



Nebraska Diplomats, Inc.

**Western Regional Economic Celebration
Thursday, October 5, 2017
Wildcat Hills Nature Center
Gering, Nebraska**

AGENDA

- 8:30 a.m. Registration
- 9:00 a.m. Welcome - *Michelle Coolidge*, Chairman of Western Nebraska Economic Development Group
- 9:15 a.m. Overview of Addition and Renovation of Wildcat Hills Nature Center – *Gary Shoemaker*, Nebraska Game & Parks Commission
- 9:45 a.m. Panel Discussion – Engaging Young People in Your Community
Nathan Johnson, Scottsbluff City Manager
Jamie Carpenter – Points West Bank, Kimball
John Selzer, Attorney, Simmons, Olsen Law Firm
Angela Kembel, Owner Cappuccino & Company
Bill Boyer, Director of Programming & Operations, KNEB Radio
Amanda Walker, Organizer of 18th Street Farmers Market in Scottsbluff
Astrid Munn – Attorney, Robert Pahlke Law Group
Zach Hays – Planning Commission and WNED Representative, City of Mitchell
- 11:00 a.m. Recognition of Western Nebraska Diplomats – *Michelle Coolidge*
Don Overman, Scottsbluff
Dan Koch, Alliance
John Stinner, Gering
Don Adams, Sidney
Owen Palm, Gering
Joel Weins, Kimball
- Power in Partnership Recognition – *Scottsbluff Public Schools* and *Aulick Industries*, Recipients of 2017 Nebraska Developing Youth Talent Initiative Grant
- 11:45 a.m. Buffet Lunch Catered by *The Meat Shoppe*
- 12:30 p.m. Remarks – Nebraska Governor, Pete Ricketts
- 12:55 p.m. Governor Ricketts Introduces Courtney Dentlinger, Director of the Department of Economic Development
- 1:00 p.m. DED/Diplomats Update - *Courtney Dentlinger*, Director of the Nebraska Department of Economic Development
- 1:30 p.m. Shooting Range Practice