

NEWS RELEASE

The 1991 Nicodemus Emancipation Celebration "Homecoming"

This annual event will be celebrated on July 26, 27, and 28th. Activities this year include two guest speakers, Linda Brown (Brown vs. Board of Education) and Jerry Shaw, Osage Indian and instructor at Wichita State University, Wichita, Kansas. Linda will be speaking on the importance of contributions blacks have made in history and the need to teach this history to our children. Jerry Shaw will be speaking about the Osage tribe and how they assisted the early settlers of Nicodemus.

Kansas University at Lawrence and John Mann independent documentary producer from Baltimore, Maryland will be filming a documentary on Nicodemus and it's residents. NBC and other media are expected to be on the townsite to cover this event. Over 500 people are expected to attend.

An exhibit on "The Women of Nicodemus" will be sponsored by the Nicodemus Historical society. 10 beautiful sepia tone photo enlargements will be displayed. Some photos are from the turn of the century and exemplify the spirit of these fine women.

The Osage Indian exhibit from the Kansas State Historical Society will also be on display and used in conjunction with Jerry Shaw's presentation, along with a demonstration of native American dancing and singing.

18 members of the Kansas City Bike Club will cycling off Saturday morning July 27th on a 62 mile trek from Nicodemus to Stockton, Plainville, Zurich, Palco, Demar and back to Nicodemus. This bicycle tour will be a fund raiser for the Nicodemus Historical Society.

The Historical Society will be sponsoring their 3rd annual bar-b-que. Pepsi and Coors to donate the drinks, frito-lay the chips, Logan Lockers the meat. The bar-b-que is open to the public and is free of charge. Donations accepted.

Angela Bates and Gil Alexander of the Nicodemus Group, Inc., an educational consulting firm will be sponsoring the dramatic one man show presentation on the life and times of the buffalo soliders, with a focus on Sam Garland, Gil's great grand father and famous scout of the 10th U. S. Cavalry.