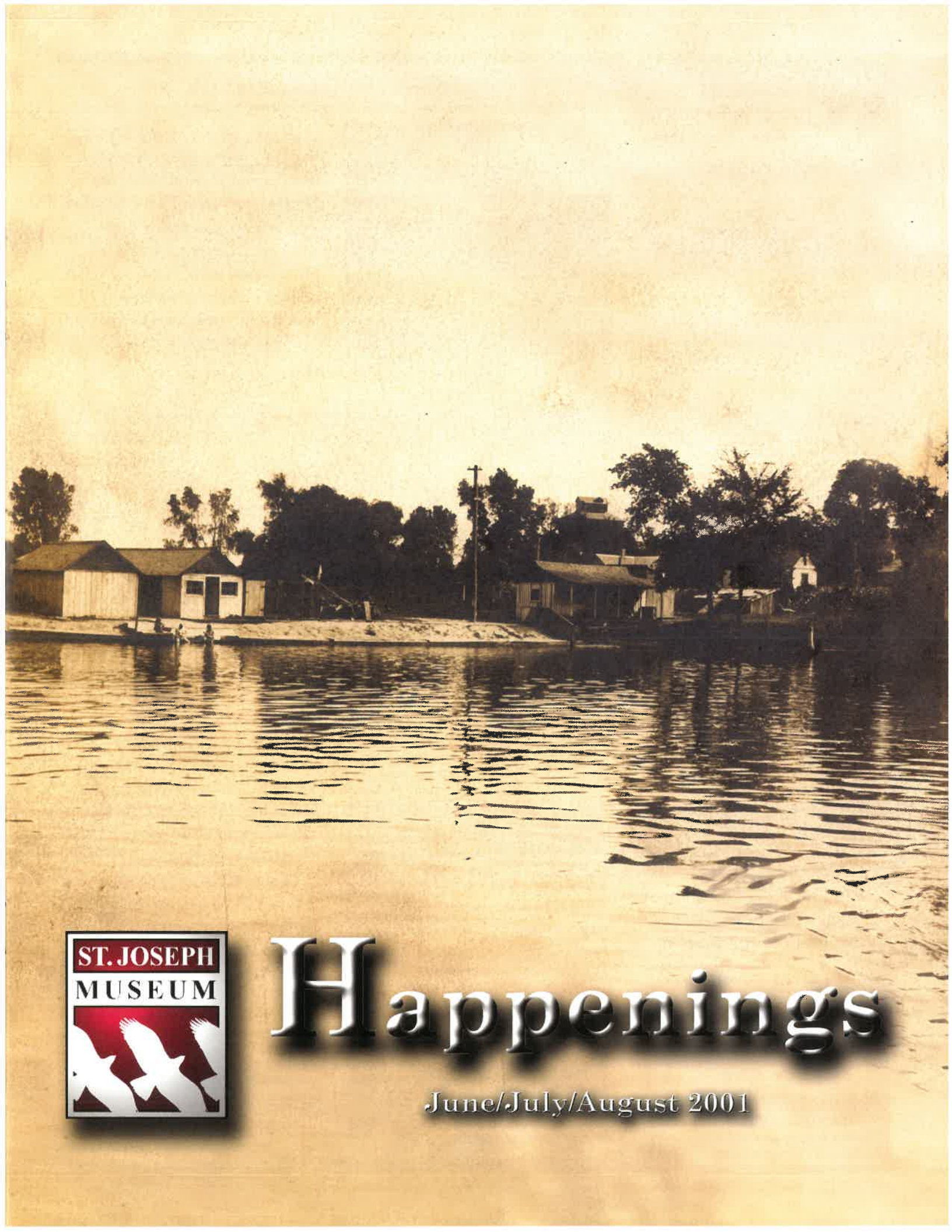




Happenings

June/July/August 2001

EVENTS

ALBERTO C. MELONI IS NEW DIRECTOR

The Trustees and Staff welcome Alberto C. Meloni to the St. Joseph Museum. On July 1, 2001, he became the fourth Director of the 74-year-old institution. Before coming to St. Joseph, Alberto served as Director of the Institute for American Indian Studies in Washington, Connecticut.

THANK YOU, WILLIAM T. KEMPER FOUNDATION



Joe Houts, Community Development Officer of Commerce Bank, presents a \$3,000 donation from

the William T. Kemper Foundation - Commerce Bank Trustee. The donation is in support of the "Feathers and Furs" Storyliving Program which will be available to St. Joseph schools in 2002. Accepting the check are Alberto Meloni, Director and Jackie Lewin, Curator of History.

EDWARD Y. BARLOW RECEIVES MAPA'S CHAPMAN AWARD

On April 28, 2001, Ed Barlow received the Carl and Eleanor Chapman Award, the Missouri Association of Professional Archaeologists highest honor for avocational archaeology. This Award was named for Carl H. Chapman (for many years the authority of Missouri archaeology) and for his wife, Eleanor (for numerous years the illustrator of *The Missouri Archaeologist* and of various other books relating to the archaeology of the State). The Award is presented to avocational archaeologists who have made outstanding contributions to the archaeology of the State of Missouri.

Ed has been a staunch supporter of Missouri archaeology for over half a century. Nearing retirement, about 13 years ago, he became very actively involved with the St. Joseph Museum. Ed, along with Bonnie Watkins and Mike Fisher, designed and built a permanent exhibit depicting an archaeological excavation. Since then, Ed



Photo caption: L. to R.: Jim Feagins has just presented the prestigious Chapman Award to Ed Barlow. Both Jim and Ed are adjunct staff members of the St. Joseph Museum.

has helped co-direct the Museum's excavations at the site of the Pony Express stables and at the Robidoux fur trading post. During most of the last decade, he has volunteered one day a week to catalogue and curate the archaeological collections at the Museum. Congratulations, Ed, for a well-deserved honor.



COLLECTIONS

“Bathing Costumes” of the Early 1900S

Fashions change. In the early 1900s, men’s swimsuits looked like this one donated to the St. Joseph Museum by Glen Setzer. Donor records indicate that it was used around 1910.

The suit is wool which means it is heavy when wet - some suits weighed as much as nine pounds. However, wool was popular since it held in body heat. The suit in the picture has a skirt over the legs. Proper swimsuit etiquette required that men have a skirt that went all the way around the waist. It was also frowned upon for men to show their chests.

Casino Park written on the front of the suit refers to The Lake Casino which opened in 1900 at Lake Contrary. Although today the word casino makes one think of gambling, in the early 1900s casino meant “varied entertainment.” The Casino was a large theater, but it also had boat docks and a swimming area. Perhaps the swimsuit or “bathing costume” was worn by a lifeguard at the Casino Park beach..



RECENT DONATIONS TO THE COLLECTIONS

Abraham Margolin - An antique square grand piano made by Chickering around 1845. The piano is made of mahogany with a rosewood veneer.

Clare R. Welsh - Additional photographs of St. Joseph City Council Members, city employees, and other events relating to the city of St. Joseph.

Jerry & Jackie Lewin - A basket made by the Papago Indians in 2001.

TRASH or TREASURE: ANTIQUA APPRAISA DAY

On May 19th, the St. Joseph Museum held its first antique appraisal day. Appraiser Carolyn Peterson, assisted by Jockey Smock, met with 160 visitors who brought items to the Museum to be identified and to receive an approximate value.

Among the items appraised were photos, lamps, figurines, glassware, jewelry, and furniture. It was an interesting and fun day for all.

THANK YOU to SONY ELECTRONICS!

Sony Electronics, Inc. recently donated an LCD Projector to the St. Joseph Museum. The projector is used to show PowerPoint computer-generated programs for public presentations. The projector has already been put to use in Lewis and Clark and St. Joe Road Programs. Additional PowerPoint presentations are being planned. Our sincere appreciation goes to Sony Electronics for their support. Thanks to Sony's donation, we can use the latest technology to develop interesting and informative programs.

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CALENDAR of EVENTS

Monday, September 3	Labor Day	Museum is open 1-5 p.m.
Wednesday, September 5	A Titanic Adventure Field Trip	9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Saturday, September 22	Preservation, Inc., Homes Tour	9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Monday, October 8	Columbus Day	Museum is open 1-5 p.m.
Sunday, November 11	Veterans' Day	Museum is open 1-5 p.m.
Thursday, November 22	Thanksgiving Day	Museum is closed
Thursday, November 29	Lighting Ceremony	6-8 p.m.

PROGRAMS

July 3	Missouri Pilots Association	Lewis & Clark
July 11	Sunrise Optimists	Lewis & Clark
July 18	Wesley Center	Oregon Trail Trunk
July 25	Washington Park Library	Native Americans
July 26	Wesley Center	Wolves
August 9	American Business Women's Association	Oregon Trail Trunk
August 16	Wesley Center	Bears
August 22	River Barge Excursions	Lewis & Clark and St. Joe Road
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