

Hoops Homecoming Saturday at NJC

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The 19th Annual Hoops Homecoming event will take place at Northeastern Junior College in Sterling this Saturday, Feb. 23. The college's alumni association invites everyone to come back to campus and enjoy a day in Sterling.

While the evening ball games—this year against Trinidad State Junior College—are the largest events to take place, there are several other offerings available.

At 9 a.m., the college rodeo team hosts an open jackpot rodeo at the Logan County Fairgrounds. The day begins with exhibition barrel racing, followed by competitive barrel racing, calf roping, break away roping, goat tying and team roping, in this order, throughout the day.

Activities will be held in the indoor arena and admission is free.

At noon, the Northeastern Plainsman baseball team takes on Miles Community College of Miles City, Mont. at Plainsman Park, located on Pioneer Road at the north campus site. A special, by invitation only, luncheon will honor the 2013 alumni award winners.

It will be followed by a 2 p.m. annual meeting of the board of directors at the Plainsman Grill at Northeastern 18 golf course. This annual meeting is open to anyone who wants to attend; however, it is usually a short session.

At 2:30 p.m., the Heritage Center will be open for viewing in the Hays Student Center on the second floor. This is an on-campus museum which features an awesome collection of college history and memorabilia. The Alumni Association's Heritage Center Committee has worked diligently to collect and display hundreds of items, photos, yearbooks, old clothing and keepsakes from the past. Admission to this center is free.

The basketball games will begin at 5:30 p.m. when the Plainswomen take on Trinidad State Junior College Lady Trojans. The men will follow with a game at 7:30 p.m.

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The 2013 alumni award winners will be introduced at center court during halftime of the men's game. Alumni may enter the door prize drawings and may participate in the nice reception that is always held during Hoops Homecoming in the balcony area of the event center.

The first 200 alumni to register at the start of the ball games will receive a free spirit towel with Plainsman Pete on it. The Hoops Homecoming events are open to everyone, with the exception of the awards luncheon, and for these games only, admission is free to all who attend.

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