

Bus tour to visit Indian raid sites

A highlight of the Buffalo Commons Storytelling Festival in McCook on Friday and Saturday will be a "Wild West Bus Tour" on Friday which will take visitors to the Last Indian Raid Museum in Oberlin and the sites along the Sappa and Beaver creeks where 18 pioneers were killed in 1878.

During the tour, sponsored by McCook Community College, riders will learn about the Cheyenne Exodus from Indian Country in Oklahoma to Fort Robinson in the Nebraska Panhandle.

"In the 134th year since the historic raid, the bus tour will travel from McCook to the Last Indian Raid Museum in Oberlin," said Gene O. Morris of McCook. "After a briefing there, the tour groups will go see the places where the tragic killings took place."

The bus will depart at 10 a.m. from McMillen Hall, the main

building at the college, and return at 3 p.m. That leaves time for those interested to hear cowboy poet Waddie Mitchell explore the "Cowboy Way" at McMillen immediately following the tour, Mr. Morris said. Tickets for his talk are \$19, but special combination price of \$30 covers the bus tour and talk.

He said that there is still time to sign up for the bus tour. The cost, \$25, includes lunch.

To make reservations, call (308) 345-8122 or go to the website register.CenterForEnterprise.com. Deadline is today.

The bus will pick up passengers at the museum in Oberlin, but no reservations are being taken there. You must call McCook to get a seat on the bus, said museum director Sharleen Wurm. The museum will be closed to the general public on Friday because of the tour.

Deadline today for McCook festival

McCook's annual Buffalo Commons Storytelling Festival on Friday and Saturday will feature cowboy poetry, a little philosophy, history and entertainment, kids' activities and a bus tour of Last Indian Raid sites in the Oberlin area.

The tour will include lunch and a tour of the Decatur County Museum in Oberlin, all for \$30. Reservations need to be made by today at (308) 345-8122 or register.centerforenterprise.com.

The festival begins with the bus tour on Friday, followed by a presentation on the "Cowboy Way" by poet Waddie Mitchell. Also on Friday, the Bieroc Cafe in downtown McCook will feature a Serenade on the Bricks, sponsored by Mid-Plains Community College.

A chuck wagon jamboree will feed the crowd at the Keystone Hotel, featuring the band Sons and Brothers, Mr. Mitchell, Don Welch and Cactus Chris. A cash bar opens at 6 p.m. At 10 p.m., the talent and audience will gather for ghost stories.

Saturday begins with an "open mic" session of "Southwest Ne-

braska Remembers." At 10, Mr. Mitchell will talk again, and at 11 the Sons and Brothers will be at the High Plains Museum.

At 10:30 a.m., a program of inspirational stories will kick off at the Memorial United Methodist Church. The Bieroc will have a program on "Our Place on the Plains" at noon. At 1:30 p.m., musicians Mike Adams and Kate Benzel will recall the days of the Great Depression through the music and stories of folk singer Woodie Guthrie.

Kids events will begin at 1:30 p.m. Friday at the McCook Public Library and at the same time Saturday at Norris Park. Kids will learn to tell their own stories, among other things.

The George W. Norris Historic Site will be open from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Friday at the senator's home on McCook's main street, which bears his name.

Saturday night, the headliners will lead a revue including Mr. Mitchell and Sons and Brothers at 7:30 p.m. at the Historic Fox Theater downtown. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for students.

Board re-hires all teachers, staff

The Oberlin School Board approved an updated math curriculum that aligns with the national "Common Core" standards at its May meeting.

During the meeting on Monday, May 14, math teacher Pat Dorshorst presented the curriculum for kindergarten through 12th grade. Mrs. Dorshorst said the math courses had been last updated about five to six years ago.

Although the curriculum was supposed to change last year, she said, with changes expected in the common core standards, the district decided to wait.

There won't be a lot of changes seen at the high school. Superintendent Duane Dorshorst said. However, at the elementary school, the students will start to learn things earlier than before. For example, he said, fractions, which have been taught in the fifth grade, will start with third graders.

In other business, the board:

- Approved the resignations of Maureen Anderson and Penny Fringer as cooks and of Dick Ahlberg as a part-time social studies teacher and coach of the golf and cross country teams. He is moving to Clay Center, his hometown.
- Approved hiring Dakota Soderlund for summer maintenance jobs.

- Heard a presentation by senior Nolan Henningson about the Spanish Club's trip to Spain and Morocco.
- Granted the waiver for a needed speech credit for Amanda Marshall, who has been a member of the speech team for four years.
- Held two five minute closed-sessions for non-elected personnel with Mr. Dorshorst; athletic director Joe Dreher and high school Principal Ben Jimenez present. No action was taken afterward.
- Approved hiring Sheri Jacobs as high school cheerleading sponsor and Gina Witt as the junior high cheerleading sponsor.
- Approved the re-employment

of all teachers.

- Approved re-employment of the classified staff including Vickie Lippelman, board clerk; Pam Simonsson, secretary/treasurer; Ron Jansonius, technology coordinator; Terry Ream, outdoor maintenance supervisor; Brian Simonsson, transportation supervisor; Kenny Black, facilities/plant supervisor; Johanna Mason, school nurse; Judy Marietta, Melissa Dreher and Carla Depperschmidt, secretaries; Marilyn Mack, Carolyn Shirley, Lairy Goltl, John Otis and Kim Weishapl, custodians; Kala Bose, Linda Weber, Penny Fringer and Donna Sauvage, food service; Jackie Anderson, Kelly Shields and Ana Wishon, teacher aides; Lisa Fortin, library aide; and Jeanne Pachner, Clara Russ, Lairy Goltl, David Olson, John Stanley, Patty Stapp and Chris Hardy, bus drivers.

- Held a five-minute closed session to discuss negotiations. No action was taken afterward.

Airport closed to landings



THERE ISN'T MUCH FLYING going on at the Oberlin Airport right now, as the pavement has been stripped off the old runway and taxiway by crews working for Smoky Hill out of Salina. The airport is expected to be closed

until late September while improvements are made and new pavement is put down for a slightly shorter runway under a state contract.

— Herald staff photo by Cynthia Haynes

Paving streets concern of 1919 Oberlin residents

In the back of the Oberlin police station is a big, old vault. In it Chief Wade Lockhart has saved dozens of old city ledgers, account books and meeting minutes. This is part of a series of excerpts from those documents.

The City of Oberlin was looking to do some municipal improvements back in 1919 and there were plenty of businesses wanting to help:

Nov. 12, 1919

Mayor, Oberlin, Kansas, Dear Sir:

We wrote you some time ago that we had noticed there was an agitation regarding paving at Oberlin and that if you had not engaged engineers, we would appreciate an opportunity of making you a proposition covering this work.

Very truly yours,

A.P. Learned, Black & Veatch, Kansas City, Mo.

The city also got offers of help with its engineering from H.G. Olmstad & Company, Oklahoma City; Clark E. Jacoby Engineering Co., Kansas City, Mo. and one with wording that would have made the federal government proud:

Dec. 20, 1919

Honorable Mayor, Oberlin, Kansas, Dear Sir:

Under date of November 11th, we wrote you relative to proposed sewer system which your city was

contemplating constructing; but to date, have not been favored with a relay. We beg to inquire if you have retained engineers for the proposed improvement, and if not, we would be very glad to receive your consideration and clientele.

In order to give intelligent consideration to the construction of improvements of this kind, it is essential that the proper authorities be advised the approximate cost of same, which cost can only be estimated by those familiar with construction of this kind. If you are interested and would care to have us do so, we would be glad to have the opportunity of having our representative call on you and discuss the proposed work with you and your council, at such time as will meet your convenience, without any obligation on your part.

C. Shockley

Shockley Engineering Company, Kansas City, Mo.

The city council decided to do something about the agitation the next year:

April 20, 1920

Council met in special session at call of acting mayor Paddock, who was present and presiding and all members present.

Acting Mayor Paddock stated the object of the meeting was to act on petitions on file to pave Penn Ave.

On motion of Councilman Curry and seconded by Councilman Dowden the petitions and prayers thereof was granted and allowed for a unanimous vote of all the Council-

Knife fight class set

Snake Blocker, a Lipan Apache who says he is an all-American military martial artist and knife fighter, will teach a knife-fighting seminar from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday at the Decatur County Museum.

If you plan on attending, bring your own training knife.

In his seminar, Snake Blocker will teach about the Indian fighting culture and demonstrate his designs of native-style fighting knives.

As a member of the Navy Reserves, he said, he was mobilized in 2004 for Gulf War service in Kuwait. He went to Iraq in 2005 and to Afghanistan in 2009. He is founder and chief instructor at



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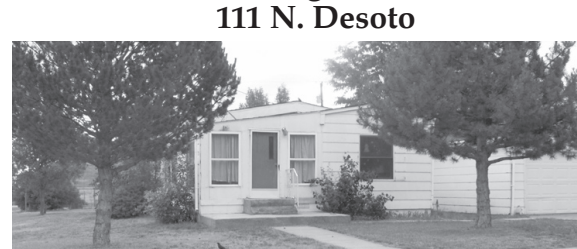
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