



Alma, Red Cloud overnight stays for BRAN 2018

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Two communities in Tribland counties will roll out the welcome mat in June for overnight stays by more than 600 bicyclists plus family members and support personnel as part of the 2018 Bicycle Ride Across Nebraska.

The route for this year's 38th annual event was announced Monday. The ride will begin June 3 in Ogallala and feature overnight stays in Imperial, McCook, Alma, Red Cloud, Fairbury and Seward. The ride ends in Ashland on June 9.

The overnight stay in Alma will be June 5, and in Red Cloud will be June 6. Riders typically camp in parks or on school grounds or inside school gyms, while the com-

munity provides food, entertainment, shopping and cultural experiences. Other towns along the route also have an opportunity to provide hospitality for riders on the road.

Theme for this year's ride is "A Southern State of Mind."

Again this year, BRAN will have three- and four-day options for riders as well as the traditional seven-day tour.

BRAN is a nonprofit organization founded in 1980 to sponsor "a bicycle ride by bicyclists, for bicyclists." The event is non-competitive and is operated entirely by volunteers, including members of the Rotary Club of Omaha Northwest and the Omaha Pedalers Bicycle Club.

All profits from the ride are used to for scholarships given to

Nebraska high school seniors from the ride host communities to attend Nebraska trade schools, colleges and universities. Currently, about \$30,000 worth of scholarships are being awarded annually.

Riders pay a fee to participate. That fee includes transportation of all their gear throughout the week, plus stationary and mobile support on the road including treats and water, private showers, morning coffee, and a commemorative T-shirt and water bottle. Bus rides to Ogallala, where the ride begins, are available for an additional charge.

To register, visit BRAN-Inc.org or contact the Northwest Rotary Club of Omaha.



Rotary Organizations Collect for Food Pantries



AUBURN ROTARY and Peru State College's Rotaract club came together Feb 2, and 3 to collect donations for area food pantries. Pictured here with donations are Rotary members, Maria Hudson, Dr. Darren Wright, Jessica Gerdes, Jeff Harvey and Rebecca Johnson. There were also \$357.07 in cash donations received.