



Flint Hills & Cowboy Culture Theme For Paxico First Friday Two-Day Antique And Art Walk

So successful was the initial Paxico First Friday Antique and Art Walk, another has already been scheduled, and it's coming up this weekend, with even more added attractions than the first, actually two-day affair.

"We had a large attendance and wide participation in March, so the Paxico Merchants Association decided to have another Paxico First Friday Two-Day Antique And Art Walk, Friday and Saturday, April 4th and 5th," announced Larry Winkler, secretary-treasurer of the Association, and with his wife, Peg, owner of two antique shops in downtown Paxico, with convenient access right off Interstate 70.

While the March event had a renowned antique appraiser come to town and appraise antiques brought in by people from a wide area, this weekend, advertised on 580 WIBW and promoted on www.WIBWnewsNow.com, and www.KansasAgNetwork.com, has been themed and titled "The Kansas Flint Hills & Cowboy Culture."

"It's quite appropriate to have such attractions, because Paxico is right in the heart of the Flint Hills with cowboys and cattle operations always being key to the ranching community," Winkler said.



However, despite the special weekend promotional interests, the most important thing about Paxico is the special antique shops. "We have six downtown antique shops, which will be open both days, along with the Prairie Ghost Gallery, featuring the most unique art and western wear," Winkler clarified.

A western-themed flea market is planned in a vacant downtown Paxico building from 9 a.m., to 8 p.m. Friday, and 9 a.m., to 5 p.m., Saturday, the same hours the antique shops are open.

"We still have ample booth space for rent to those who'd like to display their wares, but already we have reservations for a wide selection of

antiques, collectibles and art exhibits which will be set up at the corner of Main and Newbury in Paxico," said Winkler, expressing special invitation to make contact to contract a booth space.

Zerf (top right), known as the Original Kansas Cowboy Minstrel, will be performing and entertaining with songs and stories of the Wild Kansas Frontier down the streets of Paxico Friday afternoon.

Dining is always important to whoever visits Paxico, and again the Longbranch Bar and Grill and Tarred and Feathered Café will be open serving ranchland appropriate menus. However, since this is a cowboy culture weekend, Geff Dawson will bring his authentic chuck wagon to Paxico for a demonstration and serving ranch trail foods Friday afternoon, April 4, from 2 to 8 p.m.

Horse drawn carriage rides (left center) by Buchman's Double B Ranch are to be available free for those attending Paxico's Saturday afternoon activities. Slated as a Saturday afternoon feature also is bluegrass, country and folk music by The Oregon Trail Gang (lower right) in Woodman Hall on Newbury Avenue.



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"Be patient. You can't make it rain by looking at the clouds."

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