

ADVOCATE

THE BONA FIDE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER FOR THE ARCHWAY GANG.

— HELLO FOLKS —

This is the first of what we're planning on being a long string of editions of the "Archway Advocate, The Bona Fide Official Newspaper" for the Archway Gang.

We have a mighty big parcel of things going on here at the Archway, and we aim to keep as many of our friends and neighbors (The Gang members) informed as we can and the "Advocate" will play a big part in that.

We hope you'll find this publication informative and maybe a little entertaining to boot! Thank you kindly.



— BRING YOUR STRINGER —

It's official. First there was women's suffrage, then the repeal of prohibition, and come spring of 2010: Fishing at the Archway.

The Archway has entered into an agreement with the Nebraska Game & Parks Commission and you'll be able to come down to the Archway to enjoy all we'll have happening, and catch dinner, too!

While the details, like regulations and the like, are still being laid out, the "basics" can be told.

As a lot of our "nocturnal anglers" in the Kearney area know, we have some good fishing in the four lakes on the Archway property. With this agreement, the State is going to make the fishing even better!

They'll be cleaning up a couple of the smaller lakes while sprucing up the game fish populations in all of them.

The big news here is we at the Archway will be able to come up to you anglers with a smile on our faces when we ask: "They bitin'?"



How's fishin'?

We'll have all the details worked out and will keep all of you Gang members in the know as the fishin' weather approaches.

By the way, Game & Parks has named the lakes: One, Two, Three and Four. We believe we can do better than that. How 'bout you? Have some ideas? Share them with us. Give Gary a call at the Archway (308) 237-1000 or go to the website at www.archway.org



A POUND OF PATIENCE IS WORTH TONS OF BRICKS FROM CANTON TO KEARNEY



How much does an original Lincoln Highway brick weigh? Nine pounds. How much do ten pallets of original Lincoln Highway bricks weigh? 20,000 pounds. How do you get 20,000 pounds of original Lincoln Highway bricks from Canton, Ohio to Kearney, Nebraska?

Genuine Lincoln Highway underpaver bricks will soon be on their way to us from Canton, Ohio. Donated to the Archway by the City of Canton, the brick will become part of an outdoor exhibit in front of the Archway that will honor the 2013 centennial of the “father road”.

In 2005, Bob Lichy, of Canton, who was the President of the National Lincoln Highway Association, stopped by the Archway on his way home from the association’s



“On The Bricks” Lincoln Highway

national conference. He asked if we thought Kearney and the Archway would consider hosting the national centennial celebration of the road in 2013. We were honored to be the hand-picked location for such an important national celebration.

One year later, we had our first centennial planning meeting. We discussed with Bob the idea of recreating a piece of the Lincoln Highway in front of the Archway in honor of the celebration. Bob said that the road should be 16 feet wide, like the original road, and that any bricks would do because original Lincoln Highway bricks would be practically impossible to find.

Two years later, in 2008, Bob Lichy called us to let us know that a portion of the original Lincoln Highway was being unearthed in Canton where a street project was being done. Bob talked to the City of Canton on our behalf, and they voted to donate the bricks to our centennial project!

A COINCIDENCE . . . OR DESTINY?

A reporter from the Omaha World Herald who knew a reporter at the Canton Repository immediately found out about the bricks and called us about writing an article. That article resulted in a trucker from Bertrand, Nebraska offering to pick up and deliver the heavy bricks on a return trip to Pennsylvania where he delivered pristine hay from Nebraska to the Amish.

There was only one problem. The bricks were in a huge pile in Canton and needed to be cleaned and scraped and put on pallets with shrink wrap before they could be loaded.

That is where an Brian Cassler came in. Brian is a Boy Scout, the son of Jim Cassler who runs the

Lincoln Highway Trading Post in Canton. Brian was close to needing an eagle project and was excited about helping with this national Lincoln highway project. Once his project was approved, Brian began the arduous task of cleaning and preparing the bricks. It was a huge job and would take some time.

Another challenge arose when Brian’s eagle project was completed in April 2009. (Congrats Brian on achieving your Eagle Scout rank!) Due to the economy, the Amish were no longer ordering hay from our trucker friend in Bertrand. We needed to find a new way to ship the bricks.

We spent most of 2009 trying to find a feasible way to get the heavy load from Canton to Kearney. Finally, Brian’s father, Jim, found a Lincoln Highway member from Colorado who offered to bring the bricks to Kearney over the new year holiday. The bricks are due to arrive at the Archway on January 3, 2010. Amazingly, the Eastern Ohio Chapter of the National Lincoln Highway Association is raising money to buy the gas for the long trip.

We are incredibly thankful and indebted to the City of Canton, Ohio; Brian and Jim Cassler and the Eastern Ohio Chapter of the Lincoln Highway Association for helping our dream come true.



— THE EARTHLODGE PROJECT —

Building an earthlodge at the Archway is no ordinary construction project.

In order for the earthlodge to have a life longer than the typical 10-15 years, a layer of cement will be poured between the shell and the layer of earth.



Pawnee with Lodge

The lodge will have a 40' interior diameter, large enough for a family of 35-50 Pawnee. It will be the largest outdoor earthlodge of its kind in America.

Most importantly, it will be the only earthlodge in Nebraska built with the help of the partnership of the Pawnee nation - in the heart of their homeland.

The project will insure excellent programming and Native American experiences for students and the general public. With the help of the Pawnee, the Archway will play a central role in returning Pawnee culture of the past and present to Central Nebraska.

— NO PLACE LIKE HOME —

At our annual Harvest Fair in October, we “christened” our “old soddy.” Now it’s a 192 square foot beauty! You’ll find it on the north bank of the Archway lake looking like it’s been there forever. Come to think of it, a lot of what it’s made out of has been there a long, long time.

It features a very open floor plan with a truly beautiful lake-front view. It offers what can only be described as a low maintenance floor while the roof is definitely “green,” and, while it may take a little getting used to, it’ll grow on you!

We’ll be using this 1850’s era “bungalow” as the base for early agriculture programs and tours, and it’ll do a good job doubling as a Pony Express station for reenactments and the like.

We’re searching for appropriate furnishings if any of our readers might have such they’d like to find a home for, as well as a working windmill, a primitive stable and corral for the team and/or ponies, and some genuine local rocks for a camp-fire site or two.



“Be it ever so humble. . .”

To get to the soddy, just cross the bridge, and take a left onto the hike-bike trail. Follow the trail up to the top of the rise and you’ll see it off to your right.

— FUNDRAISING CONTINUES —

Dependent on fundraising efforts, the earthlodge is scheduled to be built in 2010 or 2011. With support from Kearney Visitor’s Bureau and local foundations, major grant applications are being submitted for the project.

Several grassroots fundraising efforts are also helping the project, including proceeds from the Chief Many Blankets O’Brien book by Steve Buttress and Ronnie O’Brien, and donation boxes at the Archway’s cash registers.

A special fundraising breakfast for the earthlodge will be held on Friday, June 18, before the Dancers of the Plains pow wow. Tickets available at the Viearo Event Center.

— PAWNEE EARTHLODGE —

EDUCATIONAL & CULTURAL CENTER

SIZE:

1300 sq. ft. interior

BUILDER:

Mark White, Michael, IL

PROJECT PARTNERS:

Pawnee Nation
National Park Service

PROJECTED LIFE:

70-80 years

PROJECT COST:

\$400,000

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Cowboy hat, a banjo and a
phone, call the Archway at
(308) 237-1000.

Ask for Gary.

JOIN THE GANG

If you're already a big fan of the Archway, or thinking you WILL be with all the new attractions and activities coming, please consider becoming a member of the ARCHWAY GANG. Not only will you save money with each visit, but as we continue to add more features to our "menu" you'll be in the know of all the details.

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