



The Fifties in Focus

2022 Nebraska Chautauqua

July 28-30

McCook, Nebraska

Presented by Humanities Nebraska

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All events are free and open to the public (unless otherwise noted with a "\$"). Schedule is subject to change.

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Pre-Chautauqua Activities

July 21 - 5:30 PM, Book Club Discussion of *Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid*, Carnegie Library

July 22-24 – Fifties in Focus Drink Challenge (\$)

-participate/vote at *Coppermill Steakhouse, Sehnert's/310 Social, & Loop Brewing Co.*

July 27 – 1:00 PM, 1950s Kids Games and Books, McCook Public Library (802 Norris Ave.)

Thursday, July 28

7:00 PM – MNB Hot Summer Nights Concert – Norris Park (Norris Ave. & G Street)

Jimmy D and the Fabulous Destinations – Presented by MNB Bank

-Hamburger meal deals for sale by Community Chest of McCook (\$)

-1950s attire welcome

Friday, July 29

3:00-4:00 PM – 1950s Tea Party, Museum of the High Plains (413 Norris Ave.)

Hosted by the Museum of the High Plains, 1950s attire welcome

5:00-7:00 PM – Food Trucks available on West D St. (\$)

5:00 PM - A Century of Fashion: The 1950s - Fox Theatre (412 Norris Ave.)

Presented by Sue McLain, Humanities Nebraska Speakers Bureau

6:00-8:30 PM - 1950s Car Exhibit, West D St. & Norris Ave.

Hosted by Wagner Auto Group

7:00 PM - Keynote Remarks - Fox Theatre (412 Norris Ave.)

Jim Newton, author of *Eisenhower: The White House Years*

Title: *"The Middle Way: Eisenhower and the Struggle for National Consensus"*

-Q & A to follow

8:00-10:00 PM – Reception, Keystone Business Center/Norris Alley (402 Norris Ave.)

-hosted by McCook Community Foundation Fund

-featuring winning drink from the Fifties in Focus Drink Challenge

-presentation by For Dancers Only from 8:00-8:30 in Norris Alley and sock-hop to follow

Saturday, July 30

9-11 AM – Norris Avenue Walking Tour, meet at Museum of the High Plains (413 Norris Ave.)

9 AM-1 PM – Farmers Market/Flea Market (West D Street)

9 AM-Noon – Discovery Center Kids’ Activities (West D Street)

9:00 AM-5:30 PM - Rock Around the Clock Breakout Sessions - Museum of the High Plains (413 Norris Ave.) and Keystone Business Center (402 Norris Ave.)

**breakout sessions will run approx. 50 minutes each with a 15-min. break to follow, unless otherwise noted*

Time	Museum of the High Plains	Keystone (Training Room, 3rd Floor)
9:00 AM	The Korean War: Bewilderment in the New Cold War <i>Dr. Thomas Berg, Humanities Nebraska Speakers Bureau</i>	What’s Up with Ward & June? The 1950s American Family in Myth, Memory, & Reality <i>Dr. Catherine Biba, Hastings College</i>
10:05 AM	Fire in the Hole: The Contrasting Visions of Dwight Eisenhower and Earl Warren <i>Jim Newton, Eisenhower and Warren scholar</i>	
11:10 AM	The Fight for Civil Rights <i>Becky Stone & Dr. Lenneal Henderson, Chautauqua scholars</i>	75 minutes
12:25 PM	LUNCH	
1:15 PM	Crises and Opportunities of the 1950s Cold War <i>Dr. Thomas Berg, Humanities Nebraska Speakers Bureau</i>	Red Channels: Anti-Communism in 1950s Film and Television <i>Dr. Sean Trundle, University of Nebraska-Lincoln</i>
2:20 PM	Let’s Play Ball! Sports in American Life <i>Dr. Catherine Biba, Hastings College</i>	History of Rock ‘N Roll <i>Randall Snyder, Humanities Nebraska Speakers Bureau</i>
3:25 PM	SAC, Deterrence, & Nebraska in the Early Cold War <i>Dr. Karen Miller, Offutt Air Force Base Historian</i>	A Lost Consensus? Politics and Culture in the 1950s <i>Dr. Thomas Berg, Humanities Nebraska Speakers Bureau</i>
4:30 PM	Post-War Pop: Memorabilia of the 1950s <i>Donald-Brian Johnson, Humanities Nebraska Speakers Bureau</i>	Conformity and Its Discontents: Suburbanization and Consumer Culture <i>Dr. Sean Trundle, University of Nebraska-Lincoln</i>

–Food Trucks available 11-1 & 5-7 on West D St. along with downtown McCook restaurants (\$)

6:30-8:30 PM - An evening with Rosa Parks & Thurgood Marshall - Fox Theatre (412 Norris Ave.)

6:30 PM - Rosa Parks portrayed by Becky Stone

7:30 PM - Thurgood Marshall portrayed by Lenneal Henderson

-Concluding Q & A with presenters and closing remarks

8:30 PM -- Chautauqua Celebration, Keystone Business Center (402 Norris Ave.)

-Hosted by the McCook Arts Council

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