

# Press Release



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## La Vista Daze To Celebrate “The Great Outdoors”

La Vista Daze 2011, scheduled for May 26-29, will celebrate the kick-off to summer with the theme “The Great Outdoors”. The festival will combine old traditions with new twists as well as first-ever events geared toward fun for the entire family.

The festival will officially begin Wednesday, May 25, with a prayer walk beginning at 7 p.m. at La Vista Junior High, 7900 Edgewood Blvd. The Mighty Thomas Carnival will open Thursday, May 26, at 5 p.m. in Central Park (1/4 mile south of Giles Road on Edgewood Boulevard).

Advance discount coupons for the carnival are available at La Vista City Hall, La Vista Recreation Center, La Vista Public Library and area businesses.

The annual La Vista Daze Community Cookout and fireworks display will be held beginning at 6 p.m., Friday, May 27 at the City Hall Complex, 8116 Park View Blvd. The Community Cookout is sponsored by the La Vista Community Foundation and Beacon Building Services. This event will feature:

- Free barbecue pork sandwiches, chips and drinks beginning at 6 p.m., *while supplies last*
  - Those who attend the Community Cookout are asked to bring a non-perishable food item for the Tri-City Food Pantry and a lawn chair for watching the concert and fireworks.
- Activities for kids including a climbing wall, large bounce house, face painting and fun with chalk art.
- Free concert by Night Wing of the Heartland of America Band
- Corporate Dodgeball Challenge
- Fireworks display, provided by Bellino Fireworks, over La Vista Falls Golf Course
  - Recommended viewing locations: La Vista Junior High, City Hall Complex, north end of Central Park, Kelly Field and the former Summer Kitchen/Wal-Mart parking lots

The Beer Garden, which will be located at the Central Park Tennis Courts, Friday night will feature “Lemon Fresh Day” and Saturday “Taxi Driver”.

The parade, sponsored by Bank of Nebraska, will begin at 1 p.m. on Saturday at 87<sup>th</sup> Street and Park View Boulevard, proceed across 84<sup>th</sup> Street on Park View to Edgewood Boulevard where it will end just past Central Park. The grand marshals of the parade will be employees of the La Vista Cabela’s store.

Also Saturday, the Friend of La Vista award will be presented.

La Vista Daze 2011 will also feature the following events:

- **Remote-Controlled Airplanes (sponsored by Midwest Performance Fliers)** – An air show at the La Vista Sports Complex Flying Field followed by lessons on Saturday, 3-5 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. respectively and on Sunday, noon-2 p.m. and 2-4 p.m.
- **Motorcycle Show & Shine (sponsored by The Freedom Fighters)** – Saturday afternoon, 5:30-7:30 p.m., on Valley Road directly across from Central Park. This is a benefit for Camp Floyd Rogers, a camp for children with diabetes.
- **Pancake Breakfast and Community Worship Service (sponsored by La Vista area churches)** – Sunday, 8:30 a.m. at the Central Park tennis courts. A freewill donation pancake breakfast followed by a worship service at 10 a.m. featuring WOWT Anchor John Knicely.
- **Showcase La Vista (sponsored by Sue’s Stepper-ettes and Acapriccio Dance Company)** – Sunday, 2-4 p.m. at the Central Park Tennis Courts. A talent competition for all ages, advance registration is required to participate.

A wide variety of vendors will also be available in the park all weekend.

For more information about La Vista Daze 2011, see the attached schedule of events or log on to the City’s Web site, [www.cityoflavista.org/lavistadaze](http://www.cityoflavista.org/lavistadaze).

*Note to editors and reporters: You are invited to cover any La Vista Daze events! So that we can answer your questions in a timely manner, please notify Mitch Beaumont via cell phone, 402-980-2863.*