

# Many children's activities featured during Chautauqua

Children's Activities During Bleeding Kansas Chautauqua

Along with many activities for adults there are also activities for children as well, said committee members.

Starting on Friday, there will be a lot of workshops for children.

Those include a Kid-Tauqua Tent, museum programs and a special Youth Chautauqua Camp to

help bring the stories of history to life, said Judy Kleinsorge, local coordinator for the event.

"These workshops are intended for school-aged children. All are free and open to the public. No pre-registration is required," Kleinsorge said.

—Friday at 1 p.m. at the Pioneer Memorial Library: *Folktales of African People in America* with

Charles Pace.

— Saturday at 11 a.m., on the deck of the Senior Progress Center, Fike Park: *Important Places and Faces* with Dave Dickerson. That afternoon at 1 p.m. at the Prairie Museum of Art and History: *Tall Tales of Territorial Times* with Fred Krebs.

Krebs will present another children's workshop on Sunday at

1 p.m., at the Museum: *Growing Up in the Territory*. Then on Monday at 1 p.m. at the Museum: *All Aboard the Underground Railroad* with Diane Eickhoff.

—The last workshop will be held on Tuesday at 1 p.m. at the library: *Dear Mr. President with Richard Johnson*.

Kleinsorge also said that each evening before the main program,

a special tent for families with hands-on activities about the Bleeding Kansas period will also be available, Kleinsorge said.

The Kid-Tauqua Tent features games and toys from the period, coloring pages, try-on clothes, and other activities. It is free and open to the public.

The Prairie Museum of Art and History is also offering some special programs for children in grades 1-4.

In addition, the Kansas Humanities Council has partnered with *Ride Into History* to offer a five-day camp where participants will learn how to research, write, and perform a historical character. Each participant will have the opportunity to perform under the main Chautauqua tent on Tuesday. Ride

Into History co-directors, Dr. Joyce Thierer, a history faculty member at Emporia State University, and Dr. Ann Birney, an American Studies scholar, will lead the camp. Thierer and Birney are often recognized as Calamity Jane and Amelia Earhart and were recently in area schools for Women's History Month portraying "Jo," a Civil War veteran, and Julia Archibald Holmes.

The Youth Chautauqua Camp is intended for students in 5th-8th grades who must attend all five sessions.

Some programs may already be filled since many are limited.

For information on any of the activities, call Kleinsorge, at the Prairie Museum of Art and History at 462-4590 or email her at prairiem@st-tel.net.

## Ethanol processors form new association

TOPEKA — Several ethanol processing plants and allied businesses announced today the formation of a new association.

The Kansas Association of Ethanol Processors will represent the interests of the ethanol manufacturing industry and its allied businesses in Kansas, said John Neufeld, U.S. Energy Partners, Russell.

The Association has hired Mid-

west Management Solutions, a professional management staff based in Topeka to administer its programs.

"Membership will consist of Ethanol Processing Plants; Allied members, non-processing companies that provide engineering, design, construction, and marketing; and Associate companies that provide other goods and services to

processing plants, Neufeld said.

"Recognizing the importance of cooperation in sharing factual information for the mutual benefit of all ethanol plants in Kansas; lead us to the formation of this Association.

"This merely formalizes the already excellent spirit of cooperation that exists among this rapidly-growing, important Kansas industry," he said.

Objectives of the new group include the following, Neufeld outlined recently. Those are:

- Promoting policies and programs to the federal, state and local governments which support and encourage the development and use of ethanol fuels.

- Serve as a resource for providing accurate, current information to the media and others with respect to ethanol and its markets, producers, distributors, and consumers and the businesses and industry related to ethanol and alternate fuels as a whole.

- Raise the awareness of the viability of ethanol and other renewable fuels as part of the domestic fuel supply.

There are currently six ethanol plants operating in Kansas, with two more in the planning process.

## Time near to sample for corn nematode

MANHATTAN — With everything farmers have to do in the spring, sampling for root lesion nematode seems like just one more thing, but it's an important step in ensuring a healthy corn crop, according to a Kansas State University professor.

"Root lesion nematode can be a serious problem in corn, particularly in northwest Kansas and throughout the Arkansas River basin," said Doug Jardine, plant pathology state leader with K-State Research and Extension. "Years of research have suggested that there is a poor correlation between the numbers of nematodes in the soil

and the potential for damage and yield loss to the corn crop, making diagnosis and management recommendations from soil samples alone a somewhat chancy process. Root sampling serves as an alternate method of detecting damaging populations of nematodes and provides for a more reliable picture of the problem."

The optimum time for root sampling is about one month after planting, he said. Jardine gave these tips regarding the sampling process:

- When sending a root sample, include roots from plants in poor and healthy areas of the field.

- Include the soil from the area directly around the roots being submitted.

- Samples should be sent to the Plant Disease Diagnostic Clinic,

Dept. of Plant Pathology, 4024 Throckmorton Hall, Manhattan, Kan. 66506-5502.

- The cost is \$13.40 if submitted directly or \$10.00 if sent through a county Extension office.

- Test results will be reported in numbers of nematodes per gram of root tissue.

"You can expect about a 1 percent yield loss for each 1,000 root lesion nematodes," Jardine said. "As an example of how to interpret test results, for an irrigated corn field with a yield potential of 200 bushels, you would need 5,000 nematodes per gram of root tissue before a nematocide application would be economical (assuming \$2 pe bushel treatment cost).

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