

The Happenings

November 1992

Photos by Rhonda Clem

St. Joseph Museum

Pony Express Museum

HISTORY IN THE MAKING

The bright sunshine reflected the smiles of enthusiasm on the faces of the nearly 150 people who attended the ground-breaking ceremony for the proposed Pony Express National Memorial on the afternoon of September 29, 1992.

The guests included several public officials, the members of the boards of trustees of both the St. Joseph and Pony Express Museums, and the entire staff of both museums.

Richard DeShon, president of the board of trustees of the Pony Express Museum, welcomed those in attendance and spoke of the close link between the St. Joseph Pony Express station and other stations along the line to the west.

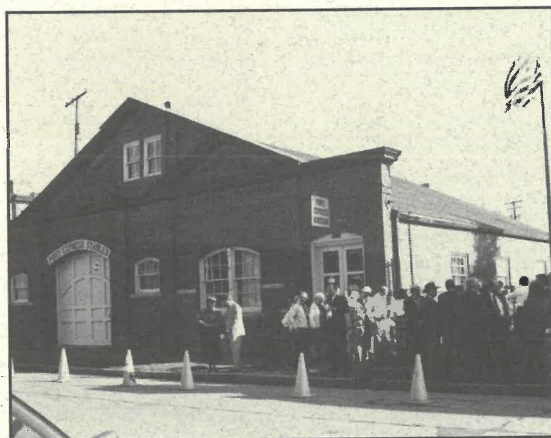
The brief program included a few remarks by Rich Nolf, director of both museums, the opening prayer given by Lee Keith and a few enthusiastic comments from Mayor Glenda Kelly, Presiding Commissioner Tom Mann and Trustee David Oliver.

Each staff member took a turn at breaking the ground on this momentous occasion (see photos below).

As the evening shadows began to fall, everyone moved across the street to Patee Park to enjoy the wonderful barbecue donated and prepared by Monfort Pork.



At the climax of the festivities, Dick and Mignon Goetz DeShon and Bill Carpenter broke ground.

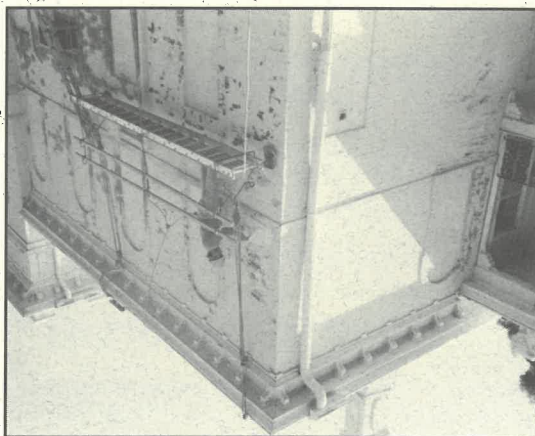


Guests gather in the grassy area just west of the present stables.



FROM THE DIRECTOR...

Some 13 years ago in 1979, the decision was made by the St. Joseph Museum Corporate Board of Trustees to have the exterior of the Carriage House and Pony Express Stables renovated. Although the museum and the carriage house were technically owned by the city, the board knew the city had no money, so, in the best interest of all, they would spend corporate monies to have this restoration completed. It was probably the first complete exterior renovation that had ever been performed on the building. The brick section, which had been added sometime in the 1890s, blended very well with the original section constructed in 1879.



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We knew that a review of the renovation should take place in 10 years as exterior upkeep is a constant problem in this climate. Last fall when we discovered that some of the sandstone veneer was starting to separate, we called Jim Halsey of Mid-Continental Restoration Co., Inc., (MCR) based out of Ft. Scott, Kansas. MCR did the work thirteen years ago. They have restored numerous other historic buildings in town and have an excellent reputation in dealing with historic buildings.

Jim Halsey prepared a bid for renovating the exterior of the St. Joseph Museum and the Carriage House and renovation began on September 16. Since then the exterior of both buildings has been thoroughly washed with a high pressure water. After scratching, chipping and scraping of loose debris, the surface was retucked, pointed, grouted and caulked. A prime coat of paint was applied to all surfaces. Painting to seal the surface is taking place now. All the trim is being painted and then a textured seal coating with some kind of sand or aggregate is being applied over the entire exterior.

It is important to remember that this building is as much an artifact in itself as the thousands of artifacts it houses. Therefore, the building should be cared for, for future generations.

ST. JOSEPH & PONY EXPRESS MUSEUM

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PONY EXPRESS, INC., SPREADS THE WORD ON NAP TAX CREDITS

Forty local, legal and financial professionals attended a seminar on September 30 sponsored by Pony Express, Inc. The two-part program was presented by Barney White, vice president for taxes at Kansas City Life Insurance Company, and George Bittner, vice president of Finance at The Greater Kansas City Community Foundation.

Mr. White spoke about the Missouri Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP). NAP extends state tax credits to businesses that contribute to charitable community projects. Businesses eligible for this tax credit include all corporations, partnerships, individual partners, sole proprietors, Sub-Chapter S Corporations and their shareholders. Individuals with business-related income may also qualify.

"NAP seems almost too good to be true," said Mr. White. "Up to 50 percent of the value of a contribution can be held as credit on your state tax. Also, a credit not used in the year a donation is made can be carried forward as many as five years. In most cases only one form is required and turnaround takes only about two months."

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Trustee Craig Sumner, CPA (at podium) introduces guest speaker, Barney White (far left). Bob Simpson is seated in center.

Pony Express, Inc., is allowed to award up to \$375,000 in tax credits for capital campaign contributors; so far, about half of that figure has been obligated and \$187,500 remains to be tapped through 1993. Qualifying contributions are not limited to cash.

Items such as stock, material and equipment and personnel time may also be eligible for tax credits.

Other St. Joseph agencies to which certain contributions are eligible for NAP credits are: Area Ministers for Christ, Main Street St. Joseph, Inc., Military Heritage Society and Museum, MO-KAN Regional Food Bank, Neighborhood Housing Services, St. Joseph Development Corporation, and United Cerebral Palsy.

Heidi Hornaday

PONY EXPRESS, INC. FUNDING UPDATE

Pony Express, Inc., gratefully acknowledges the following individuals, businesses and organizations for their generous contributions to the Pony Express Museum Restoration and Expansion Project.

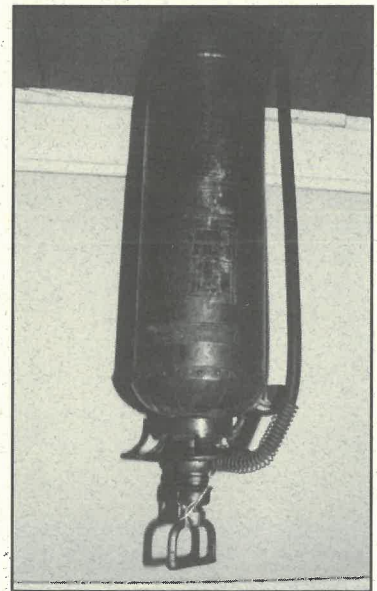
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RECENT DONATIONS

Donna Coy Clifford - a Commencement program for a combined commencement of the Junior College and Benton, Central and Lafayette High Schools that occurred on May 28, 1931

Bobby Sipes - an archaeological collection accumulated in Holt County, Missouri.

Jason DeVooght - a fire extinguisher with the label reading, "Wyeth Hardware & Mfg. Co.—St. Joseph, Mo." (below)



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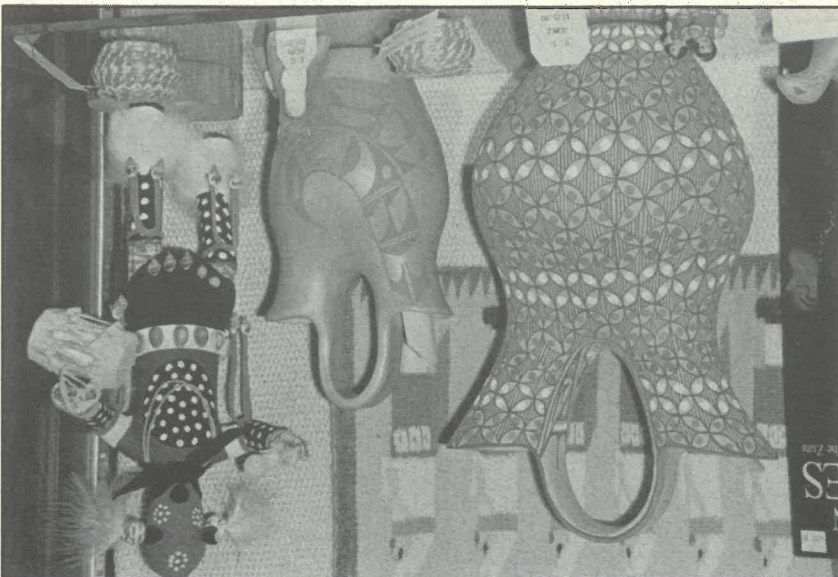
Janet Manuel - a book, *Pictorial St. Joseph, Mo., "The Place To Live, To Visit, To Trade,"* c. 1910.

Beverly Thornton - a funeral card for "Baby Teegarten...Feb. 17, 1890" and a funeral notice for "Mrs. Catherine Mason...May 24, 1891."

Sarah Elder - audio tape, "The Touch," by the singing group Alabama, recorded 8-92 on this tape. The last song on one side is entitled "Pony Express."

Ralph Grier - a cast iron working forge from "Candy Otto Mfg. Co.—Chicago Heights ILL USA."

SHOP TALK

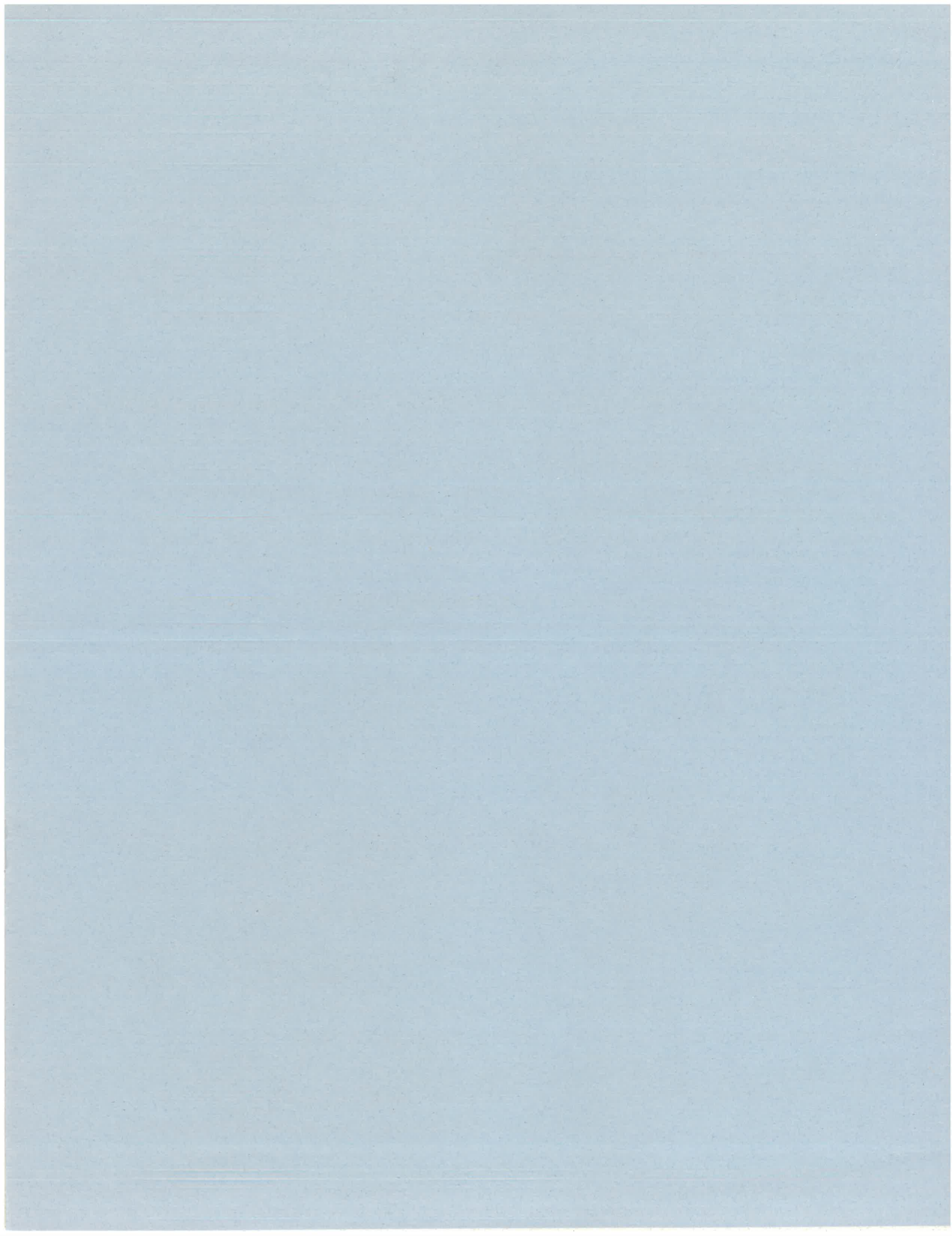


A collection of authentic Native American pottery and kachina dolls has just arrived at the St. Joseph Museum shop. These kachinas are particularly good pieces of Native American art in a wide variety of affordable sizes. The museum is fortunate to have a supplier who personally selects our pieces for us from the artists themselves. This gives the artists a chance to market their work, as well as allowing us to provide our visitors with a chance to own a truly traditional work of Native American art.

Also, be sure to keep the St. Joseph and Pony Express Museum shops in mind this coming season. We would be happy to help you select from our collections of unusual jewelry, original Papago baskets or perhaps one of our locally flavored history books. Members receive a 10% discount on all gift shop purchases.



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OCTOBER 4, 1992

DEAR FRIEND. . . .

IT IS ALMOST TIME FOR THE 1992 NEW YORK MARATHON AND YOUR CHANCE TO PARTICIPATE IS AT HAND. THIS YEAR I WILL AGAIN RUN THE FULL 26+ MILES, AND WITH YOUR HELP WE CAN "GO THE DISTANCE" FOR THE PONY EXPRESS NATIONAL MEMORIAL.

ENCLOSED ARE MATERIALS TELLING YOU ALL ABOUT THE GREAT PLANS TO EXPAND ON THE LIFE AND LEGEND OF THE PONY EXPRESS IN ST. JOSEPH, AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY, SHARE WITH YOU SOME OF THE BENEFITS FOR OUR COMMUNITY.

IN BRIEF, NOT ONLY WILL THE NUMBER OF VISITORS INCREASE FROM 40,000 PER YEAR TO 100,000, BUT NEARLY 70 NEW JOBS WILL BE ADDED TO OUR MARKET AREA. AN ECONOMIC WATERSHED WILL BE EXPERIENCED THROUGHOUT NORTHWEST MISSOURI, AND THIS CITY WILL BECOME EVEN MORE WELL KNOWN FOR THE ROLE IT PLAYED IN THE WESTWARD EXPANSION AND FOR THE INNOVATIVE MAIL SERVICE WHICH CANNOT BE MATCHED BY ANY CITY, CULTURE OR CIVILIZATION IN THE WORLD. THE PONY EXPRESS NATIONAL MEMORIAL WILL ASSURE OUR PLACE IN HISTORY.

HERE IS HOW YOU CAN "GO THE DISTANCE" WITH ME. . .

ON NOVEMBER 1ST I WILL ATTEMPT TO COMPLETE THE 26 MILE NEW YORK MARATHON. WITH A BIT OF LUCK YOU MAY EVEN SEE ME ON T.V. I AM ASKING THAT YOU PLEDGE A MINIMUM OF \$26.00 (ONE DOLLAR PER MILE). YOUR CHECK SHOULD BE MADE OUT TO THE "PONY EXPRESS NATIONAL MEMORIAL." I WILL GIVE YOU A FULL REPORT ON MY MARATHON RESULTS AND COLLECT YOUR DONATION AFTER I RETURN FROM THE BIG APPLE. AS A SPECIAL BONUS I WILL CARRY YOUR NAME WITH ME AS I RUN THE BIG RACE.

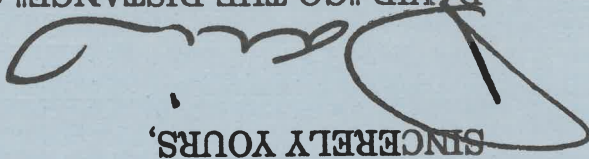
YOUR NAME WILL BE INCLUDED ON A PLAQUE WITH ALL THE OTHER NEW YORK MARATHON DONORS AND PLACED SOMEWHERE IN THE NEW PONY EXPRESS NATIONAL MEMORIAL. IF YOU CAN PARTICIPATE, PLEASE INDICATE BELOW AND RETURN THIS LETTER TO ME. THANKS!

YES, COUNT ME IN. . .

(name)

I PLEDGE \$ _____

SINCERELY YOURS,

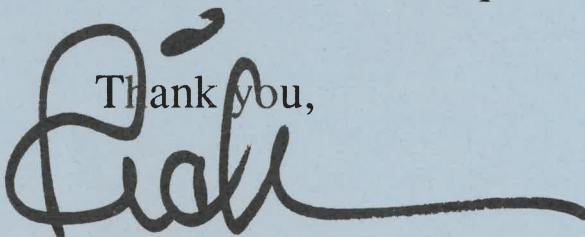


DAVID "GO THE DISTANCE" OLIVER

David Oliver serves as treasurer of Pony Express, Inc. Professionally, he is Vice President for Chronic Care Services at Heartland West. David is a person who is really committed to the Pony Express Restoration and Expansion Project. So much so, that on his own, he created the document on the left and mailed it, with case statements, to a large number of his friends and colleagues. You may have already received one. I was so impressed with his desire to support the Pony Express National Memorial that I wanted to share with you the opportunity to support David as he runs the New York Marathon.

If you would like to have your name included as one of the New York Marathon donors contributing to the Pony Express National Memorial, please fill out the form below. **Your check should be made out to Pony Express, Inc. and mailed to P.O. Box 244, St. Joseph, MO 64502-0244.** Please include your full name and address. We will acknowledge your donation/pledge to David.

The staff and board congratulate David on his enthusiasm and support him in his marathon.

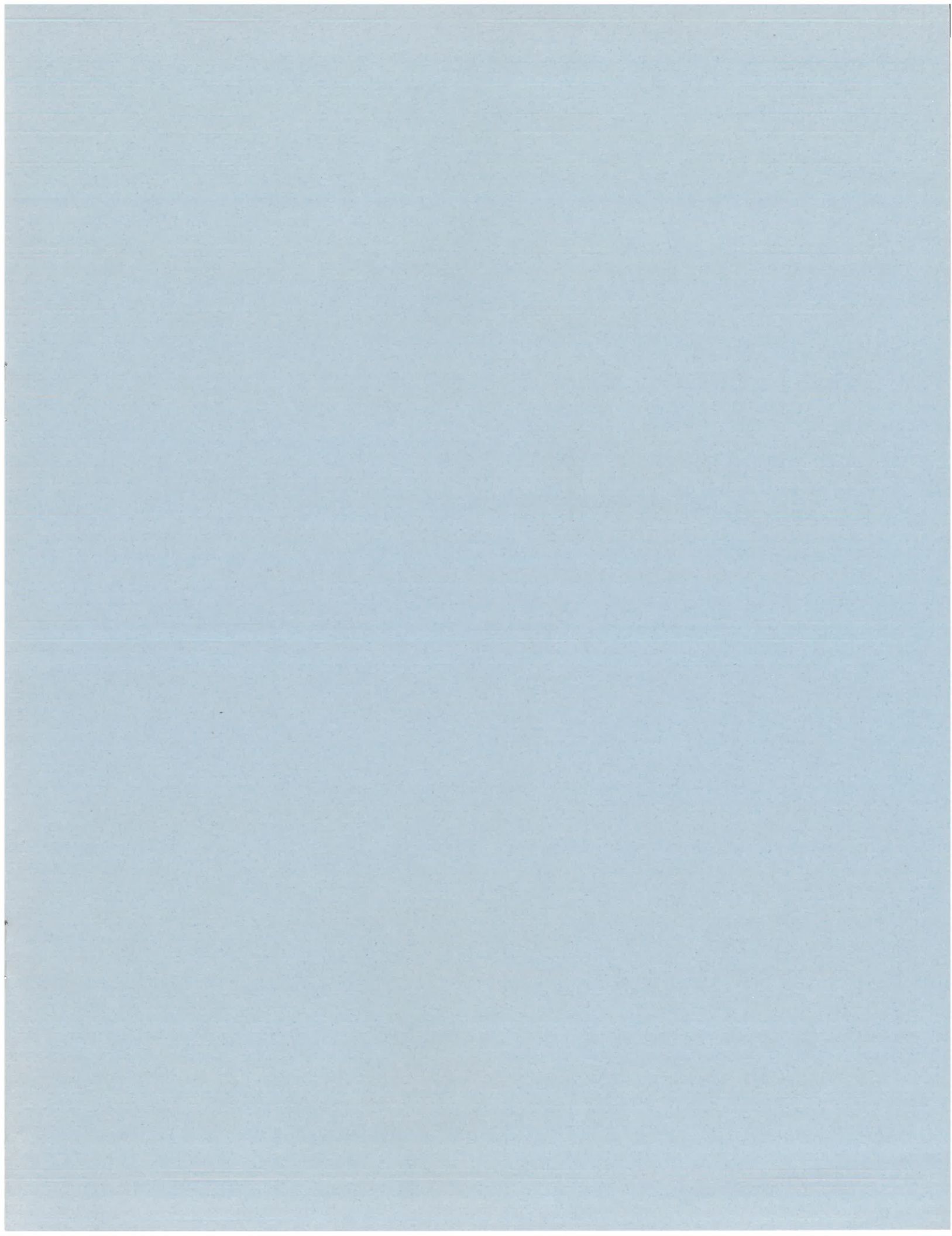
Thank you,

Rich

_____ YES, COUNT ME IN I PLEDGE \$ _____

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Fred Slater, William Wiley, Veda Propherter and Ann Slater exit Cedar Crest. The mansion was built in 1928 by Frank MacLennan. His Scottish ancestry is evident throughout the mansion by the implementation of the Scotch thistle design in the oak woodwork. The mansion has been the home of Kansas Governors since the late 50s.

LAND OF AHS FIELD TRIP

Reva Rocha



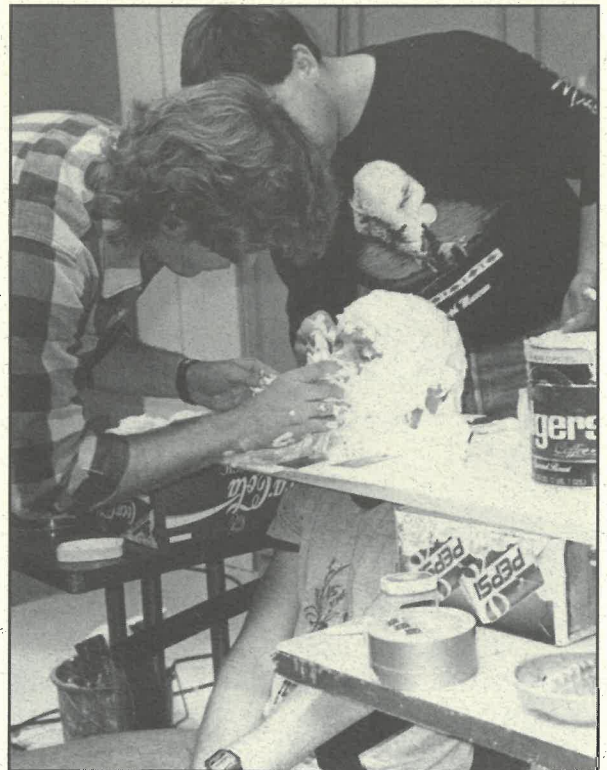
The "Land of Ahs" field trip participants pause for a photograph outside the Kansas Museum of History. The Indian Mission School is seen in the background. Participants were (back row from left) Fred and Ann Slater, Glen and Dorothy Smith, Mike Zombory and William Wiley. (front) Roseanne Mytton, Regina Lorenz, Lucille Murrell, Mary Adams, Jane Pertain, Leola Nicholas, Oliver and Veda Propherter, Mildred Zombory and Rosemary Ingle. Camera shy Florence Wiley is hiding!

SEE WHAT IS NEW AT THE ST. JOSEPH MUSEUM

A new exhibit is opening at the St. Joseph Museum just in time for the holidays. The second floor mini gallery (home of the Wyeth Lion) is the location for the special staff art exhibit, featuring different media including paintings, prints, drawings, ceramics and photography all done by staff members of the St. Joseph and Pony Express Museums.

All of the participants have not been confirmed as of this writing, so we encourage you to stop by to see the new exhibit and see for yourself who was brave enough to take on this artistic endeavor!

Rhonda Clem



What are these guys doing? Well we can't tell you everything here, but if you come to the St. Joseph Museum to see the staff art show you may find the answer.

MUSEUM CONTRIBUTES TO SESQUICENTENNIAL

St. Joseph will celebrate its 150th year in 1993. On July 26, 1843, Joseph Robidoux had the plat for the town filed with the state. Prior to that time our area was known as Blacksnake Hills. Mayor Kelly asked that a committee be formed to coordinate sesquicentennial activities and various groups within the city are planning activities.

The St. Joseph Museum's contribution to the sesquicentennial is a special teacher's guide and traveling exhibit which will be available to the elementary teachers in St. Joseph. In addition to an outline of the history of St. Joseph's formative years intended to provide teacher background, the guide contains activities, work sheets and map exercises for children. Another offering is a special traveling exhibit which not only provides the student with a visual history of St. Joseph's founding, but also encourages student interaction with "touch" artifacts, a guessing game and a specially designed board game. The traveling exhibit can be scheduled in 1993, from January through December. The teacher's guide will be available after November 1, 1992. Teachers may receive a copy of the guide and/or reserve the traveling exhibit by contacting the St. Joseph Museum.

Jackie A. Lewin

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Robbie Sipes, curator of exhibits, puts the final touches on the traveling exhibit.

VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS

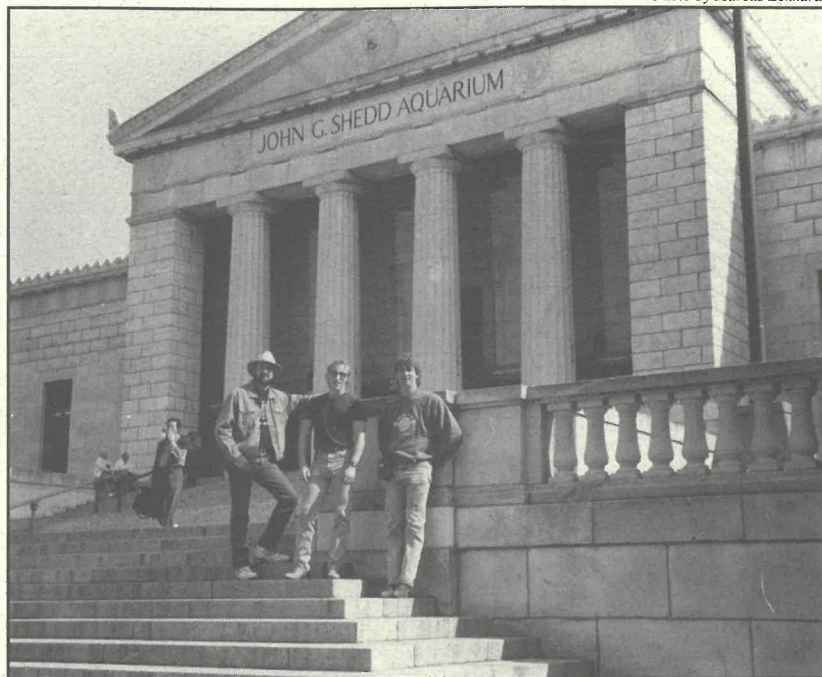
The St. Joseph Museum is once again hosting the Victorian Christmas Ornament Workshop on Saturday, November 14. Children ages 8 through 12 (grades 3 - 7) are invited to make four ornaments that will be used to decorate the Christmas tree at the Governor's mansion. Each child will also receive as a gift an ornament that they make.

Missouri Mansion Preservation, Inc., is a nonpartisan, tax exempt organization that raises private funds for the mansions continuing restoration and preservation. A \$10 registration fee which goes directly to MMPI covers the cost of materials as well as assists the organization in its continuing efforts.

Registration deadline is Friday, November 6. Make checks payable to Missouri Mansion Preservation, Inc. and mail to the Museum.

Robert and Donna Carr, their son Robbie and canine companion Jana enjoy the beautiful fall day as they take part in the second annual walkswalk cohosted by the St. Joseph Museum and the Family YMCA. One hundred seventy one "registered" walkers participated in the historic St. Joseph walkswalk on October 3.





Scott Koch, David Mead and Robbie Sipes visited the John G. Shedd Aquarium in Chicago, enroute to the 1992 Midwest Museums Conference, held in Milwaukee in September. New exhibits at the Aquarium include the Oceanarium, the world's largest indoor marine mammal pavilion. The Oceanarium features the northwest coast habitat, complete with sea otters, dolphins and beluga whales. While in Chicago, museum staff also visited the Museum of Science and Industry.

STAFF MEMBERS ATTEND CONFERENCE

The 1992 Midwest Museums Conference was the 65th annual gathering of museum professionals from Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin. The conference consisted of programs and workshops pertaining to various aspects of museum administration, programming and operation. Field trips to local museums and behind-the-scenes tours were of special interest as Milwaukee is home to the outstanding Milwaukee Public Museum, which ranks as one of the top six natural history museums in the United States today.

Did you know . . .

St. Joseph will be 150
years old on July 26, 1993?

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.

Rosemary Ingle
of Gower, Mo.

Charlene Haley
of St. Joseph, Mo.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 7 - Midland Empire Audubon Society Bird Seed Sale at Butler's Old Mill from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

November 14 - Midland Empire Audubon Society "Bluff Woods Rock Walk." Meet at 8 a.m. at South Long John Silver's parking lot.

November 14 - Victorian Christmas Ornament Workshop, 1 to 3:30 p.m.

November 17 - Oregon - California Trails Association - Gateway Chapter, 7:00 p.m., Robidoux Row Museum, 3rd and Poulin.

November 21 - Midland Empire Audubon Society "Waterfowl Watching" by Mike Callo. 7:00 p.m. at Missouri Western St. College, Rm 102, Learning Resource Center.

November 26 - Thanksgiving. Both Museums closed.

November 30 - St. Joseph Archaeological Society meeting, 7:30 p.m., Bank of St. Joseph (basement) Faraon St. and Woodbine Road. For more information call Mike Fisher, society president, 232-5738.

For more museum information call 232-8471

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