

Summer hours, enrollment information for CHS told

Summer hours and enrollment information for Collinsville High School has been released. Hours are: Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

CHS offices will be closed:

- June 6th;
- June 13th;
- June 20th;
- June 27th;
- July 4th;
- July 11th;
- July 18th; and
- July 25th.

ENROLLMENT:

- Aug. 4 - Seniors: 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.;
- Aug. 4 - Juniors: 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.;
- Aug. 5 - Sophomores: 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.;
- Aug. 5 - Freshmen: 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.;
- and
- Aug. 6 - New Students: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

All new students need to bring:

- Birth Certificate
- Proof of Residency
- Shot record and a
- Transcript from previous school for 10th through 12th graders.

Collinsville High School is located at 2400 West Broadway in Collinsville. Zip code is 74021. Contact them by phone at (918) 371-3382 or by Fax at (918) 371-6904.

Skiatook Bluegrass Festival slated for June 27 through 29

The fourth annual Skiatook Bluegrass Festival is Thursday, June 26 through Saturday, June 28 at the Skiatook Sports Complex south of Hwy. 20.

The festival kicks off Thursday with a band contest beginning at 6 p.m. followed by a band scramble at 9 p.m. Bands scheduled include The Wilders, Newfound Road, The Chapman's, Cedar Hill, the Park Family, Springstreet, Bonham Revue, Nevery Hillbillies, Bonham Revue, the

Zoogross Boys, Rockin Acoustic Circus and the Klondike 5.

Saturday morning at 9 a.m. the fiddle competition will begin and at 11 a.m. these children will be given the opportunity to perform on stage for the public. Music will resume at 12:00 p.m.

RV camping is available which includes full hookups. Thursday, Friday and Saturday camping is \$12 per night. Tent camping is also available for \$3 per night. Admis-

sion to the festival is \$12 per day or \$25 for all three days.

"Don't miss this opportunity to come and enjoy some wonderful music by some excellent musicians," festival officials encouraged.

The Skiatook Bluegrass Festival is sponsored by the Oklahoma Arts Council, The Exchange Bank and Million Dollar Elm Casino.

For questions call Larry Nunley at 918 261-3443 or visit the website at www.Skiatookbluegrass.com.

He hears that train a comin'

By DON DIEHL
Neighbor Newspapers

JENKS - There is probably no stronger advocate of light rail transportation than Henry Migliore of Jenks. He was writing columns, speaking about rail transportation and promoting its discussion long before it moved to the current front burner.

Light rail is viable transportation in the Tulsa Metro area and northeast Oklahoma, said Migliore, who is excited about the renewed interest.

Migliore, former professor at Northeastern Oklahoma State University, like his father, Roscoe Migliore before him, has championed rail causes for a long time while warning of the days when people could no longer afford gasoline to run their cars.

Those days seemed to have arrived, and a crowd of people are ready to admit how right-on the Migliores have been.

Jack Crowley, on loan to the city of Tulsa and its mayor from the University of Oklahoma, said this past week that Tulsa needs to rapidly move forward in plans to develop a light-rail system.

Crowley said other cities are proving the worth of such systems and those who have been successful



THE ABOVE chart shows proposed routes of possible rail service in the Tulsa Metropolitan area. The hearing was held by the Indian Nations Council of Governments (INCOG) recently.

— Don Diehl / Neighbor Newspapers photo

have rolled out short segments first.

Migliore suggested that one of the easiest short sections to begin with would be the proposed "River Route" to Jenks.

Tulsa-Sapulpa Union Railway currently runs two to four trips daily on the line hauling freight. Kimberly-Clark is TSU's main customer on the rails leased by TSU from Union Railroad Company.

All involved say the rails and schedule would have to be retrofitted for passenger use, a challenge but doable.

One way or the other, Migliore says the talk and planning needs to move from tongue, paper and map to actuality - and soon.

Oil price was at \$115 a barrel the end of April. "Money Market" predicts \$157 a barrel with the possibility of going up, Migliore said.

"With the strong possibility of gas at \$4 to \$5 a gallon those of us in Jenks, Bixby, Sapulpa and Glenpool have to consider some options," he said. "We can keep driving, get a bike, hitch hike, ride a horse or walk."

"Or," he says, "another idea - use Northwest Oklahoma railroad tracks for light rail."

Likewise, there are

tracks to Broken Arrow, Sand Springs, Sapulpa, Pawhuska and Skiatook - all coming into downtown Tulsa.

"Want to fill the new BOK Center?" he asks. "Let people park and ride the train downtown. It is easy to see a driving and parking nightmare with a lot of disgruntled ticket holders."

Migliore makes some other observations:

- * Light rail is up to 35 times more energy efficient than automobiles;
- * It has less environmental impact on air quality;
- * It is a safer mode of transportation;
- * And will cut dependency on foreign oil.

Broken Arrow could use MKT tracks. Bartlesville/Collinsville/Owasso would use Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe tracks. Claremore would use MKT tracks into downtown Tulsa.

"There is nothing creative about this idea for Northeast Oklahoma," Migliore said. "Anywhere we travel we could ride light rail."

In a large sense, it is a return and updating of some resources that worked yesteryear.

As a note of interest, in a 1979 article in the Tulsa World, Roscoe Migliore was chiding the Trans-



Henry Migliore

portation Department's cutback in passenger rail service to save "a mere billion dollars in five years," or "a savings of \$1.25 per year for every man, woman and child in the country."

"Pretty soon, that (the estimated savings) won't even buy a gallon of gas," quipped Migliore in the 1979 article.

Editor's Note: Henry Migliore is a Collinsville High School graduate. His family was also in business in Collinsville for many years.

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Starlight summer concert series told

Starlight Bands announce their free 2008 summer concert series. This season will include six concerts held at the scenic River West Festival Amphitheater, 2100 South Jackson, on the West side of the Arkansas River.

The series is family-friendly entertainment, with something for everyone.

Starlight's 2008 Season is underwritten by The Tree-man Family Foundation

Concerts are held at River Parks Amphitheater, 2100 South Jackson, on the West bank of the Arkansas River.

All concerts take place on Tuesday evenings at 8pm.

June 17

Starlight Big Band offers up the first concert of the season taking listeners back to the "Good Ol' Days" of jazz. Special guest for the evening will be "Steve Ham's Jambalaya Jazz Band."

June 24
Saided Music Company and The Jimmie & Helen Saided

Foundation present Starlight Band's annual patriotic "Americana" night. The all-woman Oklahoma Jubilee Chorus will perform during Intermission.

July 1
Join Starlight Band for an evening saluting American composers. The Tulsa Clarinet Quartet will make a guest appearance.

July 8
Circle Cinema and Cedar Creek Wholesale present "A Night at the Movies" as part of Circle Cinema's 80th birthday celebration. Hear popular movie themes, then watch Buster Keaton starring in the classic silent film "One Week" with live accompaniment by theater organist Jeanette Maxfield.

July 15
Starlight Band will give a truly "star-studded performance" when music under the stars features top hits from the past and present related to stars. Our own "star search" is bringing "The Bird Catchers" to the stage. This local jazz com-

bo is one you won't want to miss.

July 22
Starlight Big Band will take you "Back to the Future" with big band hits for the annual Contributors' Concert. The evening's special guest will be "The Salsa Rhythm Project." Bring cash or a check-book to bid on great prizes at the annual silent auction.

Concerts are free to the public. Parking is also free. The venue is accessible to those with disabilities. Crowds of up to 1,500 attend each concert.

Concessions are available at the venue. The public can bring blankets, lawn chairs, picnic dinners, and pet dogs on leashes.

Door prizes are donated by sponsors and given away at each concert.

Tax-deductible donations are accepted at each concert and help to defray the costs of providing this free, quality entertainment.

Find Starlight online at www.starlightbands.net