Museum Volunteers
Thank you, C. D. LaForge, Mary Lou Boone, and Felix Diskin who keep the Museum operating five days a week. They have brought new ideas and are knowledgeable in history and research and do a great job informing visitors and maintaining reports. Jolene and Ed Born and Jean Dunavan for their contributions on exhibits, building maintenance, grounds upkeep, events, on-going projects and other tasks to keep the organization moving forward. Betty Hollon and Mary Jean Zandler who volunteer in times of need. Museum Hours: Tuesday through Saturday, 9:00am to 2:00pm. Telephone 620-449-2320. E-mail us at: museum@osagemission.org

Thanks To All The Volunteers
Who contribute financial assistance or artifacts and perform other tasks for the Museum

St. Paul Third Graders’ Wax Museum
This is the second year Twila Wagner asked each of her 3rd grade students to research a person from this area. They dressed as the character and used props. The students would remain like statues in a wax museum until a coin was dropped in their can. The students would then begin portraying their chosen character’s life. Proceeds were donated to the Museum. Thank you students for your support.


Museum in History Contest
Osage Mission has been nominated for one of the Eight Wonders of Kansas History awards, which will be announced this spring by the Kansas Sampler's Foundation. The Foundation’s mission is to preserve, sustain, and grow rural culture by educating Kansans about Kansas. The basis of our nomination is the importance of the Osage Mission to the settlement of frontier Kansas; the extraordinary effort of our missionary priests in establishing mission stations across four states; the beneficial effect the Mission had on the Osage Indian Nation; and the beginning of our 163-year education tradition. The Foundation is expecting 100 or more nominations and will down-select to the top 24 during April. On or about April 22 they will announce the 24 finalists. The final eight will be chosen by the public during an on-line election. Keep your ears open and your computers ready because each email address is entitled to three votes! Making the top eight would give the museum and St. Paul community recognition across the State. Felix Diskin and Ron Brogan have spent many hours on research and on compiling necessary paperwork to submit to the Kansas Sampler’s Foundation.

New Item At The Museum
Is a DVD of the timeline history of St. Francis Church. The dedication on May 11, 1884 and its 125th anniversary celebration May 24, 2009. The DVD was complied by Margaret and Felix Diskin with contributions from Greg Smith and Adam Diskin. Copies have sold out. All proceeds went to the Museum. Thank you.

September 26, 1806
A treaty of peace between the Osages and Kansas was made and was never broken.
November 10, 1808 a treaty by the U. S. made with the Osages at Ft. Clark, Missouri fixed the Neosho Valley as the Osage reservation. The Osage ceded nearly all their land in Missouri to the U. S. and were granted a reservation in what is now southeast Kansas. The first Osages settled on the Neosho River about 1812. In 1815 White Hair’s Great Osage village was fixed at the crossing of the Neosho River, Neosho County, Kansas.
2009-10 Museum Acquisitions
1904 Edison Home Box hand crank gramophone with Big Morning Glory Horn and Wax Cylinder Record, donated by Bill & Rosemary Stanley; Two Wooden Chairs from St. Paul Katy Railroad office, St. Paul, KS, donated by Roy Carter; Antique Wooden Chair with rollers, from Jean Dunavan; "Golden Jubilee Book" Passionist Fathers, from Jane Coomes; 1897 Corn Sheller, donated by Owen O’Brien; 1950’s Gas Pump Sign, 1944 Gas purchase invoice, Armed Wooden Office Chair used by W. W. Graves, donated by Art Goodsel family; Old Toaster, Shaving Brush with jeweled handle, Whistling Tea Kettle, Conoco Oil Can, Chicken Waterer, Ice Cream Cans, Ever Ready Shaving Brush, donated by John and Sharon Doherty; Tortoise Shell, from Leon & Janet Storek; St. Paul and Erie Telephone Directories, 4-cup Coffee Peculator, donated by Jay O’Brien; 1949 Senior Class Picture and School Group Pictures, from M. Catherine Vitt; Ottawa Saw and Pedal Grind Stone, from Jud Lackey; Quarter Sawed Marble Base Oak Display Case, Lucky Strike Cigarette Tin, Tin Lunch Box, Bull Durham Tobacco Bags, Smoking Pipes, Pocket Watches, Hand Guns, donated by Joe McClung; Old Baby Buggy, donated by Marge Neely; "My Kennedy-Family Roots" donated by Frank and Doris Kennedy; Parsons Sun Newspapers, 1945 Declaring End of WWII, 1959 and 1963, from Jim Strasser; School Jacket Letters, Hair Curler, Brownie Camera/Case, donated by Mary J. Zandler; Two 1936 Plates, from Charles & Mary J. Gouvion; Cannon Ball, from Gary Warstler; Katy Railroad Memorabilia and Repair Manuals, donated by Arnie Ward; School Books, from Walnut, KS Library; 1939, 1940 School Annuals, donated by Jolene Born; St. Francis Church Censer and Incense Boat, Tatting and Tatting Shuttle, Books and Magazines, donated by Lorene VanLeeuwen; WWI Uniform & Boots and Memorabilia, Various School Artifacts and Certificates, from Judy Fager; 1977 St. Francis Church Plaques, from Leonard Kennedy; 1925 Hand Made Crazy Quilt, Metal White Baby Crib, from Don Vitt; Single Horse Wood Beam Walking Plow, from Rick Giefer; Button Box, Buttons and miscellaneous items; donated by Katherine Fasken; Articles on Historical Events, from Marilyn Bradshaw; 1926 Dazey 2 Paddle Butter Churn donated by Art (AJ) Goodsel; Four Drawer File Cabinet, donated by Nedra Bradshaw; 1916 Fairbanks-Morse 1 1/2 HP, 500 RPM Oscillating Magneto Water Cooled Cylinder Head Gas or Kerosene Engine, used on the Joe O’Brien farm; "Don’t Spit on Sidewalk” Brick from a St. Paul sidewalk, donated by Jack George Brannon.

1897 Hand Driven Corn Sheller. Put the ear of corn in the hole on the top and turn the handle the flywheel with teeth pulled kernels from the cob. The kernels were dropped into a tray for sacking. The cob would spit out the bottom. The farmers saved these kernels for reseeding or ground the kernels for animal feed. Donated by Owen O’Brien.

1900’s Pedal Grind Stone. A handy tool used on all farms to sharpen cycles and axes and other farm tools. The deluxe model shown had a big round sand stone with a can filled with water that sits on top with a hole in the bottom. It drips on the stone making sharpening easier for the pedal pusher. Attached on the backside is a water guard that keeps water off the operator. Donated by Jud Lackey.
MUSEUM-Mission Days – 2010

BRISKET LUNCH – Saturday, May 29
BREAKFAST – Sunday, May 30
COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS – May 31

Two drawings will be held May 31 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 26.

American Legion Post No. 116,
St. Paul, KS, provides coffee and doughnuts at the museum on Memorial Day morning immediately following cemetery services. Commander, Richard McAtee, Volunteers, Viola Kennedy and Jean Dunavan.

Mission Days Volunteers
Thank you, Jean Dunavan, Jolene and Ed Born, C. D. LaForge, Mary Lou Boone, Twila Wagner, Marge Neely and D & M Catering for making the 2009 Mission Days at the museum a success.

Museum Rentals/Groups
Anna Knight’s birthday party; Senior Class, 3rd and 5th grades, St. Paul, KS; Students from Girard, KS; Southeast Kansas Waterfowl Classic; Prairie Mission Retirement Village; Kansas Wildlife and Parks Meeting; Public School Reunion; Parole Unit, Pittsburg, KS; FCE, Erie and Chanute, KS.

Family Memorials
Names are printed on a memorial plaque and hung in the museum for a family who remembers the museum in their charitable contributions or memorials to their loved ones.

Museum Facility for Rent
The kitchen and lobby are available to rent for meetings, family events and organizations.

Museum Breakfasts
Continue to be held on the second Sunday of months September through May, except December, June, July, and August. Once again we say thanks to our faithful volunteers: Owen and Jean O’Brien, Bob and Rosie Harmon, Charles and Alice Schettler, Verl and Carol Diskin, Ed and Jolene Born, Jay and Mauricia O’Brien, Judy Fager, Jane Anne Beachner, Devonna and Deia Davidson, C. D. LaForge and Jean Dunavan, coordinator.

Thank you Verl & Carol Diskin for your donations of food and kitchen supplies.

Visit our Genealogy Department
W. W. Graves’ St. Paul Journals 1895 - 1961 have been transferred onto microfilm and are a great source of Neosho County history along with many books of references.

Brick Project
Is a permanent memorial to your loved ones, your family or a special event. Fill out the form enclosed and mail to us. More bricks are needed to complete the present sidewalk.

Museum Breakfasts, Brick Project and Memberships
defray the costs of utilities, postage, newsletters and museum upkeep. Thanks for your support.

ST. PAUL HIGH ANNUALS

THE MUSEUM is the official voting location for Mission Township.

"Don’t Spit On The Sidewalk" Brick:
Dr. Samuel J. Crumbine of Dodge City, KS was a leader in public health in the early 20th Century. Beginning in 1904, he served as Secretary of the Kansas State Board Of Health for 20 years. He became concerned with tuberculosis patients spitting on the sidewalks. Thus the “Don’t spit on the Sidewalk Brick” was born. The Capital City Vetified Brick and Paving Co. was a reluctant participant and agreed to imprint the slogan on every fourth brick put in sidewalk. One of these bricks taken from a sidewalk in St. Paul is displayed at the Museum.
New St. Paul High School and Gymnasium

Opened its doors September 3, 2009. Students and Staff entered to see their new classrooms, a new lab room, computer room, music room with a storage room for their instruments and the freshly painted maroon and gold gymnasium. This second gym will come in handy for girls and boys athletic practices and special events. The school contains a security system with monitoring cameras. A new LED sign was installed on the grounds. A new athletic field is being built east of St. Francis Church. Future plans are a building to house buses. The previous high school is now used as a middle school. All buildings are adjacent to Highway 47, St. Paul, KS.

Pictures of St. Paul Campus

Top: 2008
Before Construction
Facing South along Hwy 47

Middle: 2009
Completed High School
and Gymnasium. Facing South along Hwy 47.

Bottom: 2009
High School Entrance
Facing North toward Carroll Street.

Here's to you our
Alma Mater,
Here's to gold and maroon.
We've a team that
ne'er will falter,
Loyal and ever true.
On to heights of glory great
Forward we must go.
Now we praise our
Alma Mater,
It's the best we know.
OMNC MUSEUM – May 31, 2010
Mission Days
Donation 1 - $1.00 or 7 - $5.00
2 - $100.00 Cash Drawings
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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  ☐ Osage Mission Sesquicentennial
☐ History of Neosho Co. Vol. 1  ☐ History of Neosho Co. Vol. 2

☐ 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______________________
Address_________________________________ Date______________________
City________________________ State______ Zip______________________

Annual Memberships
Are renewable each January. They help
Defray costs of postage, the newsletter,
Utilities and other museum upkeep.

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.

Name of purchaser________________________ Address:________________________
City________________________ State______ Zip_______ Phone:____________ Date:____________

Example: (Limit lines 1 & 3 to 12 letters)

Brick #2
line 1 ________________________________
line 2 ________________________________
line 3 ________________________________

Brick #1
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-Neosho County Historical Society
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Visitors 1,025
U.S. States 27
Outside U.S. 3
Japan, Canada, Russia
Volunteer Hours 2,375
2009-10 Area Deaths


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