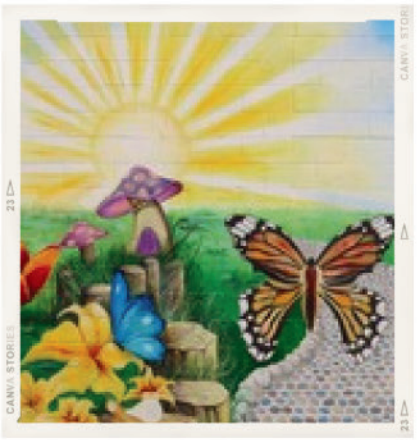
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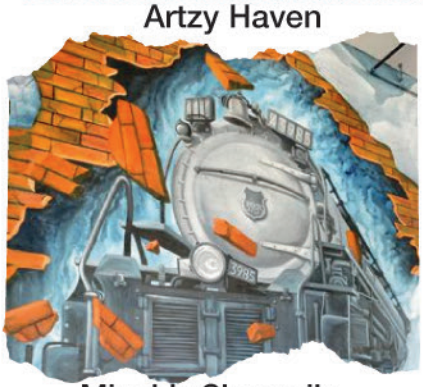
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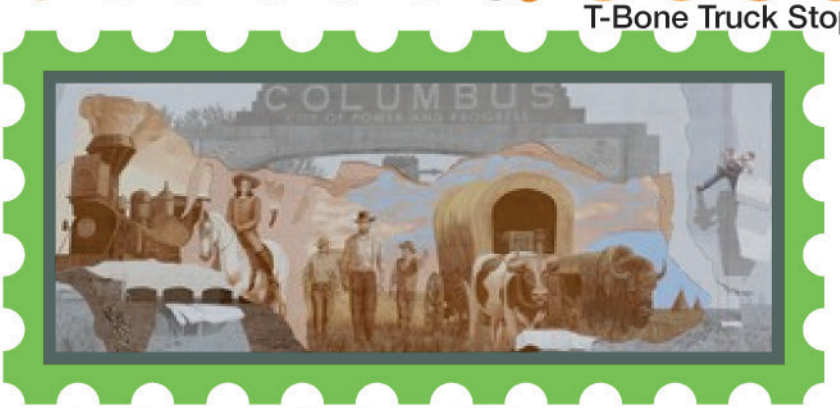
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Andrew Jackson Higgins Memorial

Andrew Jackson Higgins was born in Columbus, Nebraska. Andrew's father John came to Columbus in 1870 to spend a couple days interviewing famous Indian scout Major Frank North. John was so taken by the town that he convinced his wife Annie to give up their dream of California and settle in Columbus, where Andrew was born in 1886.

Higgins' experience with the shallow rivers in the Columbus area gave him a vision for a shallow-draft boat that changed the course of history. Founder and President of Higgins Industries in New Orleans, Higgins rose to international prominence during World War II for his design and mass production of "Higgins Boats."

These craft gave the military the ability to transport men and equipment safely to beaches during amphibious landings in the war. General Dwight Eisenhower called Higgins "the man who won the war for us...if Higgins had not designed and built those LCVP's, we never could have landed over an open beach. The whole strategy of the war would have been different." Higgins Industries produced 20,094 boats during WWII.



www.andrewjacksonhigginsmemorialfoundation.org

The Higgins Memorial began as a class research project for several Columbus High School classes. They became so taken with the story of Higgins that a research project be- came a community memorial. The memorial includes a full- size replica of the famous Higgins Boat and bronze soldiers running from the boat depicting a soldier from each of the three wars in which Higgins Boats served. Around the boat are sand samples from landing beaches across the globe where Higgins Boats carried soldiers ashore.

A large bronze eagle sits atop a steel sculpture made from steel taken from the fallen World Trade Center towers. This honors those who lost their lives on 9/11 and those who continue to fight against terrorism. Added in 2012, two bronze soldiers honoring members of the U.S. Armed Forces Reserve, National Guard and other Americans who serve in the fight against terrorism. All sculptures at the memorial were created by internationally renowned artist Fred Hoppe.

The Andrew Jackson Higgins Memorial stands as a tribute to a Columbus native son who changed history...to veterans of all eras who have served and sacrificed...to the ongoing fight against the evil of terrorism...and also to the power of engaged young people to impact their community.



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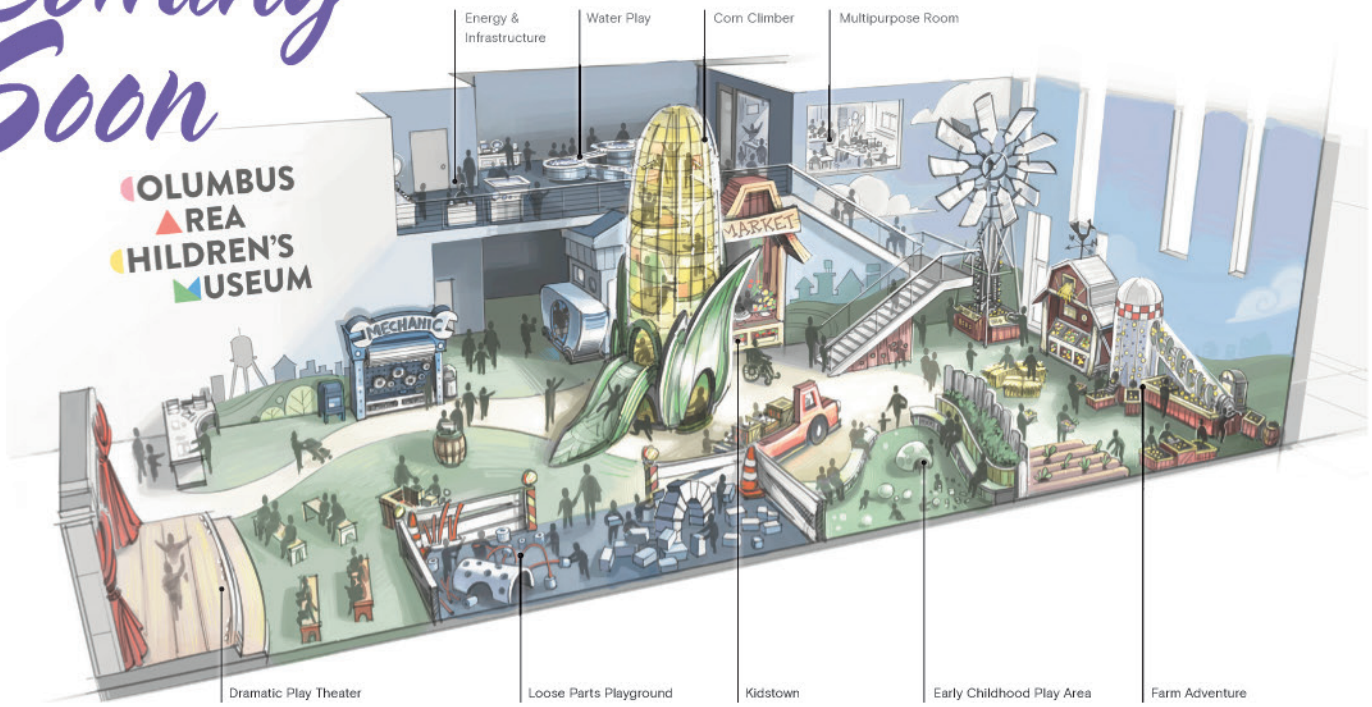


In 2015, the Humphrey American Legion Post 80 made the official decision to begin the process of building a new veteran memorial in Humphrey. In 2018, after years of planning and trying to find a viable location for the project, the Legion was given a parcel of land through a generous donation by Mark and Marcelline Foltz.



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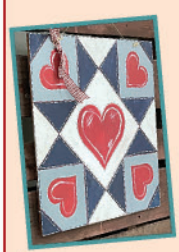
This 15-acre park, known as "The Picnic Capital of Nebraska," adjoins the Loup River and Van Berg Golf Course. It offers a rose garden, 1904 Union pacific steam locomotive, bell tower, Andrew Jackson Higgins Memorial, Pawnee Plunge Water Park, a skate/bike facility designed for skateboards, in-line skates, and BMX freestyle bikes, family recreation playground areas, sand volleyball courts, fishing, 9 hole disc golf course, horseshoe pits, tennis courts, 2,000 seat stadium with a lighted football field, an eight-lane all weather running track, one large picnic shelter for seating 850 people, and one small shelter seating 250. This park is also the home of American Legion and high school baseball programs.

GERRARD PARK

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BRADSHAW PARK SOFTBALL COMPLEX
15th Street and 48th Avenue

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WILDERNESS PARK SOCCER COMPLEX
41st Street and 18th Avenue

This 42-acre park boasts a ten-field regulation size soccer complex along with rest rooms, concession stand, shelter and bleachers. American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO), club and high school soccer are played here.

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LOUP PARK / LAKE BABCOCK
Four miles north of Columbus, this well developed, 40-acre wooded area includes camping, shelter, picnic areas, playground areas, and restrooms as well as outstanding wildlife habitat. The Bob Lake and Robert White Trails skirt Lake Babcock and connect to miles of natural and concrete surface hike/bike trails.

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TAILRACE PARK

This 9-acre area located three miles east and 1 mile south of Columbus is noted for exceptional fishing. It is located where the Loup Canal joins the Platte River. It includes primitive camping and a picnic spot with outstanding scenic and wooded beauty. The water has a very strong current here so swimming is not recommended. Entry via foot traffic only, no motor vehicle access.

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LOUP RIVER AND PLATTE RIVER

Both rivers, located south of Columbus, offer fishing and canoeing.

CLIMATE

Platte County enjoys the four distinct seasons - spring, summer, fall and winter.

AVERAGE DAILY TEMPERATURES

	Low	High
January	14	33
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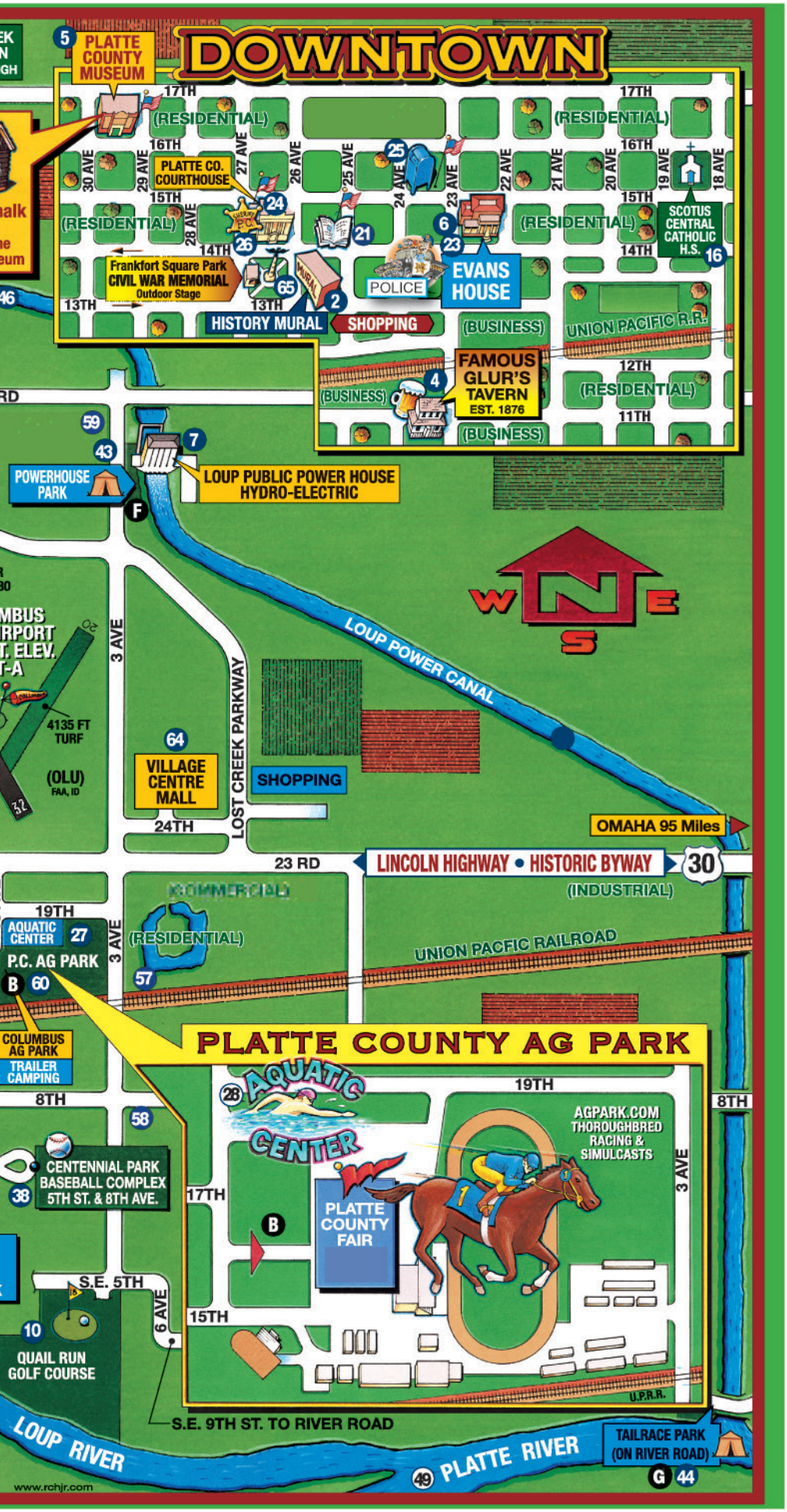
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Area Points of Interest, Locations:

1. Andrew Jackson Higgins Memorial, West Pawnee Park
2. History of Columbus Mural, 13th and 26th Ave.
3. Quincentenary Bell Tower, West Pawnee Park
4. Glur's Tavern, 2301 11th St.
5. Platte County Museum, 2916 16th Ave.
6. Evans House, 2204 14th St.
7. Loup Public Power House, North 3rd Ave.
8. Union Pacific Steam Locomotive West Pawnee Park

Golf:

9. Elks Country Club, 5113 63rd St.
10. Quail Run Golf Course, 327 S. 5th St.
11. Van Berg Park Golf Course, next to West Pawnee Park
12. Boulevard Greens Miniature Golf Course, 3916 18th St.
13. Disc Golf Course, East Pawnee Park

Education Facilities:

14. Columbus High School, 3434 Discoverer Dr.
15. Columbus Middle School, 2200 26th St.
16. Scotus Central Catholic High School, 1554 18th Ave.
17. Lakeview Jr/Sr High School, 3744 83rd St.
18. Central Community College, 4500 63rd St.

Community Services:

19. Chamber of Commerce 753 33rd Ave.
20. Columbus Community Hospital, 4600 38th St.
21. Columbus Library, 2419 14th St.
22. Columbus Fire Department, 4630 Howard Blvd.
23. Platte County Courthouse, 2610 14th St.
24. Columbus Police Department, 2330 14th St.
25. U.S. Post Office 1555 24th Ave.
26. Platte County Sheriff, 2610 24th Ave.
27. Water Tower, East Pawnee Park

Activity Centers:

28. Columbus Aquatic Center, 1783 10th Ave.
29. Columbus Family YMCA, 3912 38th St.
30. U.S. 30 Speedway, 23500 U.S. 30, West of Columbus
31. Pawnee Plunge Water Park, West Pawnee Park
32. Center 7 Theatres, 3100 23rd St., U.S. 30
33. Westbrook Lanes, 3156 51st Ave., off of U.S. 81
34. Boulevard Lanes, 1819 Howard Blvd.

Parks/Sports Facilites:

35. Pawnee Park, West and East side of South U.S. Hwy 30/81
36. Memorial Stadium, West Pawnee Park
37. Gerrard Park, 27th St. & 45th Ave.
38. Centennial Park, 5th St. & 8th Ave.
39. Bradshaw Park, 15th St. & 48th Ave.
40. Wilderness Park Soccer Complex, 41st St.

Recreational Parks:

41. Lake North Park
42. Loup Park/Lake Babcock
43. Powerhouse Park
44. Tailrace Park
45. Splash Pad at Glur Park

Water Venues:

46. Loup Power Canal
47. Lake Babcock Reservoir
48. Lake North
49. Platte River
50. Loup River

Bike/Walking Trails:

51. Bob Lake Trail
52. Two Lakes Trail
53. Pawnee Park Trail
54. Wilderness Park Trails
55. Monastery Trail
56. Robert White Trail
57. Third Avenue Viaduct Trail
58. 8th Street Trail
59. Powerhouse Trail

Miscellaneous:

57. Platte County Ag Park, 822 15th St.
58. Columbus Loup River Bridge, U.S. 30 & 81
59. Three Arch Viaduct, U.S. 30 & 81
60. Columbus Municipal Airport, 18th Ave. & Bill Babka Dr.
61. Village Centre Mall, 3rd Ave. & 24th St.
62. Frankfort Square Park, 13-14th St. & 26-27th Ave.
63. Statue of the Prairie Pioneer, West Pawnee Park
64. Statue of Liberty Replica, West Pawnee Park
65. St. Michael's Catholic Church Complex, 309 3rd St. Tarnov
66. Steepleview Golf Course, U.S. Hwy 81, Humphrey
67. Horn T Zoo, 37692 State Hwy 22, Monroe

Campgrounds:

A. Camp Pawnee, 2330 South 16th St.
B. Columbus Ag Park, 822 15th St.
C. Hwy 81 RV Park, 3 miles NW on U.S. Hwy 81
D. Lake North, 18th Ave & 83rd St.
E. Loup Park, just east of 48th Ave on 83rd St.
F. Powerhouse Park, 3 miles north of U.S. 30 on 3rd Ave.
G. Tailrace Park, 3.5 miles S.E. 9th St. to River Road
H. Little Village Campground, 210 4th St., Platte Center

McDonald's
3210 23rd St.
402-564-6600

Micek's Shangrila
2506 12th St.
402-564-3093

Monroe Tavern
410 Gerrard Ave., Monroe
402-495-3375

Mugs N Jugs Bar N Grill
302 Main St., Humphrey
402-923-0160

My Place Bar & Grill
904 8th St., Duncan
402-897-2185

Oasis Bar
1264 27th Ave.
402-606-4228

Oborny's Husker Bar
2313 11th St.
402-606-4759

Panda Express
120 E. 23rd St.
402-564-8292

Pawnee Bar
653 33rd Ave.
402-564-7779

Picket Fence Café
2714 13th St.
402-563-3915

Pizza Hut
2510 23rd St.
402-564-3366

Pizza Ranch
2266 33rd Ave.
402-564-8131

Reeder's 11th St. Grub & Pub
2501 11th St.
402-564-5767

Reg's 7 Mile Steakhouse
105 B 41 Rd. (S Hwy 81)
402-564-8847

Regina's Kitchen
2402 14th St., Ste 10
402-606-4829

Runza Drive In
1944 33rd Ave.
402-563-3767

Saru Habachi and Sushi
4300 23rd St.
531-248-1335

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1819 Howard Blvd.
402-562-9051

Scooter's Coffee
2117 23rd St.
402-835-5510

Shenanigans
3808 E. 23rd St.
402-563-9256

Ski's Bar and Grill
2403 11th St.
402-606-4669

Small House Cakes & More
4428 23rd St.
402-490-2391

Sonic Drive-In
2012 23rd St.
402-835-4817

Stack & Steak Family Restaurant
3208 23rd St.
402-563-2424

Starbucks (inside Hy-Vee)
3010 23rd St.
402-563-4524

Subway
3019 23rd St.
402-564-4113
2035 23rd St.
402-564-2705
Walmart Supercenter
402-562-6033

Super China Buffet
4306 23rd St.
402-563-2777

T-Bone Truck Stop
4018 S. 9th St.
402-563-2933

Taco and Tequila 2
3017 23rd St.
402-563-9300

Taco Bell
3408 23rd St.
402-563-9300

Taco John's
3805 Howard Blvd.
402-564-1022

Taqueria Vallarta
1520 17th St.
402-276-1106

Tavern 1888
104 Pine Street, LIndsay
402-920-8188

The Broken Mug
2200 28th Ave.
402-835-5504

The Farmer's Wife Boutique & Coffee Company
112 Pine St., Lindsay
402-428-8000

The Friedhof Oak Room
1270 27th Ave.
402-710-2044


Brave's Kitchen

Think Treats
2022 11th St.
402-992-5546

Tokyo Japanese Cuisine
2610 23rd St.
402-606-4482

Tropical Smoothie Cafe
2280 33rd Ave., Suite 100
770-821-1900

Valentino's Pizza
3100 23rd St.
402-563-3542

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3018 23rd St.
402-564-2333

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(Inside Ramada)
265 33rd Ave.
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402-606-4619

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2759 33rd Avenue
Columbus, NE 68601
402-564-3253
Monday – Friday
8:00 am – 5:00 pm

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704 W. Benjamin Ave.
Norfolk, NE 68701
402-371-2242
www.dalecu.com
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2720 23rd Street, Columbus
.....402-563-3704
1:30 p.m. Sunday
(Except Easter)

BOWLING

BOULEVARD LANES
1819 Howard Blvd., Columbus
.....402-564-8022

Boulevard Lanes features 12 lanes for league and open bowling as well as a complete pro shop. The facilities include the Sahara Lounge, sand volleyball, a large game room and KENO.

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Westbrook Lanes features 16 lanes, with new computerized scorecards for league and open bowling, as well as a complete pro shop. The facilities include the Lamplighter Lounge with grill, a large game room, sand volleyball and KENO.



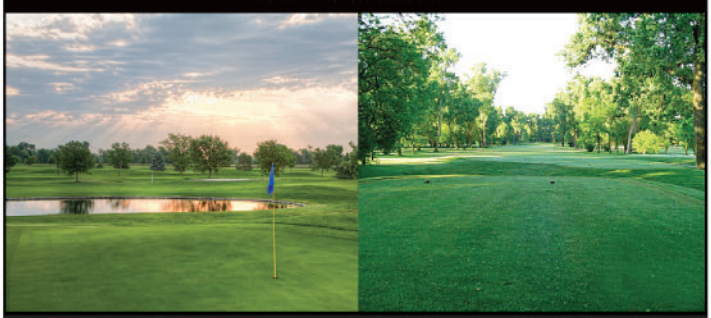
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LAKE BABCOCK

Bullhead, carp, channel and flathead catfish have been taken from Lake Babcock.

LOUP CANAL

Carp, channel and flathead catfish and drum fishing. Record-breaking catfish have been taken from the Loup Canal. The silting basin west of Genoa and the Columbus Powerhouse are popular spots.

LOUP PARK

Located on the north and west shores of Lake Babcock just north of Columbus where fishing is excellent.

LAKE NORTH

Located 4 miles north of Columbus, Lake North offers 2 miles of beaches and 2 boat-launching ramps. A handicapped accessible fishing pier. Carp, channel catfish, drum, crappie and walleye have been taken from Lake North.

PAWNEE PARK LAKE (EAST)

Stocked with catfish, crappie, bluegill and bass.

SOCK POND

Located just southwest of Bradshaw Park the lake boasts a large number of game fish that include bass, bluegill, catfish and trout. Rowboats, canoes, sail boats, paddle boats & kayaks are permitted. Gas-powered motors prohibited.

SUNSET PARK

Stocked with catfish, crappie, bluegill and bass. Rowboats, canoes, sail boats, paddle boats & kayaks are permitted. Gas-powered motors prohibited.

TAILRACE PARK

This 9-acre park is located where the Loup Canal joins the Platte River, 3 miles east of Columbus and 1 mile south. It is noted for its exceptional fishing in season.

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The Elks Country Club is a traditional tree-lined semi-private course with some of the best greens in the state. The club has hosted the Nebraska Open since 1993, which has become the 2nd largest annual golf tournament in Nebraska. The club also offers a driving range, chipping and putting green, pool, lounges, full restaurant that is open to the public and a pro shop.

VAN BERG PARK GOLF COURSE
3363 8th St, Columbus.....402-564-0761

Built in 1928, this charming 9-hole golf course is just right for a quick round of golf. Named after the famous Columbus horseman, Marion H. Van Berg, it is located on the west side of Pawnee Park off Hwy. 30 and 81. Van Berg also offers a putting green, golf shop essentials, refreshments and snacks. Also try out the 9-hole Foot Golf Course.

STEEPLEVIEW GOLF COURSE
27608 467th Street, Humphrey.....402-923-1914
www.steepleviewgolf.com

Located just off the Pan American Highway (US 81), this 9-hole course is 25 minutes north of Columbus. Also available are a driving range and clubhouse offering snacks and beverages.

BOULEVARD GREENS MINIATURE GOLF COURSE
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This is a family fun favorite. Located adjacent to Boulevard Lanes, the Miniature Golf Course is open during the summer.

BIKE & WALKING TRAILS

8TH STREET TRAIL, COLUMBUS
1,178 ft. long | 6-ft. wide | concrete

This trail runs from the northwest entrance of Pawnee Park past Van Berg public golf course to the entrance of the Stires Lake and Wagners Lake residential areas.

BOB LAKE TRAIL
1.3 miles long | 9-ft. wide | crushed limestone
Lake Babcock/Lake North

For biking, walking and jogging, the Bob Lake Trail follows the southwest perimeter of Lake Babcock. A trailhead is located at the junction of Bob Lake Trail and the Robert White Trail which is across the street from the east entrance of Central Community College. Free parking is available at the east and west trailheads.

DISCOVERER TRAIL
1.1 miles long | 10-ft. long | Concrete

This trail runs from Lake Esther south along 41st Avenue to 38th Street, then east along the north side of 38th Street to 33rd Avenue. It continues north on the west side of 33rd Avenue, past Columbus High School, toward Lost Creek Parkway where it will connect to Lost Creek Trail.


Elk's Country Club

LOST CREEK TRAIL, WEST, COLUMBUS
1 mile long | 10-ft. wide | concrete

This trail runs along the north side of Lost Creek Parkway connecting Discoverer Trail with Wilderness Park Trail.

MONASTERY TRAIL
1.5 miles long | 10-ft. wide | concrete
18th Avenue

The Monastery Trail runs parallel to 18th Avenue and connects the Wilderness Park Trail with the Robert White Trail.

PAWNEE PARK TRAIL, COLUMBUS
2.0 miles long | 10-ft. wide | concrete | Pawnee Park

This trail invites all ages to walk, jog bike and rollerblade along the winding path through the beautiful Pawnee Park along the Loup River.

POWERHOUSE TRAIL, COLUMBUS
4,850 ft. long | 10-ft. wide | concrete

The Powerhouse Trail runs about 1 mile and connects the Columbus High Trail to the Wilderness Park Trail. Located between 33rd Avenue and Monastery Road, there is a trail connection from the Columbus Community Hospital to Lakeview High School.

ROBERT WHITE TRAIL, COLUMBUS
1.5 miles long | 9-ft. wide | crushed limestone | Lake Babcock/Lake North

Great for biking, walking and jogging, the Robert White Trail follows the southern perimeter of Lake Babcock from the Bob Lake Trail to 18th Avenue. There is free parking at the east and west end of the trail.

SUNSET TRAIL, COLUMBUS
1.3 miles long | 10-ft. wide | concrete

This trail loops around Lake Esther east of Columbus Community Hospital and west of Columbus Wellness Center. Sunset Trail connects to Discoverer Trail.


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0.8 miles long | 10-ft. wide | concrete

This trail runs parallel to 3rd Avenue from 8th Street, up and over the railroad tracks on the viaduct and to 19th Street. It doesn't currently connect to the other existing trails.

TWO LAKES TRAIL, COLUMBUS
1.3 miles long | 8 ft. wide | concrete | Lake Babcock/Lake North

This trail entertains recreational opportunities for bike riders, runners, walkers, rollerbladers, nature enthusiasts, bird watchers and wheelchairs. The scenic trail runs along the north side of two lakes (Lake North and Lake Babcock) and winds through the tree lined Lake North Park, Loup Park, and a wildlife refuge along 83rd Street between 18th Avenue and 48th Avenue.

WILDERNESS PARK TRAIL, COLUMBUS
1.5 miles long | 10 ft. wide | concrete |Wilderness Park Soccer Complex

All ages can walk, jog, bike and rollerblade on the trail around the perimeter of the Wilderness Park Soccer Complex. The Wilderness Park Trail connects with the Monastery Trail.

FITNESS/WELLNESS

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RACING

LIVE THOROUGHBRED RACES
Agricultural Park
822 15th St., Columbus.....402-564-0133
www.columbushorseracing.org
www.agpark.com

Horse racing fans enjoy live weekend thoroughbred racing in Columbus from August through Labor Day. This 5/8 mile track is just 6 blocks south of US Highway 30. The facilities, owned and operated by the Platte County Agricultural Society, include an open-air grandstand with a seating capacity of 3,500. Live racing runs on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.



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Agricultural Park
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www.agpark.com

Agricultural Park hosts simulcasting throughout the year. Race fans can enjoy racing from around the country in the Fair Park Grille. The facility has food and beverage service, complete satellite links, strategically placed monitors, and pari-mutuel tellers.

U.S. 30 SPEEDWAY
3 Miles West of Columbus on Hwy. 30..... 402-910-1632

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1783 10th Ave., Columbus, NE 68601..... 402-563-3222

COLUMBUS FAMILY YMCA-AQUATICS
3912 38th St., Columbus, NE 68601.....402-562-9477

PAWNEE PLUNGE WATER PARK
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The Platte Valley Playhouse is a nonprofit organization dedicated to bringing theater productions to Columbus. The season consists of two main stage productions. Productions are held at Central Community College - Columbus, Fine Arts Center.

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WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS

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www.outdoornebraska.gov

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5.5 Acres located 1 mile south of Columbus on Hwy. 81, east and north of the Platte River Bridge. Species to hunt: dove and rabbit. Use of rifles or handguns prohibited.

LOOKING GLASS CREEK WMA

67 Acres located 1 mile south of Monroe. Species to hunt: deer, dove, rabbit, and squirrel. Use of rifles or handguns prohibited.

WILKINSON WMA

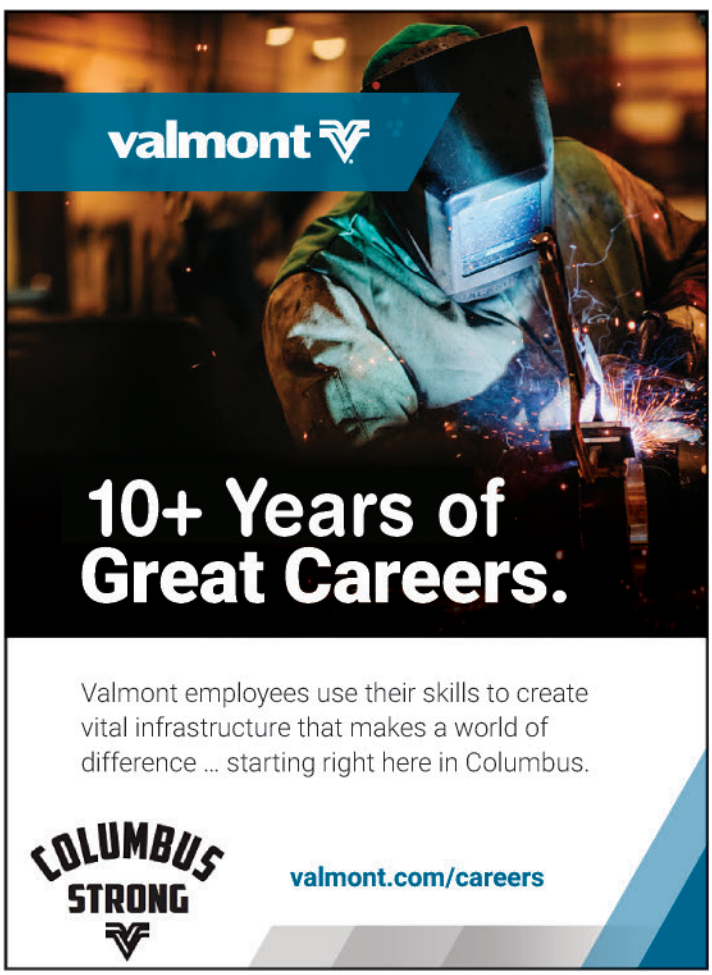
939 Acres, 300 Acres are restored wetlands located 5 miles west and 1 mile north of Columbus. Species to hunt: dove, pheasant, rabbit and waterfowl. Nontoxic shot.

ZOO

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COLUMBUS LOUP RIVER BRIDGE

Highways 30 & 81 South

The Columbus Loup River Bridge spans the Loup River south of Columbus. The Rigid-Connected Parker Through Truss Bridge (also referred to as an overhead truss bridge) was started in 1932, completed in 1933, and is of major importance to both U.S. Highway 30 and U.S. Highway 81. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1992.

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"DISCOVERING THE COLORFUL HISTORY OF COLUMBUS" MURAL
Corner of 13th Street & 26th Avenue

This mural was done to commemorate Columbus' sesquicentennial celebration in 2006 and the city's history. The mural reveals important moments in the city's development by peeling through eight layers of time from 2006 to its founding on May 28, 1856. The mural was painted by David Reiser and made possible by private donations.

EVANS HOUSE
2204 14th Street, Columbus 402-606-4096

In 1886, Dr. Carroll Dandola Evans, one of Columbus' early physicians, married Lorena Rose North, niece of Major Frank and Luther North. The construction of their 28-room home began in 1908 and was completed in 1911. The house blends Renaissance, Greek and Spanish Colonial styles. The North brothers, ranching partners with Buffalo Bill, were said to have entertained Cody at the Evans home. It was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1991. The Evans House has recently been restored to its original elegance and currently houses professional offices and is available for receptions and private parties. Tours by appointment only.

HUMPHREY VETERANS PARK
600-698 S. 5th St., Humphrey

This park serves as a place of remembrance and solidarity. It recognizes servicemen and women across all branches of the United States Military.

GLUR'S TAVERN
2301 11th Street, Columbus..... 402-564-8615

Built in 1876, Glur's is the oldest continuously operated tavern west of the Missouri River. The establishment offers food and beverage and was visited on several occasions by Buffalo Bill while he was in Columbus rehearsing his Wild West Show. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1975.

PLATTE COUNTY COURTHOUSE
2610 14th Street

A full-height porch with classical columns, symmetrical facade, balustrade, pediments and ornate cornices characterizes the Neo-Classical Revival style, used in the design of the Platte County Courthouse. The names of the 13 founders of Columbus are carved in stone around the top of the building. Construction began in the Courthouse in 1920 and was completed in 1922. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1990.

1857 GOTTSCHALK CABIN
2916 16th Street (Platte County Museum)

Frederick Gottschalk was one of the original 16 founders of the community of Columbus. Although it was not the first home built in Columbus, this 1857 cabin was one of the earliest, largest and farthest north of the Loup River. The 22 by 16-foot cabin was built with massive cottonwood logs found on the banks of the nearby rivers. After withstanding the elements for over 140 years, the cabin was donated to the Platte County Historical Society and is now enclosed in a specially constructed museum addition. Many of the original furnishings are found still inside the cabin.



Columbus Area
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Opening spring of 2023

Currently, the museum houses a 1949 American LaFrance, a 1935 Chevrolet 4-door sedan, a 1965 snorkel truck and a 1957 open cab American LaFrance truck, as well as 1949 and 1950 Fords. The vehicles were utilized by fire departments in Platte County.




Evans House

THE QUINCENTENARY BELLTOWER
Pawnee Park

The Quincentenary Belltower was officially dedicated on April 25, 1992. The belltower was conceived as a lasting monument to the community's celebration of the Quincentenary, the 500th anniversary of Columbus' first voyage to the New World. The project was made possible by the donation of ten church bells from the collection of Leonard Fleischer. Each of the bells has area historical significance and a plaque near each tower tells of that bell's history. The bells toll every 15 minutes.

THE ANDREW JACKSON HIGGINS NATIONAL MEMORIAL
A.J. Higgins Rd. ..... West Pawnee Park

See page 12 for more information.

PLATTE COUNTY MUSEUM
2916 16th St., Columbus.....402-564-1856
www.megavision.net/museum

Operated by the Platte County Historical Society, the museum is housed in three buildings, one of which is an original ward school built in 1912.

Exhibits include Native American artifacts, an authentic turn-of-the-century schoolroom and barbershop, rooms of Victorian clothing, furnishings, and heirlooms, military memorabilia complimenting the Andrew Jackson Higgins National Memorial, the 1857 Gottschalk log cabin, a 1913 Indian motorcycle, a 1914 Chevrolet Baby Grand Touring car, and displays created by each community in Platte County. The museum is open Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. year round; Saturday and Sunday from 1-4 p.m. May – September. Admission fee. For tours, call 402-564-1856 or email museum@megavision.com

ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH COMPLEX
309 3rd Street, Tarnov
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Visit this 8.4 acre complex tracing its beginning to 1880 built by immigrants from the province of Galicia, Poland. You will find a church built in 1900 for $17,000 which houses items for the 1880 church, a boarding school - now a museum - built in 1910/1911. Get the feel of what life in a boarding school was like and walk the halls of this school building and explore the rooms now filled with artifacts of bygone days some dating back to 1880. Check out the refurbished brick outhouse. The former rectory is now the Michael House, a completely furnished rental available for a day, weekend or week built in Gothic Revival Architecture. You will also find an Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, a brick chicken house and the cemetery plotted in 1880.

In 1990, the complex was placed on the National Register of Historic Places. The museum is open the first Sunday of May - Oct. from 1 to 5 p.m. Private tours by appointment with a meal by arrangement.

HISTORICAL MARKERS

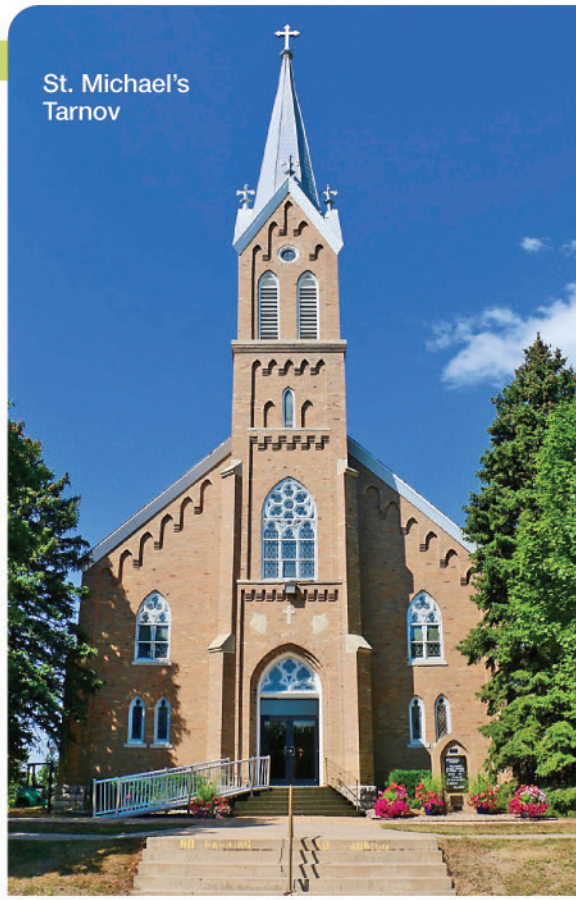
PAWNEE PARK
U.S. Highways 30 & 81

- **The Villasur Expedition of 1720:** The earliest record of explorers in Platte County.
- **Statue of the Prairie Pioneer:** Marks the North Branch Oregon Trail. The Platte Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution dedicated this marker in 1927.
- **Ferry Rock:** Marks the site of the first Loup River Ferry built to serve Columbus.
- **Spanish-American War Veterans Memorial:** Dedicated to all veterans who served in the Spanish-American War and the conflict in the Philippines.
- **Veterans of All Wars Memorial:** Dedicated by Hartman Post No. 84 and Auxiliary American Legion.
- **Statue of Liberty Replica:** Commemorates the 40th Anniversary of the Boys Scouts of America's crusade to strengthen the arm of liberty.
- **Quincentenary Belltower:** Commemorates the 500th Anniversary of Columbus' voyage.
- **Quincentenary Plaque:** Identifies donors to the Belltower Project. Dedicated by the Woodmen of the World Lodge 702 in Columbus.
- **Andrew Jackson Higgins National Memorial:** A marker to the right of the Memorial displays a biography of Andrew Jackson Higgins, highlighting his outstanding accomplishments and contributions to both his community and the nation.

764 33RD AVENUE
- **The North Brothers:** Dedicated to Frank & Luther North, highly revered as leaders of the Pawnee Scouts. The North Brothers later became ranching partners with Buffalo Bill and were members of his Wild West Show.

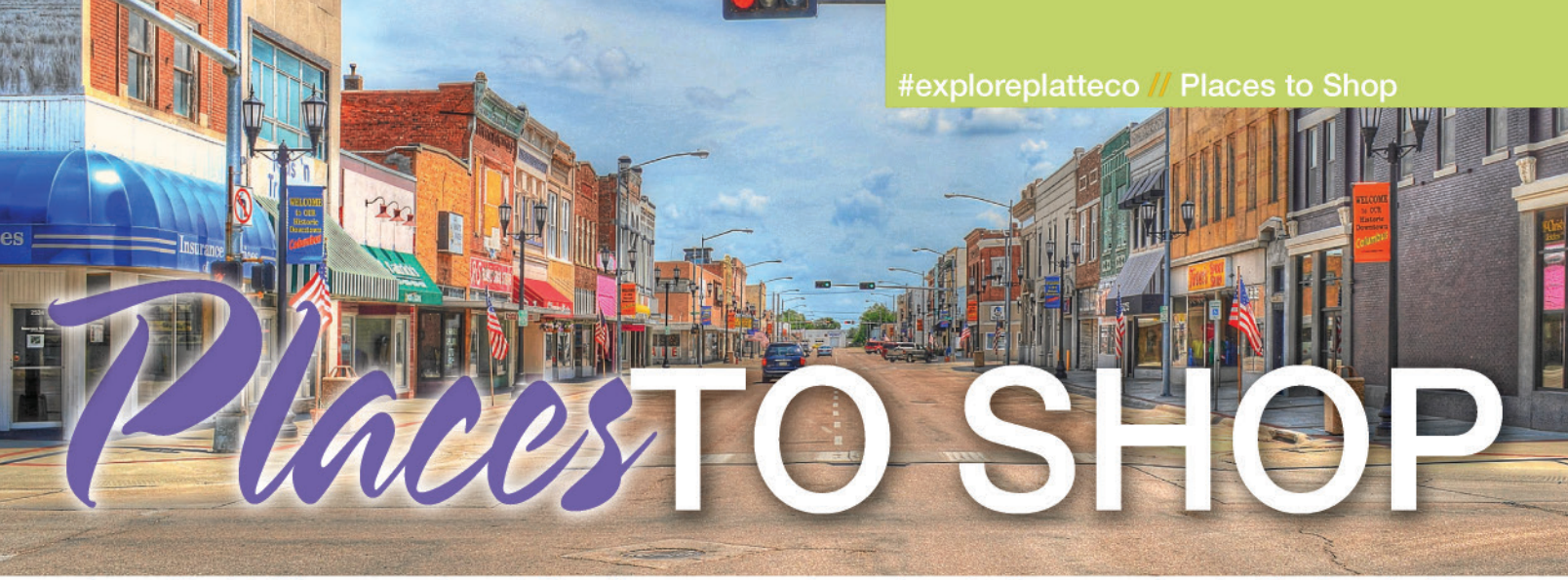
FRANKFORT SQUARE - DOWNTOWN COLUMBUS
- **Union Veterans of the Civil War Memorial:** Dedicated to those from Platte County who served in the Union Army during the American Civil War.
- **Jaycees 50th Anniversary Time Capsule and Sundial:** Commemorates the organization's Golden Anniversary.

BUFFALO SQUARE - 6TH ST. & 15TH AVE.
- **First Home in Columbus Plaque:** This plaque commemorates the location of the first home built in Columbus. The cabin was moved to Pawnee Park and later lost to fire.


St. Michael's Tarnov

COLUMBUS
- **Frank Zybach - 2120 28th St.:** Honors Frank Zybach who invented the center pivot system.
- **Agricultural Park - 822 15th St.:** Dedicated to the many benefactors who, due to their generosity, enabled the dreams of several residents to become reality on June 3, 1941 when Platte County Agricultural Society was formed.
- **Columbus Powerhouse - 4757 3rd Ave.:** Marks the location of one of Nebraska's largest hydroelectric generating plants which is operated by Loup Public Power District.

RURAL PLATTE COUNTY
- **Camp Platte - 175th Ave. & 325th St., North of Columbus:** Marks the site of a CCC camp for veterans in the 1930's.
- **West Hill Community - (460th Ave. & 325th St., North of Genoa):** Marks sites of the West Hill Community & Cemetery.
- **Alfred Maximilian Gruenther - 315 4th St., Platte Center:** Honors Alfred Maximilian Gruenther, honored military veteran born in Platte Center.
- **Granville Cemetery - 445th St. & 325th Ave., SW of Humphrey:** Marks the location of Granville Cemetery.
- **Duncan - Main St. Duncan:** Commemorates the history of the town of Duncan.



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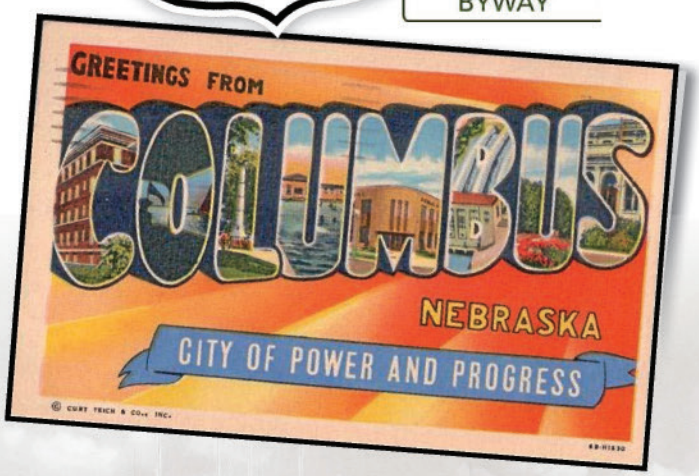
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Oregon Trail Monument

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Hotels, car garages, campgrounds, service and gas stations were erected to accommodate the increased visitor travel. Some of those buildings still exist along 13th Street today. To welcome visitors to Columbus the famous Lincoln Highway arches were dedicated in 1940. These arches were located at 23rd Street and 23rd Avenue, and on 33rd Avenue.

In the mid 1920's the Lincoln Highway was renamed U.S. Highway 30. Over the years the route was changed to better accommodate the increased traffic and improved roads. Today parts of U.S. Highway 30 travel along the same route through Platte County as the original highway did in 1913.



Lincoln Highway bridge over the Loup River

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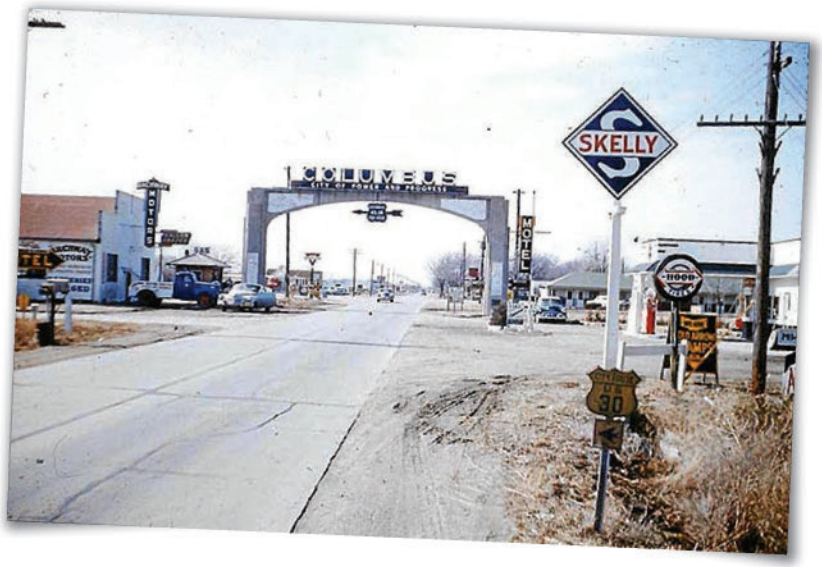
THE LINCOLN HIGHWAY GARDINER STATION SECTION – RURAL PLATTE COUNTY, 115TH ST. (BETWEEN DUNCAN & SILVER CREEK)

This 1.2-mile Gardiner Station section of the original Lincoln Highway and the Pratt pony-truss bridge spanning Prairie Creek were in use from 1913 to 1928. The original highway section and bridge are listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

AVENUE OF TREES & LINCOLN HIGHWAY MARKERS – DUNCAN

The Avenue of Trees is located north of the railroad tracks on the west side of the main entrance into Duncan.
A Lincoln Highway marker, in its original position since 1928, sets on the southeast corner of Main Avenue & North Boulevard, east of the Avenue of Trees. The other marker is located on the corner of Main Avenue & 9th Street.





GOTTBERG AUTO COMPANY - COLUMBUS

(currently known as Dusters/Gottberg Brew Pub)
28th Ave. & 13th St.
The building was built in 1920, as a Ford assembly plant, garage and dealership by Max Gottberg. The building was built for $65,000 and sold Fords from it until 1944. Look up to see the concrete antique car ornaments along the top of the outside walls.

EVANS HOTEL – COLUMBUS

(currently named Park Plaza)
27th Ave. & 13th St.
This large building is the original Evans Hotel constructed in 1913. The name is still on the capstone and it stills appears much like it did in the 1924 Lincoln Highway Road Guide.

LINCOLN HIGHWAY GARAGE – COLUMBUS

23rd Ave. & 13th St. (Currently known as Columbus Area Antique Fire Apparatus Museum)
In 1915, as a result of the incorporation of the Lincoln Highway Garage Association, this service station garage was built. By 1930, this garage was sold to Ed M. Nielsen and operated under that surname for 74 years.

GLUR'S TAVERN – COLUMBUS

23rd Ave. & 11th St.
Glur's Tavern was established in 1876 and is the oldest continuously operated tavern west of the Missouri River.

LINCOLN HIGHWAY MARKER - REPLICA

33rd Ave. & 7th St.
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The Wild Plum Bed & Breakfast	30429 - 257th Avenue Platte Center NE 68653 402-246-9248 thewildplumbnb@gmail.com www.wildplumbnb.com	★	5	5	3	1	√		√			√		√	√		√	Gorgeous rural setting! There are a wide variety of rooms to fit your style and comfort.

CAMPGROUNDS

		Availability	RV amenities**	Tent camping	Rest facilities***	Admission fees
Camp Pawnee 2330 S. 16th Street | 10 hookups/spaces for campling 2 Buildings for Rent | Family Reunions, Weddings, Etc.	402-363-8035 | camppawnee@yahoo.com	May 1 - Nov. 1	E, W	√	F	√
Hwy 81 RV Park 23817-242nd Ave. | Pull-through, level spaces with full hookups | 22 trailers	402-564-2691 https://highway81rvpark.webs.com	Apr. 1 - Nov. 1	E, W, S			√
Lake North* 4 mi. N at US Hwy. 30 & 18th Ave. | 100 tents, 25 trailers	402-562-5709 or 402-564-3171 | www.loup.com	May 1 - Nov. 1	E, W	√	P	
Little Village Campground 240 4th Street, Platte Center, 9 RV Hookups	402-270-1422 https://littlevillagecampground.com	Year-round	E, W, S			√
Loup Park* 4 mi. N at US Hwy. 30 & 18th Ave., 1½ mi. W. | 120 tents, 30 trailers	402-562-5709 or 402-564-3171 | www.loup.com	May 1 - Nov. 1	E, W	√	P	
Powerhouse Park* 1.5 mi. N at US Hwy. 30 & 3rd Ave. | 20 tents, 6 trailers	402-562-5709 or 402-564-3171 | www.loup.com	Year-round		√	P	
River Land Cabins & Campground 3919 SE 16th Street, Columbus NE 68601 | RV Hookups, tent camping and 3 cabins	402-910-8166 riverlandcampcabins@gmail.com	Year-round	E, W, S	√	F, S	√
Tailrace Park* 3½ mi. E on 8th St., 1½ mi. S. | 30 tents	402-562-5709 or 402-564-3171 | www.loup.com	Year-round		√	P	
Maple Creek Recreation Area Rd 1A at Leigh | 10 tents, 50 RV camping sites	402-371-7313 www.lenrd.org/maple-creek-recreation-area	Year-round	E, W	√	F, S	√

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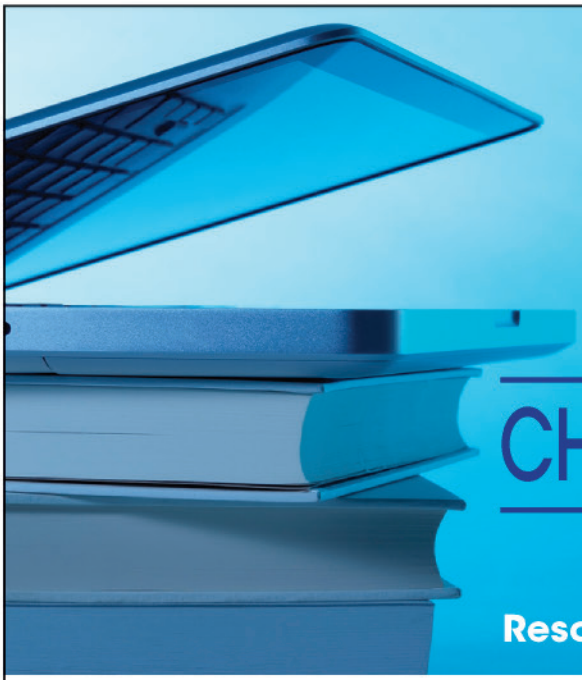
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