

# The Thorpe Opera House

## News & Times

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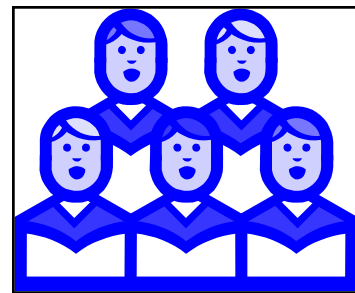
**Christmas  
Cookie  
and  
Hot Cider  
reception**

**Our Board  
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**Choirs of the Communities**

Last December the Thorpe Opera House tried a new tradition on for size, and the concept turned out to be a delightful mix of many different choirs from our area, all coming together on the stage of the Thorpe Opera House, to perform their holiday music. It was a perfect fit!



**Sunday, December 11, 2 pm**

We hope you'll join us for our 2nd annual holiday concert. We have invited the choirs of the area to once again participate in this Christmas celebration of choral groups in our county.

Our concert this year will feature four choirs.

- St. Anthony's Catholic Church Choir of Bruno, Nebraska
- Presentation Parish, of Bellwood, Nebraska
- St. Luke's United Methodist Church of David City, Nebraska
- The Good Ole' Gospel Singers, of David City, Nebraska

**As with many Thorpe Opera House events, there will be no door charge for this performance.**

**Free will donations gratefully accepted**

It has been the hopes of the Thorpe Opera House, to have as many events as possible, that are free to the public. We try to spotlight local talent whenever they are willing to perform.

If you would like to perform at the Thorpe, please contact Gina Barlean, or any of our board members.

Any donations that we receive, are greatly appreciated. These donations allow us to provide

this type of free concert.

Please know that any irrevocable donation is qualified for a 30% tax deduction, as of January 1, 2006. The Thorpe Opera House Foundation is a 501 3 c non profit organization.

## The Thorpe Opera House Renovation Project

In 2000, when Beth Klosterman gifted the Thorpe Opera House building to the Thorpe Opera House Foundation, a group of people, concerned with the future of our community, and enthusiastic about preserving our heritage and promoting our culture, decided to begin investigating the dream of renovating and restoring the historic Thorpe Opera House. This group has had the foresight to engage a young

University student in helping us to create a plan to bring this entity into the 21st century, while maintaining it's historic qualities.

The Thorpe Opera House Foundation Board is currently in the process of readying a website, creating promotional products, planning a capital campaign and selecting a historic renovation architect that will help us bring this project to fruition.

This project is important to our history.

It is important to the economic development of our community as it will provide a "niche" and a destination for people to visit.

It is important for community activities.

It is important, to preserve our culture and provide a place for people to gather to celebrate the arts.



*The Thorpe Opera House was built in 1889 by W.B. Thorpe, for his daughter Estelle.*



### LB 28

**LB 28 is modeled after similar legislation in Montana that resulted in an additional \$74 million for that state's endowments its first five years of authorization. Provisions of the Nebraska credit, which would be effective January 1, 2006, include:**

- **a maximum annual credit of \$10,000 for individual Nebraska taxpayers and corporations doing business in Nebraska and paying state corporate taxes**
  - **a 30 percent credit for the present value of irrevocable planned gifts from individuals**
  - **a 20 percent credit for outright gifts from corporations**
- a sunset on January 1, 2010.**

### What's ahead:

January 28th, 7:30 pm.—Roger Roberts of Weeping Water, Nebraska; Acoustic guitarist/Terry Webber will accompany on bass and mandolin. Roger & Terry will provide an evening of folk, country, bluegrass and modern tunes.

February 11th 7pm—Butler County Arts Council Event at the Thorpe. Contact Anna Nolan at 367-3709, for more information about this Cabaret Theatre production.

February 25, 7:30 pm—BLUEGRASS FIRE to appear again at the Thorpe.

March—Date and time to be announced—Tom Osborn and HTC Youth Rally at the Thorpe

April—Date and time to be announced—Yesterday's Lady. A presentation of vintage clothing and their history, possibly to be accompanied by opera songs.

May 27—The Thorpe Opera House's 3rd annual Alumni Open House.

June—To Be Announced—Children's theater class

July—To be announced—Vaudeville Play

Please see the calendar of events on the Butler County Web portal at [www.butlercountyne.com](http://www.butlercountyne.com). Also, please watch for the upcoming website for the Thorpe Opera House at [www.thethorpe.com](http://www.thethorpe.com).

### Join us!

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