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Music Lovers Enjoy a Day Featuring Local Bands at the Wyeth-Tootle Mansion

Nearly 240 visitors gathered to hear live music during "Music at the Mansion" on December 29. The event showcased the talents of nine musical groups including: Shut Up and Love It, For the Sound, Matthew Coman, Brean Reiley, The Souveneers, Under the Big Oak Tree, The Regents, Eyelit, and Scruffy and the Janitors. The event was co-sponsored by the St. Joseph Museum and

Wyeth-Tootle Mansion volunteers. Mansion volunteer Dansare Marks organized the musical acts and helped with the advertising while other volunteers took admission and made it possible for visitors to have refreshments during the day-long concert. "Music at the Mansion" was a fundraiser, with proceeds going towards the interior restoration of an upstairs room in the Wyeth-Tootle Mansion. We would like to extend our gratitude to all of the musicians and other volunteers who gave of their time and talents to make the day a success.

Event organizer Dansare Marks played a set with her band Eyelit in the Louis XVI parlor of the Mansion.

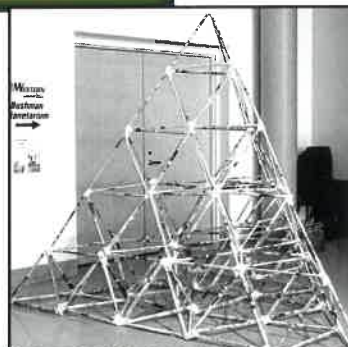


Top Left: Travis Unzicker, Elias and Irene Pourladian, Lauren Unzicker, and MacKenzie and Adam Norton came to enjoy "Music at the Mansion."

Audience for Super Science Saturday Continues to Grow

Over 1,200 participants took turns trying all kinds of experiments at Super Science Saturday in February, setting a new record for attendance. The event marked the 13th year that the St. Joseph Museum and Missouri Western State University have co-sponsored the day-long event. Science instructor Rich Piper of Union Star High School joined other high school science instructors and MWSU professors in supervising the experiments. He and his student volunteers added a new series of activities including the anti-gravity mirror experiment, the sound sandwich, and the building of a Tetrahedron Tower. The MWSU Bio Bus was on hand and gave students the opportunity to extract DNA from strawberries. Super Science Saturday is designed to get students excited about math and science and is always held the Saturday before the Super Bowl.

Vincent Brushwood, age 7, was one of the many children who made a triangle out of newspapers to help build a tetrahedron tower.



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Come and explore Abilene, Kansas, starting with lunch on a 100 year old train. Next, make a visit to the Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum complex, featuring a special exhibition honoring the 50th anniversary of the Library. Then, it's on to Hutchinson, Kansas, to visit the top-rated attractions in the State beginning with the amazing shows and exhibits at the Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center. Where would you expect to find the actual costumes and artifacts from famous Hollywood movies? At the Underground Salt Mine Museum of course, where the conditions are just right for preservation. Are you a nature lover? The Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve is the perfect place to experience the natural wonders of the Flint Hills, as well as the largest untouched prairie in the U.S. featuring an astonishing variety of life. Also in this area is the Spring Hill Farm and Stock Ranch with an 1881 Second Empire style home built of hand-cut limestone. With great meals and views of the inside and outside of our Earth, this trip has it all! We will leave from the St. Joseph Museum on Wednesday, July 10, at 8 a.m. and return on Friday, July 12, at 5:30 p.m. The all-inclusive cost is \$390 for museum members and \$410 for non-members. Pre-paid reservations are due by June 15, and reservations can be made by calling 816.232.8471.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

May 31 - "Life in State Lunatic Asylum No. 2" - Glore Psychiatric Museum, 3406 Frederick Ave., 6 p.m. - Using never before seen photographs and documents from the Glore's archives, St. Joseph Museum Staff Assistant Amber Nold will share the story of the daily life of patients and staff. The program will include information on how archival documents are preserved for research purposes and how she gathers oral histories from those with firsthand knowledge of the State Hospital. **Admission: Free**

June 7 - Sept. 3. - Homeland: Northeast Missouri and The Sac and Fox Journey Home - Traveling Exhibit - St. Joseph Museum, 3406 Frederick Ave., Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, 1 to 5 p.m. Sun. This traveling exhibit focuses on one Sac and Fox legend that explains their sacred relationship to all creation. The Sac and Fox exhibit is part of a larger project undertaken by the Missouri Humanities Council to increase knowledge of Missouri's Native American history. **Admission: Regular Admission Fee**

June 8 - Iconography Tours of Mount Mora Cemetery - 824 Mount Mora Road - Tours will be held at 1:30, 2:30, & 3:30 p.m. - Join in a walking tour of the interesting and unique icons of the tombstones in Mount Mora Cemetery. **Tickets are \$8 per person & space is limited to 20 visitors per tour. Tickets must be purchased in advance and they are available at the St. Joseph Museum admission desk at 3406 Frederick Avenue. The tours will be held rain or shine.**

June 24 - 27 - "Let's Go St. Joe" Children's Camp - This St. Joseph history camp will be held for students in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades. **Please call the St. Joseph Museum at 816.232.8471 for more information or to make a reservation. The fee for the camp is \$45 per student.**

June 14 - Golden Age of St. Joseph Patron's Party - Wyeth-Tootle Mansion, 1100 Charles Street, 6 p.m., \$75 per person - Paid reservations required. Please call the St. Joseph Museum at 816.232.8471 to make a reservation.

July 18 - "It is Very Plain: Missourians are Funny People" Program - This is a presentation about the character and nature of Missourians. Hear Dr. Frank Nickell of the Department of History at Southeast Missouri State University share the stories of making a living in Missouri, which he asserts was often difficult and that life in the Show-Me State was sometimes harsh. Missourians, he believes, responded to these realities with a sense of humor. Nickell contends that Missourians laughed a lot, often at themselves, and that laughter and humor enabled hardworking farmers, miners, and woodsmen to accept the backbreaking labor that confronted them on a daily basis. He draws his title from President Harry Truman's autobiography, *Plain Speaking*, and uses stories from family histories, oral interviews, court records, and published histories to illustrate his point. **Admission: Free**