

Historic Santa Fe Trail Pageant At Council Grove This Weekend

Voices of the Wind People, an outdoor drama, will be performed Friday and Saturday evenings, Sept. 14 and 15, at the Old Riverbed Amphitheater in Council Grove.

The pageant, written by Ron Parks, provides a historically accurate snapshot of what it was like when the Native American and Euro-American cultures collided in Council Grove on the Santa Fe Trail.



Sharon Haun, pageant organizer, said: "The performance will take you back in time to the mid-1850s and give you a front row seat to hear both sides of the story between Chief Allegawaho, the Kanza (Kaw) Chief, and Seth Hays, Council Grove's first Euro-American resident."

This drama was first produced 26 years ago, and is performed every two years. It has been advertised and promoted heavily on 580 WIBW, Country 106.9 and The BIG 94.5 Country as well as WibwNewsNow and the Kansas Ag Network.

Production of "Voices of the Wind People" is accomplished completely by volunteer staff and performers.

Approximately 30 members of the Kaw Nation will travel to Council Grove to portray their ancestors in the pageant. They will enact village scenes and perform dramatic roles and traditional dances.



This story is told in alternating perspectives: the side of the Kaw and the side of the townspeople of Council Grove.

The Kaw Indian's story is narrated by Chief Allegawaho, voiced by a Curtis Kekahbah, a member of the Kaw Nation.



Council Grove's side of the story is narrated by Seth Hays, as voiced by Council Grove resident Mark Brooks.

Voices of the Wind People is a multi-media presentation depicting a series of live-action scenes of both Council Grove citizens and Kaw Indians.

The production incorporates historic photos, images of the prairie landscape and video images with the live-action of a pack train, wagon train, stagecoach, riders on horseback, tepees and the campfire of a Kanza village.

Performances are at 8 o'clock both nights. There is pre-show entertainment beginning at 7 o'clock. Information is available at 620-767-5413, www.voicesofthewindpeople.com, by emailing voicesotwp@gmail.com and on Facebook.

Midwest Mayhem Grand Finale Bull Riding At Garnett September 15

Diamond E Bucking Bulls of Savannah, Missouri, will present the Midwest Mayhem Grand Finale Bull Riding & Bull Team Series Saturday evening, Sept. 15, 6:30, at Garnett.

Sponsored by the Anderson County Fair, gates to the fairgrounds arena open at 6 o'clock, according to Ruth Pracht, fair association official.

The Western action has been advertised heavily on Country 106.9 and promoted on WibwNewsNow and the Kansas Ag Network.

Special action for youth four to seven will be a mutton busting competition at 6:30. Sign up is at 6 o'clock, with a parent or guardian, and a signed release.

"We will feature a minimum of 45 bull rides featuring top cowboys from throughout the Midwest," Pracht said.

"The outstanding Western athletes are to be matched against the renowned buckers produced by Diamond E Bucking Bulls," Pracht added.

Additional information is available at www.andersoncofair.com.



Switch Machine of Diamond E Bucking Bulls at Savannah, Missouri, will be bucking at the Midwest Mayhem Grand Finale Bull Riding & Bull Team Series Saturday evening, Sept. 15, 6:30, at Garnett.

Padre Says:

"The American Indian is, in my opinion, the most oppressed race of people in the entire world. They, above all other 'minorities' got the short end of the stick."

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