

NEWS RELEASE

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NICODEMUS NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

121st Annual Nicodemus Emancipation Celebration

HOMECOMING - JULY 30, 31, & AUGUST 1, 1999

"Preserving our Past & Taking Nicodemus into the next Millennium"

The 1999 Nicodemus Emancipation Celebration - Homecoming Committee will be hosting their 121st Celebration! This year's theme reflects the priority for the community as it moves towards the end of this millennium and into the next. Last years dedication of Nicodemus as a National Historic Site during our 120th Emancipation Celebration, drew a couple of thousand descendants, friends and supporters. We are anticipating close to the same number of participants this year. We will begin activities on Friday, July 30, at noon, opening for registration and ticket sells. We are asking all who come, to support the continued efforts of this event, by registering and buy their ticket/button for the event.

Starting at 9:00 on Friday, music for the 'older' crowd will be provided by Wo Wo - He's back by demand! He will take you back to the 60's, 70's and 80's with "Oldies but Goodies". Sing along, tap your foot or get up and dance on the platform adjacent to our Township Hall. Inside the Hall and for the youth and young adults, DJ Troy Chapman of Denver will be providing all the hip hop and rap you can listen and dance to. Both Wo Wo and Troy will be providing music Friday and Saturday nights. Wo Wo will provide additional music for the afternoon on Saturday. Saturday activities will kick off with our annual parade at 11:00AM, hosting a grand performance by the Nicodemus Buffalo Soldiers Association re-enactment troop. Following the parade at noon, the National Park Service is sponsoring Dr. Boyer of Kansas State University as guest speaker for the afternoon program. He will talk about the contribution of African Americans to the history of Kansas. A descendants fashion show will be hosted at 2:00 and at 5:00 an old fashion softball game will be held in the Nicodemus baseball diamond. A descendants team will be organized to play against a Hays team. Those who wish to hear some spirited gospel music are encouraged to join in the Gospel Extravaganza at 7:00 Saturday evening at the Nicodemus First Baptist Church. The National Park Service will sponsor an exhibit on Nicodemus for those who wish to get a bit of history and see historic photos.

Sunday services will be held at 10:00AM at the Nicodemus First Baptist Church with visiting minister, Rev. Lorenzo Steward and congregation from Peaceful Rest church of Denver, Colorado. A free community dinner will be serve following church services, at the Township Hall. Everyone welcome to attend. Donations accepted.

There will be a host of food, crafts, gifts, mementos, and clothing vendors. For those interested in more information about the parade, softball game, vendors, or other activities please call - 785-421-3311.

N I C O D E M U S H O M E C O M I N G 2000



"Families Re-Connecting in the New Millennium"

Registration-Tickets/Buttons-All events for the weekend: \$10 Adults, \$5 Children (10 yrs and under). Please support us by purchasing your Ticket/Button for the weekend.

KU Medical Van free health screenings Friday & Saturday with Ticket/Button.

Friday

July 28, 2000

12:00 Noon Registration/Ticket Sales/Free Refreshments
Nicodemus Exhibit/Documentary Film
Commemorative T-Shirt & Cozies for Sale

9:00 PM Platform - Music by WOWO Road Show

Saturday

July 29, 2000

9:00 AM Registration/Ticket Sales
Commemorative T-Shirt & Cozies for Sale

11:00 AM Parade

1:00 PM Program-Welcome-Homecoming Chairman
Prayer: Rev. Crawford, Nicodemus First Baptist Church
Introduction of the Nicodemus Township Board
National Park Service Status by: Superintendent Steven Linderer

2:00 PM Fashion Show: The Senior Women of Nicodemus
Descendants Talent Show (all welcome to participate)

3:30 PM Descendants/Family Presentations

4:00 PM Platform - WOWO Road Show Afternoon Set

7:00 PM Gospel Extravaganza; Nicodemus First Baptist Church

9:00 PM Platform - Music by WOWO Road Show
Youth Dance at tennis court (descendant to DJ for after party)

Sunday

July 30, 2000

10:00 AM Nicodemus First Baptist Church Services, Rev. I.G. Crawford Pastor

Food Vendors Available for Sunday meals.

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Sponsored by: Nicodemus Homecoming Committee

More Information (785-421-3311)

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REGISTRATION / ADMISSSION BUTTONS
 NICODEMUS EXHIBIT DOCUMENT FILM
 PLATFORM-MUSIC BY WOWO ROAD SHOW

FRI. 12:00 Noon
 9:00 P.M.

REGISTRATION / ADMISSION BUTTONS
 PARADE: GRAND MARSHALL FREDDIE SWITZER
 BUFFALO SOLDIERS DEMONSTRATION / SKIT

SAT. 9:00 P.M.
 11:00 A.M.

PROGRAMS

F. SWITZER/ WELCOME TO NICODEMUS NHS
 MISTRESS OF CEREMONY: D. ALEXANDER-WILSON
 HOMECOMING ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

1:00 P.M.
 1:15 P.M.

TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS
 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

1:30 P.M.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
 UPDATE OF NICODEMUS NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE
 SITE MANAGER: DENNIS L. CARRUTH

1:45 P.M.

C. ALEXANDER INSPIRATIONAL
 INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

2:15 - 3:15 P.M.

INTERMISSION (15 MIN)

FASHION/TALENT SHOW
 MISTRESS OF CEREMONY CLOSE PROGRAM

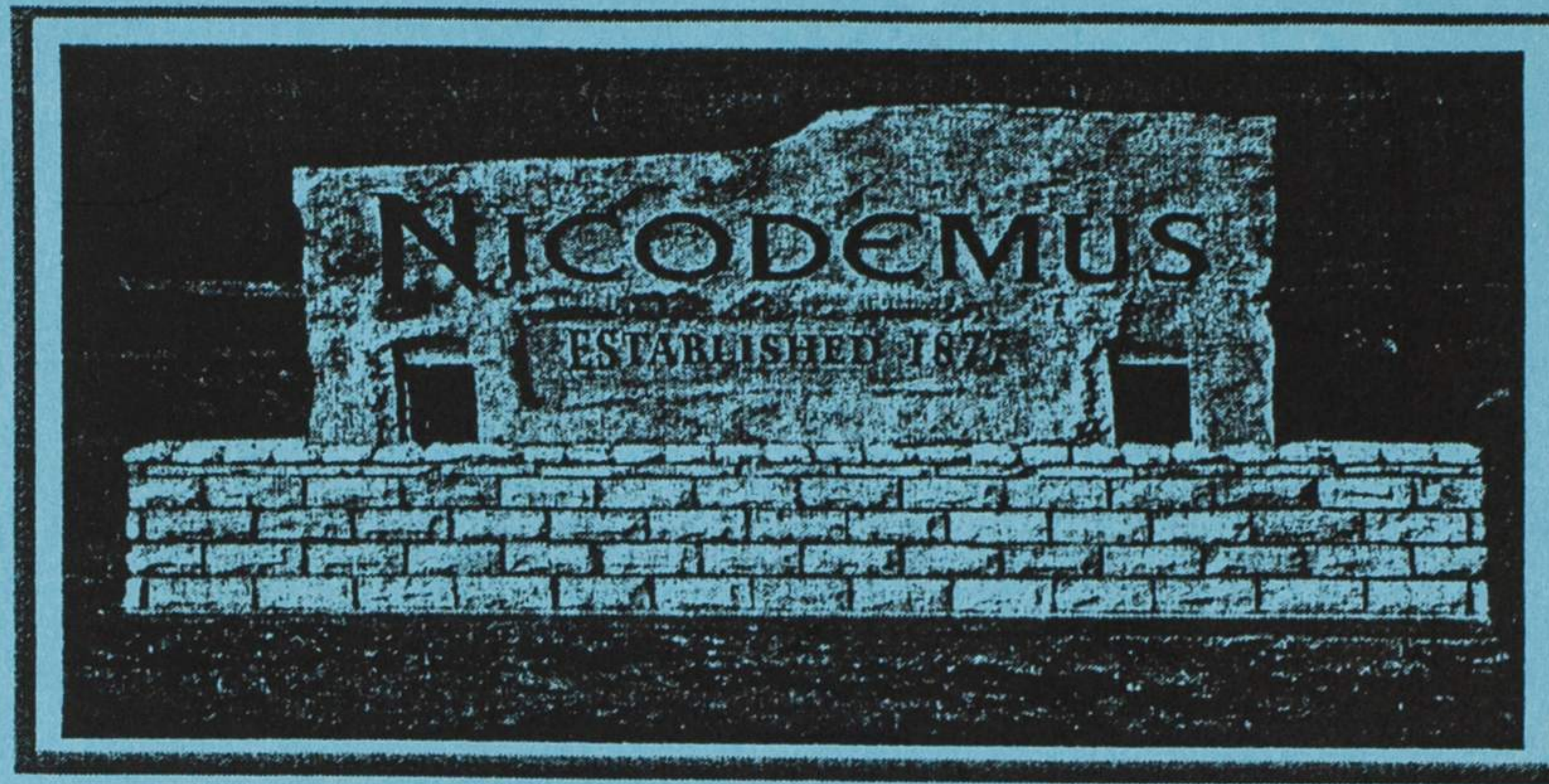
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 4:15 P.M.

GOSPEL - NICODEMUS BAPTIST CHURCH
 DACNE: WOWO ROAD SHOW

7:00 P.M.
 9:00 P.M.



EXHIBITS, VENDORS, LIVE HISTORY IN LIVING COLOR, BUFFALO SOLDIERS ENCAPMENT, KIDDIE RIDES, BLACKSMITH DEMONSTRATION, KU MEDICAL VAN FREE HEATLH SCREENINGS FRIDAY AND SATURDAY WITH BUTTON.



NICODEMUS, KANSAS 124th Homecoming 2002 July 26th, 27th, and 28th

REGISTRATION/ ADMISSION BUTTONS FRI. 12:00 Noon

Nicodemus Exhibit Document Film 9:00 P.M.
Platform-Music By WOWO Road Show

Registration / Admission Button SAT 9:00 A.M.

Parade; Grand Marshall Freddie Switzer 11:00 A.M.

Buffalo Soldiers Demonstration / Skit

PROGRAM

F. Switzer / Welcome To Nicodemus NHS 1:00 P.M.

Mistress Of Ceremony: D. Alexander-Wilson 1:15 P.M.
Homecoming Acknowledgements

Township Board Members 1:35 P.M.
Acknowledgements of Community Development

National Park Service 1:45 P.M.
Update Of Nicodemus National Historic 1:45 P.M.
Site Manager Dennis Carruth

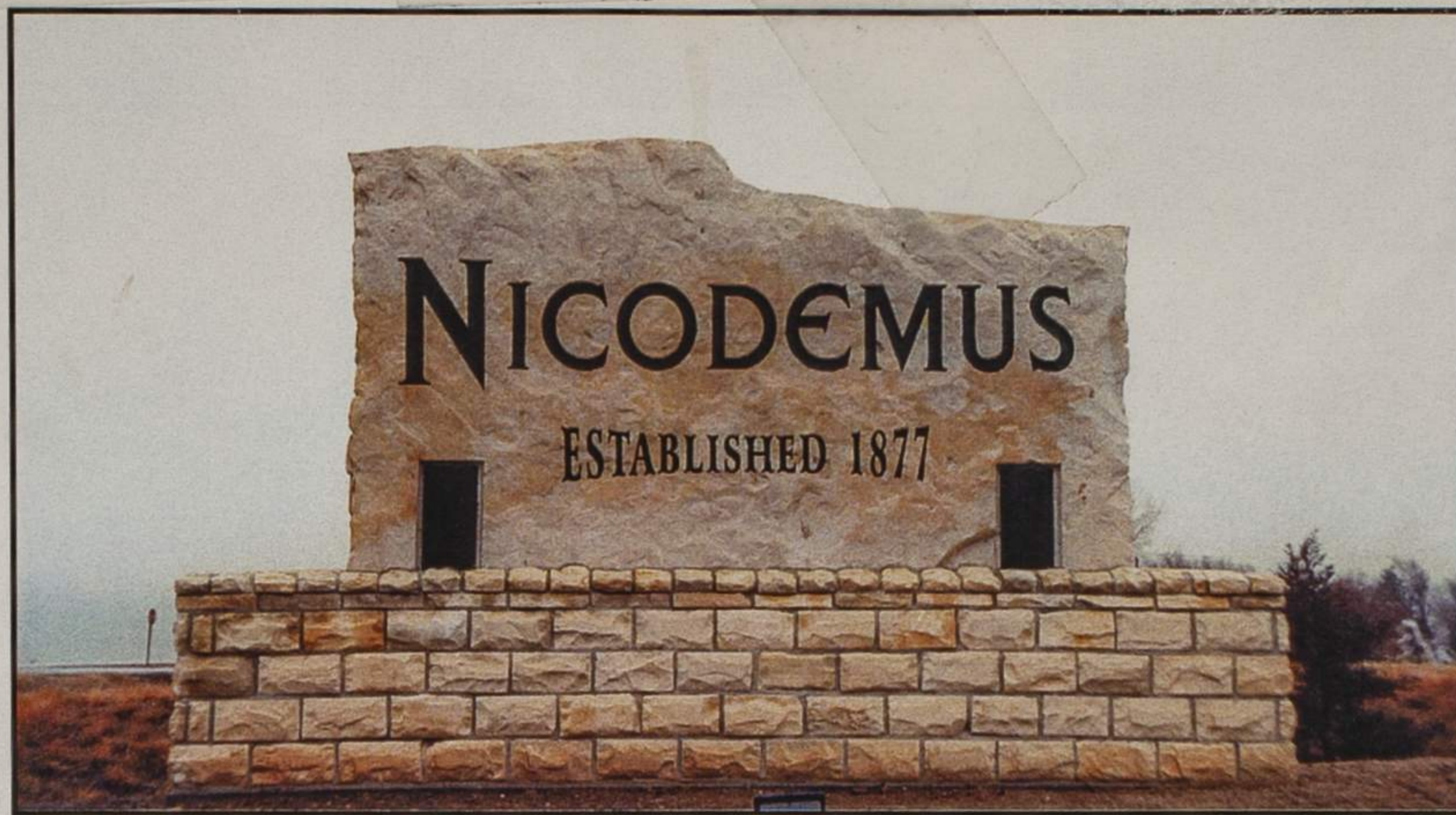
Introduction of Guest Speaker:

Dramatist: Joyce Jefferson 2:15 – 3:15 P.M.

INTERMISSION (15 MIN)

Fashion / Talent Show 3:30 P.M.
Mistress of Ceremony Close Program 4:00 P.M.
Dance – WOWO Road Show 9:00 P.M.

**Exhibits, Vendors, Live History in Living Color, Buffalo Soldiers Encampment, and
 KU Medical Van Free Health Screenings Saturday with Button.**



Nicodemus Homecoming Celebration 2003

(Town Est. 1877)

Historic National Site "The Spirit Of Nicodemus Continuing On"

July 24th

A tribute to Lorenzo Fuller, Documentary (Stockton Ks.)

July 25th

Registration 9 a.m.

Exploration Camp (History, Geography, Science) 11-5 p.m. (Come & Go)

Exhibits- Visitors Center

Nicodemus Documentaries

Vendors 10 a.m. - Food/Art/Crafts

Academic & Political Forum (Speakers & Community Awards) 2-4 p.m.

Reception Following

Dance at 9 p.m.

July 26th

Registration 9 a.m.

Vendors 10 a.m. - Food /Arts/ Crafts

Parade 11 a.m. - Antique Automobiles

Exploration Camp (History, Geography, Science) 11-5 p.m. (Come & Go)

Exhibits - Visitors Center

Nicodemus Documentaries

Program 1-4 p.m. - Nicodemus Homecoming Committee, Township Board,

Nat'l Park Service Speaker - Cultural Landscape Report of Nicodemus,

lite discussion follows.

Intermission 15 minutes

Talent Show - Professional/ Local

Fashion Show

Close Program - Program Director

First Baptist Church Gospel Extravaganza 7:00 p.m.

Dance at 9 p.m.- Platform

July 27th

Nicodemus First Baptist Church Services 10:30 am

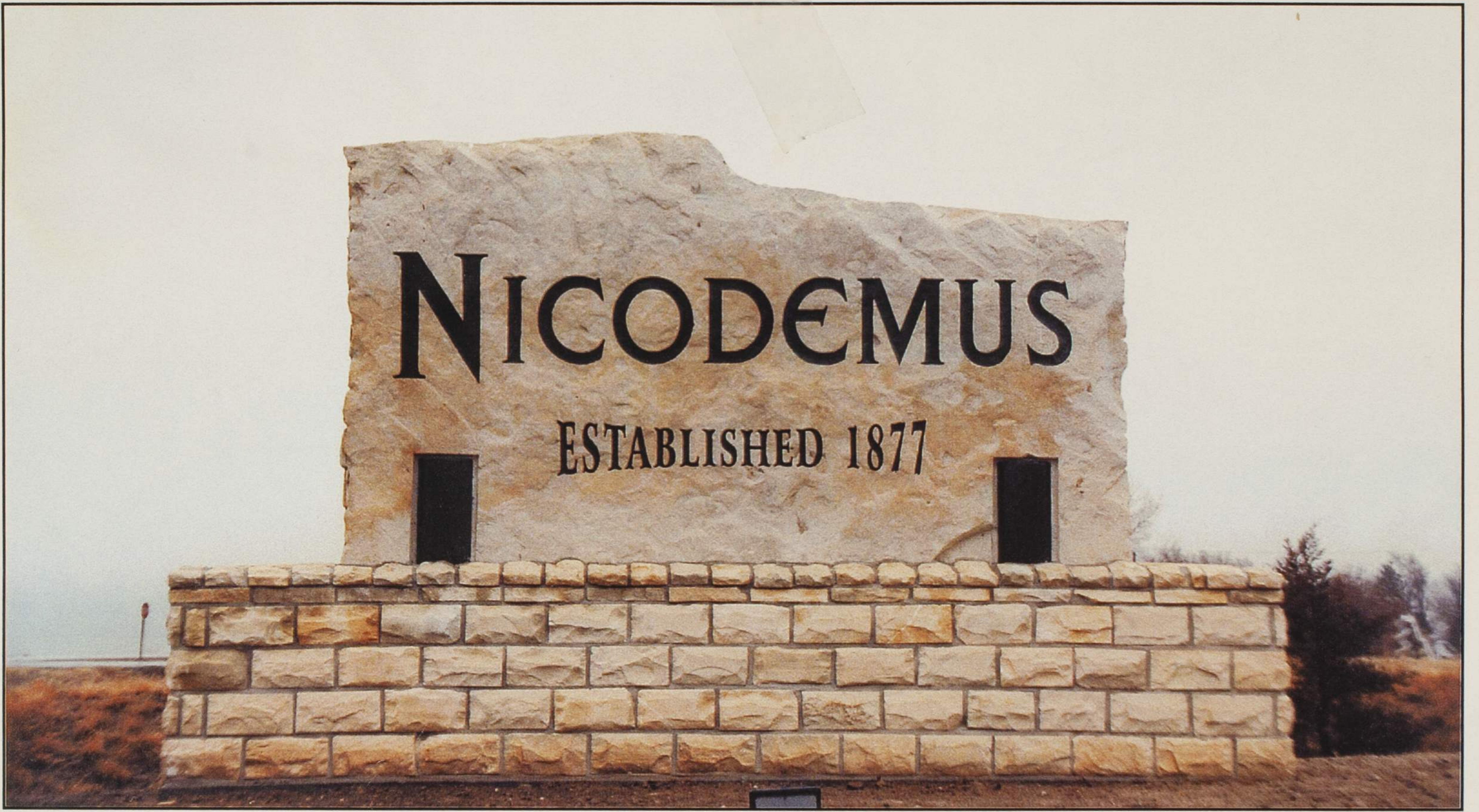
Weekend Button: Adults \$10.00 Children 5-12 \$5.00

Vendors, Volunteers and Supporters please contact for questions/concerns:

NICODEMUS HOMECOMING COMMITTEE

P.O. BOX 82, HILL CITY, KANSAS 67642

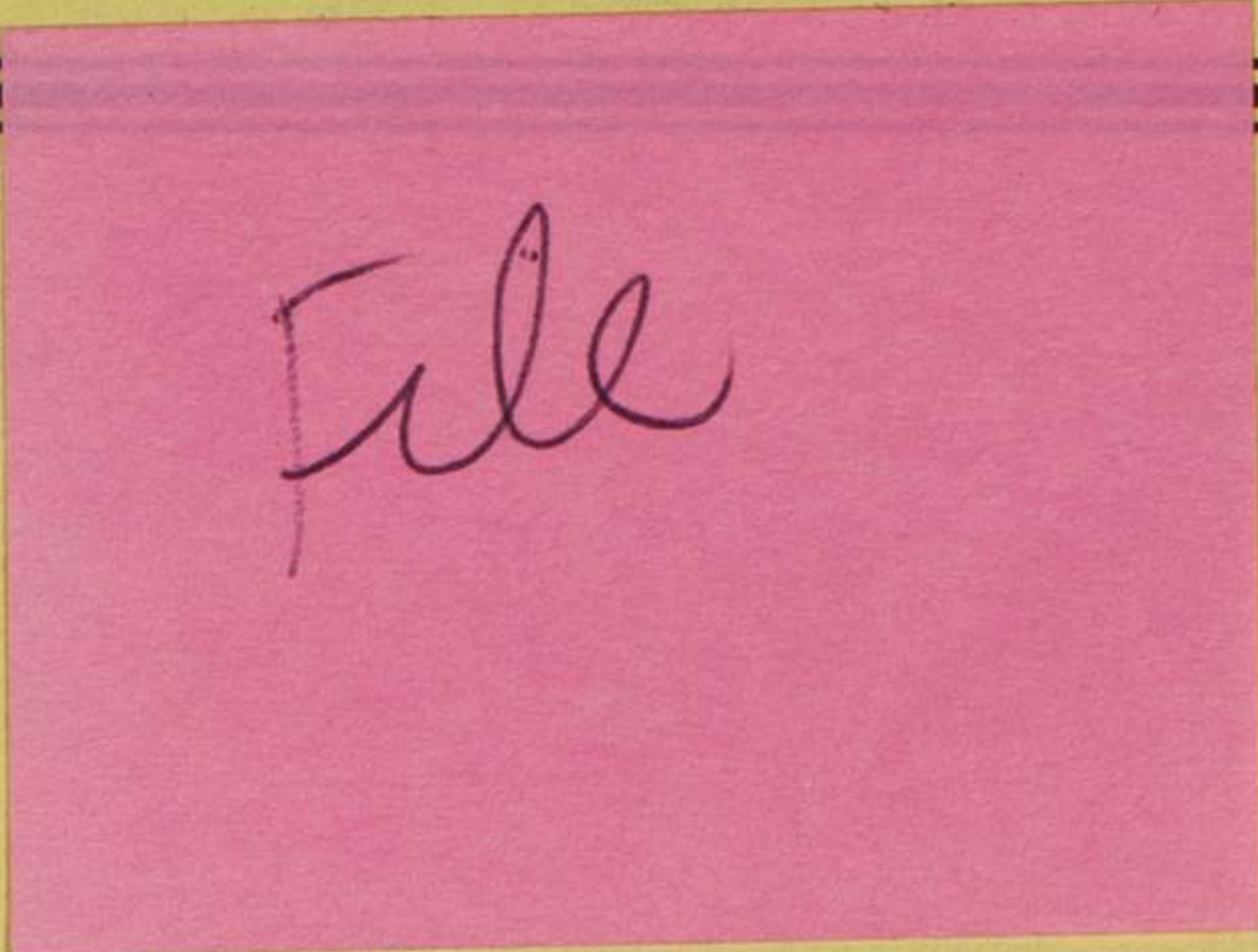
D. Alexander-Wilson (785) 421-5639 or F. Switzer (785) 839-4469



Nicodemus

Homecoming

125th



The University of Kansas Medical Center

partnering with

The Nicodemus Homecoming Committee

to celebrate the

127th Annual

NICODEMUS, KANSAS

Emancipation Celebration

"Nicodemus, Where The Past and Present Meet"

Providing **FREE** Preventive Health Screenings:

- Breast Examinations
- Prostate Cancer, including PSA
- Glucose and Cholesterol screenings
- Health Education Sessions
- Pap smears
- Blood Pressure checks
- Body Fat Measurements
- Nutritional Assessments

Saturday, July 30, 2005

Nicodemus, Kansas

9:00 a.m. – 6:00p.m.

Nicodemus Homecoming Celebration 2005

(Town Est. 1877)

Historic National Site

"Nicodemus, Where The Past And Present Meet"

Buttons \$10.00 Adults - Youth \$5.00 (12-6 years) 5 and under free

July 29th

Registration 9 am

Vendors 10 am - Foods/Arts/Crafts

Exhibits- Visitors Center

Nicodemus Documentaries

Exploration Camp (History, Geography, Science) 11-5 pm (Come & Go)

Academic & Political Group (Speakers & N.H.C. Scholarship) 3-4 pm

Reception Following.

Adult Bingo Tent at 7-8:30 pm/ Children Game Tables 7-9 pm

DISC JOCKEY PLATFORM DANCE at 9 pm-2 am

(Prizes Drawings) - AND CONTEMPORARY JAZZ/BLUES TENT

July 30th

Registration 9 am

K.U. Medical Center Screenings

Vendors 10 am - Foods/Arts/Crafts

Exhibits - Visitors Center

Nicodemus Documentaries

Parade 11 am - Grand Marshal Mrs. Ora Switzer

Exploration Camp (History, Geography, Science) 11-5 pm (Come & Go)

PROGRAM 1-4 pm - NICODEMUS HOMECOMING COMMITTEE, TOWNSHIP BOARD, NAU PARK
Service Update, Speaker: Professor Carlton Jackson, Western Kentucky University

-----Intermission 15 minutes-----

Talent Show/Fashion Show - Professional/Local

Close Program, N.H.C. Official

NICODEMUS FIRST MISSIONARY BAPTIST - GOSPEL TALENT 7:00 pm

DISC JOCKEY PLATFORM DANCE at 9 pm-2 am

(Prizes Drawings) - AND CONTEMPORARY JAZZ/BLUES TENT

July 31st

NICODEMUS FIRST MISSIONARY BAPTIST - CHURCH SERVICES 10:00 AM

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785 839-4469

Entertainment And Vendors For Your Enjoyment!!!