

THE CITY OF RED CLOUD, NEBRASKA

COMMUNITY WELCOME PACKET



RED CLOUD, NEBRASKA

Vibrant community. peaceful life

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WELCOME TO RED CLOUD!

The Red Cloud Area Chamber of Commerce and all of our friendly residents want to welcome you to our community! We have put together this COMMUNITY WELCOME PACKET to provide you with information about our community that can get you familiar a lot faster than having to find everything out by yourself. In addition, we hope that the information provided in this packet will encourage you to take the opportunity to patronize our local merchants, businesses, and organizations. Please get to know them and learn what kinds of goods, services, and activities are available right here in Red Cloud. If you can't find what you're looking for, be sure to ask. Shop Red Cloud first!

Red Cloud, named for the Ogallala Sioux Chief, was founded early in 1871 on homestead land filed upon by Silas Garber and company. When Webster County was later organized, Red Cloud was voted the county seat. The election was held in the dugout of Silas Garber, Nebraska's governor, 1875-79. The mainline of the Burlington and Missouri River Railway reached the town in 1879, accelerating immigration from the East and abroad, bringing together a colorful variety of cultural heritages.

During the 1880's Red Cloud served as a division center for the railroad. The architectural design of downtown was established during the prosperous time when many of the first frame and log structures were replaced by more elaborate two-story buildings of brick and stone. The historic brick streets remain in downtown Red Cloud as well as many of the original buildings, including the majestic and refurbished Opera House and the recently renovated Moon Block which is now the National Willa Cather Center and Archive.

Red Cloud is the hometown of Nebraska's Pulitzer Prize winning author, Willa Cather. Here you can visit her childhood home, her beloved Opera House, and other historic buildings related to her life and writing. Located just east of Red Cloud, the Starke Round Barn is truly an architectural wonder. The massive structure measures 130 feet in diameter, and was built using a nail-free construction method. This eye-catching attraction is the largest in Nebraska and the largest "true" round barn in the world. The Webster County Museum is also housed in Red Cloud. The museum displays the rich heritage of early settlers of the plains of Webster County.

So "WELCOME TO RED CLOUD!" We sincerely hope you will enjoy living here in the Heartland of America as much as we do. If you have internet access, be sure to visit Red Cloud's website at www.redcloudnebraska.com for more information about our city. If you have any questions, need any additional information or help with anything at all, feel free to call, write, or email:

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A QUICK START GUIDE TO LIVING IN RED CLOUD

UTILITY INFORMATION

Electric, Sewer, Water	City of Red Cloud	402-746-2215
Electric (Rural Areas)	South Central Public Power District	800-557-5254
Trash	R&M Disposal	402-746-2302
Natural Gas	Black Hills Energy	888-890-5554
Telephone Service	Great Plains Communications	888-343-8014
Cable Television	Eagle Communications	877-613-2453
Satellite Television	Direct TV	800-217-9407
	Dish Network	800-333-3474
Cellular Service	U.S. Cellular	888-944-9400
	Verizon	800-922-0204
	Viaero	877-484-2376
Internet	Great Plains Communications	888-343-8014
	Glenwood	888-756-4638
	Eagle Communications	877-613-2453

MUNICIPAL INFORMATION

CITY OFFICIALS

MAYOR	Gary Ratzlaff
CITY COUNCIL	South Ward: Marianne Reynolds North Ward: Gene Horne (President) South Ward: Roy Phillips North Ward: Brenda Knehans
CITY ATTORNEY	Kory McCracken

Note: The City of Red Cloud has a mayor-council form of government with all city officials elected to four year terms of office. City Council meetings are held at 7:00 pm on the 1st Tuesday of each month at the conference room of the Red Cloud Community Center. The public is welcome to attend.

CITY DEPARTMENTS

Administrative	Sue Meline, City Clerk	402-746-2215
Maintenance	Todd Mahin, Superintendent	402-746-2214

For information about City Ordinances, forms and permits, incentive programs, job listings or how to pay your utility bill online, visit our website at www.visitredcloud.com and explore our Community and Economic Development pages.

WEBSITE

The Red Cloud website was updated in the Spring of 2017 and organized to appeal to visitors and locals alike. Red Cloud is quickly garnering a reputation for being a tourist community and many of the amenities and cultural venues that attract folks from all over the country make the quality of life in Red Cloud exceptional for local residents as well, especially for a town of our size. The website has listings for lodging, dining, and retail and a complete business inventory that we simply do not have the space to reproduce on this welcome packet. Please refer to the website or call Jarrod McCartney at 402-746-4065 for more information about local businesses. You will also find most of the information listed below in our community section of the website, where you can also pay your utility bill, read City Council minutes, and find community calendars, a full listing of major events, and news. Go to www.visitredcloud.com to learn more.

COMMUNITY NUMBERS

**City of Red Cloud
540 North Webster Street
Red Cloud, NE 68970
402-746-2215**

Auld Public Library	402-746-3352
City Clerk	402-746-2215
Cherry Corner Estates (Assisted Living)	402-746-2340
Disposal Plant	402-746-2723
Housing (Parkview Apartments)	402-746-2262
Light & Water	402-746-2215
Police Department (Non-Emergency)	402-746-3612
Power Plant	402-746-2212
Sheriff (Non-Emergency)	402-746-2722
Superintendent	402-746-2214
Swimming Pool	402-746-3399



WALK RED CLOUD

HISTORICAL WALKING TOUR

www.walkredcloud.com

WEBSTER COUNTY

**Webster County Courthouse
621 North Cedar Street
Red Cloud, NE 68970**

Assessor	402-746-2717
Attorney	402-746-2902
Clerk/County Court	402-746-2777
County Highway Engineer	402-746-3721
District Court Officers	402-746-2716
Extension Service	402-746-3417
Noxious Weed District	402-746-2890
Sheriff (Non-Emergency)	402-746-3612 or 402-746-2722
Treasurer	402-746-2877
Veteran's Service Officer	402-746-2493



HERITAGE TOURISM AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Jarrold McCartney, Director

413 N. Webster

Red Cloud, NE 68970

Located inside the Red Cloud Opera House in the National Willa Cather Center

402-746-2653

jmccartney@redcloudnebraska.com

Willa Cather Foundation/The National Willa Cather Center

Ashley Olson, Executive Director

413 N. Webster

Red Cloud, NE 68970

402-746-2653

aolson@willacather.org

Tracy Tucker, Education Director & Archivist

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SCHOOLS

Lincoln Elementary School

334 North Cherry Street

Red Cloud, NE 68970

402-746-3413 or 402-746-2865

Superintendent: Brian Hof

Principal: Amy Dallman

Washington Jr.-Sr. High School

121 West 7th Avenue

Red Cloud, NE 68970

402-746-2818 or 402-746-3796

Principal: Jason Heldt

Superintendent: Brian Hof

STATE OF NEBRASKA

NE State Patrol

308-385-6000

NE Dept. of Environmental Quality

877-253-2603

NE Dept. of Roads (Red Cloud Office)

402-746-2740

NE Drivers License Testing Station

308-385-5047

NE Game & Parks Commission

308-745-0230

NE Health & Human Services

308-385-3543

U.S. GOVERNMENT

Red Cloud Post Office

402-746-2800

USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA)

402-746-2204

MEDICAL

Landgren Dental	402-746-3131
Main Street Clinic	402-746-2282
Red Cloud Animal Health	402-746-2448
Red Cloud Chiropractic Clinic	402-746-3435
Village Pharmacy	402-746-3335
Webster County Clinic	402-746-5614
Webster County Community Hospital	402-746-5600

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

All Emergencies	911
Poison Control	800-955-9119
Fire (Non-Emergency)	402-746-3612
Police (Non-Emergency)	402-746-3612
Sheriff (Non-Emergency)	402-746-2722

THE VALLEY CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Opened January 2018!



500 West "A" Ave.

Director: Kerra Zambrano

402-746-5110

facebook.com/TheValleyChildDevelopmentCenter/

SOCIAL MEDIA

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Chamber of Commerce:	facebook.com/RedCloudChamber/
Street Car Days:	facebook.com/streetcardays/
Recreation & Health:	facebook.com/Red-Cloud-Recreation-Health-339872163018442/
Red Cloud Opera House:	facebook.com/RedCloudOperaHouse/
Red Cloud Schools:	facebook.com/RedCloudCommunitySchools/
Red Cloud Booster Club:	facebook.com/RedCloudBoosterClub/
Community Foundation:	facebook.com/RedCloudCommunityFoundationFund/
Willa Cather Foundation:	facebook.com/WillaCatherFoundation/ twitter.com/willacatherfdn
Red Cloud Jobs:	twitter.com/redcloudjobs
Visit Red Cloud:	facebook.com/visitredcloudnebraska/ instagram.com/visitredcloud/ twitter.com/redcloudproud

ANNUAL EVENTS

Farmers & Merchants Banquet (Jan/Feb)
Easter Egg Hunt (Saturday before Easter)
Willa Cather Foundation Spring Conference (1st weekend of June)
Good Living Tour (June or July)
Webster County Fair (July in Bladen)
Street Car Days (First Weekend in August)
Opera House Shows Monthly!
Red Cloud Golf Club Events Throughout the Summer

