

The Happenings

June 1992

St. Joseph Museum

Pony Express Museum

Rhonda Clem



Members of the Hyde Forge Questers: Back row from left: Winona Dillon, Hazel Lee Hyde, Lois Ann Synne, Jean Geitz, Madge Randall, Betty Ray and president Ruby Janecek. Front Row from Left: Mary Lee Sweet, Bonnie German, Dorothy Perks, Vera Hamilton, Janet Church, Bette Tolbert and Anna Wallace.

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FUNDING UPDATE

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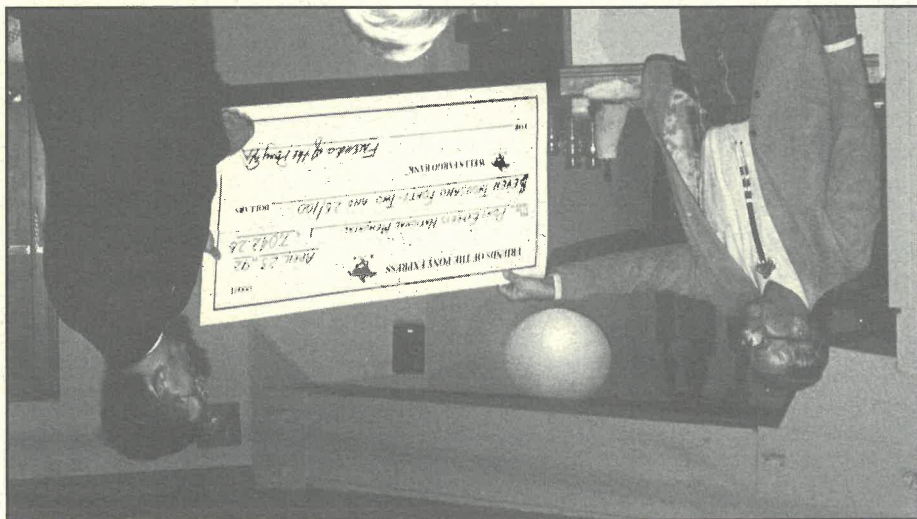
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in memory of Cleo T. Martin

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in memory of Jennifer Pray

As of 5-19-92



At intermission, a check for \$7,042.26 was presented by Dr. Acuff to Dick Deshon, president of Pony Express, Inc. The proceeds will be used in transforming the Pony Express Museum into a national memorial commemorating the legend and legacy of the Pony Express.

DINNER THEATRE EVENT BENEFITS MUSEUM

There was a full house for the benefit performance of "Love, Sex, and the I.R.S." at the Ice House Theatre on Thursday, April 23. Pony Express board member Dr. Phil Acuff and his wife Diane were the hosts of this enjoyable dinner party.

Ninety, fun-loving, adventuresome guests surrendered their firearms upon arrival. Their horses and buggies were parked by valets. The wine for the festive evening was delivered

Our thanks go to: Dr. and Mrs. Phil Acuff; Erich Uhlhorn and Theresa Fankhauser, Ice House Theatre managers; Tillie Fankhauser, for providing the music; and the Ice House Theatre Riverfront Players for making this an evening to remember.

Dear Heidi:

Enclosed is our gift for the Pony Express National Memorial. This is the first installment for our three-year pledge from the PTA at Pickett School. The value to our students and the community is worth much more than this contribution. We hope that this will be a seed donation for all educational groups in the future.

I applaud you and the museum board for your progressive attitude in seeing what can be and moving in that direction. This city needs more folks with your positive vision.

I look forward to being one of the first to be able to see the diorama of the route of the Pony Express. The students of St. Joseph and the area are in for a real treat.

Thanks again to you and the staff for all your efforts.

Sincerely yours in education,
Walt Hanabury, Principal
Pickett Elementary School

Recent Donations

Jim D. Feagins - prints and negatives of the museum staff and volunteer field trip to Hollenberg Station held June 6, 1991.

Ray Ellenbecker - seven items ranging from photographs to an audio tape of the 1991 rededication ceremony held at the marker designating the St. Joe and Independence roads of the Oregon-California Trail.

Video Post - the video, *Wilson's Creek*, produced by the donating firm and the Wilson's Creek National Battlefield Foundation.

Gwyneth Swift Mejia - a scrapbook assembled by the donor circa 1960 which contains many newspaper clippings on the Pony Express Centennial.

Cathy Runyan - a book, *Knuckles Down!*, written and autographed by the donor. It is a book about marbles and how to play with them.

Sarah Elder - a poster distributed by the ABC television network depicting "The Young Riders," a series about the Pony Express.

H. Perry Driggs - a book, *The White Indian Boy*, originally written in collaboration with Howard R. Driggs, donor's father, and re-released by donor in 1991.

Harold Ward - *Cram's Superior Reference Atlas of Missouri and the World* and various newspaper clippings found in the book.

Dorothy Slaybaugh Blocker - Clothing belonging to her great-grandmother, Mary Jane Jordan McAllister, December 1831-February 1897.

NEW AND REINSTATED MEMBERS

The board of trustees and staff of both the St. Joseph and Pony Express Museums would like to welcome the following new and reinstated members. We appreciate their interest in the museums and we are very grateful for their support.

James and Karen Graves
Stuart Weyth Campbell
Frank Weaver
Gary E. Hanna
J. H. McCord III

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1100 Charles Street
St. Joseph, Missouri 64501-2874

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Perry Driggs has graciously and enthusiastically given the Pony Express Museum written permission to use the rider silhouette. Mr. Driggs is very pleased that the expansion is taking place, and we are excited that we will be able to share our plans with him.

Perry Driggs has just issued a revision of one of his father's most popular books, *The White Indian Boy*. Written by Pony Express rider, Elijah Nicholas Wilson, in collaboration with Dr. Driggs, the book tells the true story of Nick Wilson's adventurous life. (The book is available in both museum shops.)

There will be an autograph session immediately following the dinner and program. *The White Indian Boy* and *The St. Joe Road* will be available for purchase, at \$12.95 and \$12.00 respectively, or you may bring your personal copies to be autographed.

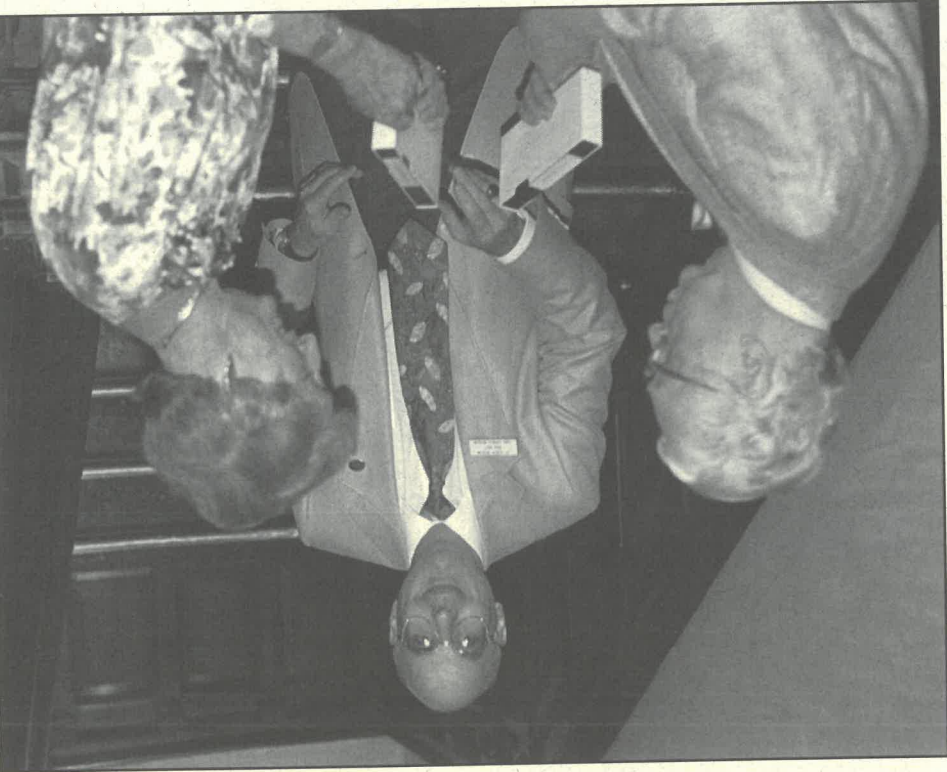
Invitations have been mailed and seating is limited. Please return your reservation by June 15 to the St. Joseph Museum. We look forward to seeing you at the gala celebration for Jackie and Marilyn.

Approximately 150 people attended the wine and cheese reception celebrating the opening of the Wyeth Exhibit on May 7. This was the largest attendance at an exhibit opening in the history of the St. Joseph Museum.

The exhibit was initiated by the generosity of Shirley Wyeth Bradley and Stuart Wyeth Campbell who donated the magnificent lion to the museum. The donors' grandfather, Huston Wyeth, collected the lion in 1923 during an African safari. Until the close of the family business, Wyeth Hardware and Manufacturing Company, the lion had looked out over the entrance of the Wyeth Company office building.

The Wyeth exhibit is an exciting addition to the St. Joseph Museum. It includes photos of the hunt, a miniature saddle that was exhibited in the World's Fair of 1904, Huston Wyeth's engraved Remington 30.06, an African shield, and the world's record trophy won in the 1916 long distance ocean race by Huston Wyeth's yacht, *Boomerang*.

Special thanks go to: Shirley Wyeth Bradley, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Wyeth Campbell, William Wyeth III, Mr. and Mrs. Huston Wyeth, Tom Dale, Max Wyeth, and Mr. and Mrs. Hank Bradley for making the exhibit possible; and to Neal Morris of Murphy's Deli for providing the wine, and Michelle Byers of Park Floral for the flowers and decorations for the reception.



After a brief program at which St. Joseph Museum board president Jim Lehr welcomed the guests, and director Rich Nolf presented Shirley Bradley and Stuart Campbell with a video of the 1923 safari, the exhibit was officially opened.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 6 - Oregon-California Trails Assn., Gateway Chapter, field trip to Topeka.

June 11-13 - St. Joseph Museum, Historic Nebraska field trip.

June 13 - Midland Empire Audubon Society, Blue Bird Trail tour.

June 29 - St. Joseph Archaeological Society pot-luck supper, Krug Park, 6:30 p.m. Call Mike Fisher, president, for more information (232-5738).

For further Museum information call 232-8471

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