THE OSAGE TIMELINE
Exhibited At Museum during
Mission Days, 2007. This exhibit expands from years 650 to March, 2007. Researched and developed by the Osage Tribal Museum, Pawhuska, OK, it gives in detail the life of the Osage Indians and includes the Osage Catholic Mission founded along the Verdigris & Neosho River. (St. Paul, KS.) A manual labor
school for boys established by the Jesuits and a department for girls by the Sisters of Loretta. Highest recorded enrollment was 239. Thanks to Katherine RedCorn, Lou Brock, James Elsberry, Jr. and Pauline Allred for Compiling this informative Osage Timeline.

MUSEUM'S YOUNG VOLUNTEER
School dismissed for the summer. Regan Albertini, a fifth grade student, came to the Museum to volunteer her services. Two to three days a week, she completed daily tasks. Regan took it one step further. She and some friends set up a lemonade stand on Main Street. All proceeds were donated to the Museum. We thank you and hope to see you next year. You are special and hope your example will insight others.

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS
Who have contributed, time, financial assistance, artifacts and others tasks that keep the organization moving forward.

MUSEUM'S NEW ADDITION
Harness and Blacksmith Shop
A 30' X 36' building has been completed on the Museum grounds. We have run out of space in the main building and in need of reducing items in storage. One side of the building will display blacksmith shop items. George Paine moved to St. Paul in 1912 and later purchased a blacksmith shop on present day Second Street. He served in WWI 1918-1919, returned to St. Paul and reopened his blacksmith shop adding a welding service. One side of the building will display harness shop items. In 1891, Joe Sork established a harness shop in the "old Mouser" building in Osage Mission. In 1904 he took employment in the Null Harness Shop. In 1908 Joe Sork and W. W. Graves purchased Henry Null's harness shop. Joe Sork managed the shop under the name of Sork & CO. Assorted tools and items from the early days will also be displayed.

New Addition To Museum Grounds

Museum Website: Visit us at www.osagemission.org
GROUPS VISITING MUSEUM
Osage Mission Retirement Village, St. Paul; Harvest House, St. Paul and Erie, KS; Senior Class, 3rd and 5th Grades, St. Paul; Tara VanLeeuwen and Nick Smith’s after senior graduation gathering of families and friends; Cleo O’Brien family gathering; St. Paul; Chanute grade school.

BUS TOUR VISITS MUSEUM
Chick’N and Pick’N, Walnut, KS, organized a busload of 45 people from Colwich, KS, to spend an afternoon at the Museum. Time was spent touring the exhibits. Lunch was catered and people were entertained with music by the Chick’N and Pick’N Band for an enjoyable afternoon.

NEW MUSEUM ACQUISITIONS
Buck Saw, donated by Lyle Casey; WWII Trench Digger and 100 year old Platform Rocker, donated by Cleo O’Brien; 1903 unabridged Dictionary on it’s iron ornamental stand, donated by David and Margaret Atkinson; Early Kodak Camera and a Swallow-Tail Coat worn by Olive Casey’s father, donated by Olive Casey family; Signs, pictures, and items from Grillot Bros. Station, donated by Eddie Grillot family; roll of corn planter wire, donated by Ken Heilman; 15’ x 11’ oval crocheted rug, hand made in the 1940’s, and two braided rugs, donated by Dan Willson; Mystery purse, (how does it open?) donated by Gale Rogers; Metal Walking Plow, donated by David Richardson; Button Hook and Tea Kettle, donated by Teresa Ward; Foreign Coin Collection, donated by Mickey Walker; Oster Stim*U*Lax electric massager used by barbers, donated by Loretta Hofer; two Cow Bells, donated by Jean Dunavan and Dan Willson. Dress Forms and Stands, donated by St. Paul High School; An assortment of newspaper clippings, post cards, brochures, pictures and books, donated by Katherine Fasken and Loretta Hofer.

DISCOVERING OUR ROOTS
St. Paul’s First Drug Store.
Four sisters residing in four different states had their years of planning to visit their family roots in St. Paul come true in September 2007. The sisters, Shirley Muckenhalter of Lee’s Summit, MO, Sherrill Black, Omaha, NE, Sharon Augello, Westerville, OH and Sylvia Smith, Morrison, CO brought many pictures and history. Their grandparents Edward and Gertrude Hentzen-Thielen opened the first drug store in St. Paul in approximately 1914-15, located on the north side of Main Street. Edward also brought the first soda fountain to St. Paul. Gertrude was the daughter of C. P. and Maggie O’Grady-Hentzen. As they entered the Museum, the sisters spotted a small table & chairs. Their first words, in surprise were, “that came from grandfathers drug store”. They pulled out the original pictures of the table and chairs, the inside of drug store, of relatives, and the Thielen house in St. Paul. It is on present day Third Street. Many will remember judge John O’Brien living there. Ed Powers purchased the drug store from Ed Thielen then sold it including tables and chairs to Dr. W. A. Kenny, Walnut, KS, September 21, 1922.

ST. FRANCIS PARISH CEMETERY BOOK
Has Arrived
Viola Gouvron spent seven years researching and writing this unique book. In it you will find birth dates or years, death dates, burial location in the cemetery (maps included), the funeral mortuary, history notes, pictures, lists of veterans, priests and nuns who helped plant the seed of the Catholic faith in Osage Mission and much more. If you are interested in genealogy, this book is a “must buy”. Copies will also be sold at the Museum Genealogy Department. Proceeds will be donated to the museum, Prairie Mission Retirement Village and CYO. Books are on sale. To purchase a copy or get more information contact Viola at 620-449-2559 or email to vgouvron@hotmail.com. Her mailing address is P. O. Box 416, St. Paul, KS 66771.

ANNALS OF ST. PAUL IN PROGRESS
MUSEUM TO CELEBRATE MISSION DAYS
Vintage Car and Truck Show
If you have an old car or truck whether it is
original or restored, spotless or rusted, we would
like to exhibit it on the museum grounds Saturday,
May 25, 2008. Preliminary plans are to have as
many as possible be in the parade. Maybe a drive
through St. Paul at 2 pm. The drivers of each
entry will be given a free brisket lunch at the
Museum, a donation from Joe Smith Realty Co.
For more information or to enter your name,
contact Jean Dunavan, 449-2286 or 449-2590,
or Jolene Born, 449-2257 or 449-2246.

MUSEUM-MISSION DAYS – 2008
Two drawings will be held May 26th at the
Museum during coffee & doughnuts.
#1 Drawing - $100.00 Cash
donated by Farmers Nat’l. Bank
#2 Drawing - $100.00 Cash
donated by Exchange State Bank
Each $1.00 Donation designated will enter your
name into the drawing. Please return your
donation tickets by May 20, to P. O. Box 113,
St. Paul, KS, 66771.

BRISKET LUNCH – Saturday, May 24
BREAKFAST – Sunday, May 25
COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS – May 26

American Legion Post No. 116, St. Paul, KS,
provide coffee and doughnuts at the Museum on
Memorial Day morning. Viola Kennedy
has donated her services to this project over 30
years.

2007 Mission Days Museum Drawings
$100.00 – Farmer’s Nat’l. Bank
Won by: James F. Smith
$100.00 – Exchange State Bank
Won by Sr. Cecelia Bush
$100.00 - Joe Smith Realty

It’s not what you’ve done in the
past. It’s what you do today,
tomorrow and in the future.

MISSION DAYS CELEBRATES 25 YEARS
Twenty-Six years ago, St. Paul native, Mary
Lou VanLeuwen-Reeves had a vision for a
yearly celebration to bring the community, past
and present, together for a good time. Committees
were formed, help from local businesses and city
council, and the first Mission Days began. Many
dressed in early vintage outfits. Events included a
parade, high school reunions, arts and crafts, bar-
bque lunch, live music, food booths, kids games
and baby contests filled main street; horse pulling
contest; basketball and tennis tournaments, were
scheduled, but many activities were cancelled due
to heavy rains. In the following years, new events
were added. The OMNC Museum building was
completed and held events. Bishop Gerber and the
Chief of the Osage Indians lead the parade; a live
skit portraying early lives of the Osage Indians
and settlers; another portrayed feuding cowboys
on horse back ending in a gun battle; horse pulling
contest and a Calcutta were held at the American
Legion grounds; family reunions; band stage
performances; dances; scavenger hunt; adult
tricycle race; pitch (card game) tournament; car
shows; wild west shows; cattle penning; golf
tournaments; horse shoe contests and other special
events are scheduled each year. Through the
years, some crowds have been estimated to be
2000-3000 in attendance.

DREAM WHEELS
AND
UGLY TRUCKS
VINTAGE SHOW
A variety of cars & trucks, restored, original or
other, to be featured. Mission Days event.
BOARD MEMBER PASSES
William “Glen” Neely, Chanute, KS passed away August 27, 2007. He was a long-term board member, active and interested in OMNC Museum. His grandfather, A. F. Neely was one of the first doctors assigned to treat the local Osage Indians. His support will be missed.

FAMILY MEMORIALS
2007-2008 Additions:
William “Glen” Neely Bill & Sis Phelan
Names are printed on a memorial plaque and hung in museum for family members who remember the Museum in their charitable contributions or memorials to their loved ones.

Visit Museum’s Genealogy information center

MUSEUM BREAKFASTS
Continue on the second Sunday of months September through May. Once again we say thanks to our faithful volunteers: Owen & Jean O’Brien, Bob & Rosie Harmon, Charles & Alice Schettler, Verl & Carol Diskin, Ed & Jolene Born, Jay & Mauricia O’Brien, Devonna and Deia Davidson, Judy Fager, Virginia Harden, Dan Willson, and Jean Dunavan, project coordinator.

Thanks to Jolene and Ed Born for keeping Museum grounds mowed.

MUSEUM FACILITY FOR RENT
The kitchen and lobby areas are available to rent for meetings, family events and organizations

BRICK PROJECT
A permanent memorial to your loved ones, your family or a special event. Fill out the form enclosed and mail to us. Several more feet of bricks are needed to complete the present sidewalk.

Museum breakfasts, brick project and memberships help defray the costs of utilities, postage, newsletters and museum upkeep. Thanks to everyone who support these activities.

ST. PAUL HIGH ANNUALS

BUY-A-BRICK-FORM
Please print in Capital letters the information as you wish it to appear on each brick.
Leave a blank for spaces between words. For more than 3 bricks, duplicate this form.

Example: (Limit lines 1 & 3 to 12 letters)
Line 1 ST PAUL
line 2 PUBLIC
line 3 SCHOOL 1941

Brick #1
line 1 ___________________________
line 2 ___________________________
line 3 ___________________________

Brick #2
line 1 ___________________________
line 2 ___________________________
line 3 ___________________________

Brick #3
line 1 ___________________________
line 2 ___________________________
line 3 ___________________________

TOTAL ENCLOSED: $_______ for ___ bricks at $25 each
Make checks payable to: Osage Mission-Neesho County Historical Society
P. O. Box 113, St. Paul, KS 66771
ST. FRANCIS CHURCH STEEPLE
Nearing Completion
A tornado June 30, 2005 destroyed the original St. Francis church steeple. Painting and minor touches will complete what has been a long progress to restore the steeple to its original design. Steel was used in place of wood. It took six months to stabilize the church by adding a bunch of steel and a concrete cap. August 30, 2007, a large crowd including teachers and students joined on the Museum grounds across from the church along with newspapers and television coverage to watch a 30,000-pound two story steel frame put on top of the church. All three historic bells were salvaged and placed one at a time. After each bell was put in place, workers would ring it and the crowd would cheer. Then they rang all three when placed. One bell had dedication and date of 1883 on it. The tower will be four stories when finished and approximately 161 feet tall. The first November scheduling to raise the last two stories (dome) and cross was postponed due to winds. Fr. Theodore Khin blessed the cross to go on top of steeple in front of the Museum and a large crowd. Pictures were taken and museum members served lunch. November 23, 2007 the final stories and cross were raised. Most viewers stayed in their cars to keep warm. It was a clear sunny day with freezing temperatures. From the project manager Karl Lang of Lang Builders LLC, “this is the first lift the 1.5 million crane has performed, and is one of the largest in Kansas. Our specialty is working on churches. This is the largest church reconstruction we’ve taken on. We have never done one like it and probably will never do one like it again. Corner stone of this landmark was laid in June 1872.

Daniel Zehner moved to Osage Mission in 1870 and took an active part in community affairs. He and Joseph Doyle had charge of the mason work on St. Francis church. He did the mason work on nearly every business building in St. Paul. He was elected mayor of Osage Mission from 1894 through 1896 and was the last mayor of Osage Mission and the first mayor of St. Paul. He died in 1916 at the age of 80 years and is buried in Hope Cemetery.

ST. PAUL SEEING GROWTH
In 2005 USD 101 School Board, Erie, KS voted to close our high school. The community and leaders unified and set two precedents in the state of Kansas. We were the first school to withdraw from a district and the first to join another school district (Chetopa USD 505) where boundaries are not joined. An Economical Development Group was formed and in the past three years through combined efforts of the City, leaders and citizens, St. Paul has seen growth. An 8.5 million dollar bond was passed to build and enlarge our high school. An industrial park north of the city was completed. Two companies have built and opened; Westhoff Interiors build cabinets and interiors for yachts and Grosdidier Construction, a local contractor. Next-door is the St. Paul arena grounds. Main Street has new curb and guttering, streetlights and benches with memorial plaques and a memorial wall (Main Street Memories) added in front of the fire station. PMRV chapel was completed and a blacksmith and harness shop built at the Museum. Grants have been received for a new grocery store, a three bay addition to the fire station, updating the water pump station on Neosho River and funding for street improvements. Several new homes have been built and new businesses opened. From The Girard Press, April 2007: Rising from depths of despair while fighting for the survival of their school, the citizens and leaders of St. Paul have given an example to other communities – bigger and smaller – on just what a group of people can do if they put their collective heads together and work for the betterment of their town. We salute St. Paul and encourage other communities to follow their example of expansion and positive growth.

Deaths 2007-2008, - St. Paul Area and Alumni
Jennifer Beachner; Paul J. Born; Olive Casey; Dorothy Duncan (the first principal at St. Paul Public School); Glen Dilling; Mary Juanita Fox; M. Catherine Grillo; Ona Hagan; Jim Herod; Rose Heagy; Anabel Hentzen; Marjorie Hunt; LaVance Johnson; F. Gene Kennedy; Dorothy Lynch; Melvin Madl; T. Frank Moore; Wm. Glen Neely; Emerson Newberry; Kathleen Duffy-Noll; Jean Ann Cooney-O’Brien; Mary “Sis” Phelan; Wm. Bill Phelan; C. Lorene Sevart; Mary K. Smith; Forest Smith; Phyllis Smith; Carmen Spielbusch.
Top Left: Fire Station
Three Bay Additon
January 2008

Top Right: Placing the Cross
on church steeple
November 2007

Center: St. Paul Grocery Store
Hwy 47, March 2008

Bottom: Blessing of the Cross
that will be placed on
new church steeple
November 2008

Note: St. Francis Church in
background before
steeple was repaired.
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Museum Stats 2007-08
Visitors 1,547
US States 21
Germany, Brazil, Canada, &
Jordan
Volunteer hours 2,450

Board Meeting
Board Officers met in July
2007 with the contractor to
proceed on new addition to
museum grounds

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES
(Renewable each January 1)

Osage Mission-Neosho County Historical Society Membership

- Single Membership $10.00  - Supporting Membership $25.00
- Family Membership $15.00  - Business Membership $100.00

Each Supporting membership ($25.00) may receive one historical book:
- Cookbook  - Beacon on the Plains  - Annals of Osage Mission
- Osage Mission Sesquicentennial Commemorative
- I will pick up the book at museum.  - I do not wish a book.
- Mail the book. I am enclosing an additional $4.00 for mailing.

Name ______________________ Phone ______________________
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