

The Nicodemus Historical Society

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NEWS RELEASE

The 3rd Annual Nicodemus Pioneer Days will be held Saturday, October 14th and Sunday, October 15th. Starting at 11:00 until 5:00 on Saturday, the day will be filled with fun activities for children and adults. The Horse Shoe Pitching contest will feature cash prizes this year and registration will close at 12:00 on Saturday. There will be adult and children horse shoe contest. Homemade food and crafts are a major feature, all prepared by the women and men of Nicodemus. Homemade canned items by Ernestine VanDuvall, Pearlana Moore, Debra Alexander-Wilson, Valeria Thomas and others will be sold. The Women of Nicodemus Photo Exhibit and the Kansas-Kentucky Connection (Migration) Exhibit will be available for viewing all day. Videos and Documentaries that you may have missed on TV will be played throughout the day. If you missed the real live "Buffalo Soldier Period Wedding" held in Nicodemus during the Emancipation Celebration in July, then you can come watch the video clip filmed by KSNW of Wichita. The Life and Times of the Buffalo Soldier dramatization will also be performed for the public. A blacksmith and horseshoeing demonstration will entertain those who have never seen such a work of skill. An old fashion gun fight by the Sante Fe Trail Riders will be demonstrated in front of their 40's western street front throughout the day. Nicodemus' Finest Restaurant with Ernestine's Bar-b-q will feature a pioneer 'buffalo chip burger' (hamburger) with a special sassy sauce. Plenty of games and fun food for the kids - candied apples, bobbing for apples, roasted marshmallows, homemade candies, pop corn, and much more. All cakes, pies, and cookies will be the special treat for the day. Made by the women of Nicodemus, featuring Ernestine VanDuvall's famous peach cobbler and sweat potato pie, Charlesetta Bates' cherry-pineapple pie and cinnamon rolls, Pearlana Moore's famous sugar and ginger snap cookies and much more..... Come and listen to the Nicodemus Baptist Choir and Soloist Twilla Wilson, move you with their gospel singing. If you want a momento that will always be timeless, let Dan Manix take a period photo of you and your fiends, dressed in period costumes provided by him. These are only a few of the many activities planned for the day. If you wish to come and worship with the Nicodemus community, please do so on Sunday, October 15th beginning at 11:00 AM. Then stay for our ice cream following services at 2:00.

All our welcome and the community hopes that you will come and experience a little bit of our history here in the only remaining all black pioneer town west of the Mississippi River. Our town is small, but our history and spirit are large. Come and see for yourself.

The Only Remaining All African American Pioneer Town