

April 1-3rd, 2010 will celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Pony Express

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Here comes the Pony again.....the great race against time.

The story of the Pony Express has continued to fascinate Americans since Johnny Fry left St. Joseph April 3, 1860, heading west to Sacramento, CA. This relay mail service will celebrate 150 years on April 3, 2010. The Pony Express Museum is planning events on April 1, 2, & 3 2010 at the Museum and Patee Park, located at 914 Penn Street St Joseph, MO.

Details for this event include Parade, DAR rededication along with winner announcement of Buffalo Bill Look-Alike contest. A train robbery, bank robbery and other re-enactments are scheduled for April 2 and 3 in Patee Park located at 914 Penn St. directly across from the museum. A Patron's party is planned on April 2, 2010. The main event will be on April 3, 2010 as riders and celebrity riders take mail as re-rides to 10th street, Pony Express Post Office. The finale for events on April 3, 2010 will be a Michael Martin Murphy Concert at Civic arena. Details will post to the website as completed.

Please find enclosed Pony Express Quick Facts, brochure of the museum, schedule of events at this time, and a few fascinating facts about St Joseph, MO.

"No event In American History has captured the imagination of young and old alike, more then the excitement created by those young riders and their horses, as they rode across the western half of our continent. We hope to capture some of that excitement when we celebrate that first ride during our sesquicentennial celebration in 2010" says Dick DeShon, Board President.

The community has supported the Museum through fundraising events, Pumpkinfest, Tuesday Night Talks, Day Camp and other educational events. M. Karl Goetz believed in preserving the "legacy and the legend" and his family has carried on the tradition for many years. He was the President of M.K.Goetz Brewing Co., which created the Goetz Foundation that purchased the stables from a roofing company in 1950. The building was in a state of disrepair and the south half had to be demolished before restoration started. Mignon Goetz-DeShon is his daughter.

The Central Overland and California Pikes Peak Express Company carried letters and telegrams for 19 months proving the train and pony with riders could make the trip over 1,966 miles in 10-14 days. The Pony Express story is interpreted daily for visitors at 914 Penn Street and preserved are many great exhibits.

Jim Conlon, SESCO Co-Chairman, stated, "The sound of the cannon, the cry of the first rider and the galloping horse as they speed into the sunset urged on by cheering crowds...the entire family will not want to miss where it all began."

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The Pony Express National Museum opened its doors in 1959, site of original stables and rededicated new exhibits on April 3, 1993 doubling the size of the museum. Since then another community room was added on for expansion of space for tours, and educational events hosted by the museum. The Board of Trustees is proud of the work at the museum and keeps it open 361 days of the year. Come see exactly where Johnny Fry left and headed west on the trail. It was against the odds of perils on the trail, Indians and weather for all Riders. Visit the Pony Bob story, the most daring ride; 380 miles in 36 hours. Be a part of history, as riders will carry Commemorative Letters in a Mochila, Pony Express style, to the Pony Express Post Office on April 3, 2010. Purchases will be available on line and through the Gift Shop.