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Sacred Heart Students Visit Sedalia Katy Depot



Ms. Campbell's 5th Grade Class from Sacred Heart School



Ms. Close's 4th Grade Class from Sacred Heart School

Fourth and fifth grade students from Sacred Heart School toured the Katy Depot on Friday, March 19. The fifth graders learned about the cattle drives to Sedalia during the 1800s through the "Rowdy Days, Rowdy Nites" exhibit. The fourth graders learned about the critical role the railroad played in the

creation of Sedalia. If your group or organization of adults or children would like to schedule a guided tour of the Katy Depot, please contact Linda Hunter for more information at 660-826-2932 x18 or by email at linda@sedaliamo.org. Two weeks advance notice is required.

Sedalia Youth Leadership

By Lisa Dover



Amy Epple, Eddie Crouch, Ahrazue Wilt, and Joleigh Melte working the Poultry Grill in September 2009.



Ahrazue Wilt, Eddie Crouch, and Matthew Keith plan the curriculum for the youth leadership development program.

The first official youth leadership development program for Sedalia high school students is a reality! Students from four area high schools including Smith-Cotton, Sacred Heart, Whittier Alternative and Applewood have filled out applications to participate in the youth leadership classes. Twelve students, who will be juniors and seniors in the school year of 2010/2011, have been selected.

The vision of the youth leadership development program is a comprehensive leadership training curriculum which assists the youth in Sedalia and Pettis County in acquiring leadership skills. The idea for the youth leadership development program was initiated by the Sedalia Student Leadership Council.

The calendar of events includes a retreat on March 14, 2010 at the Liberty Hall in Sedalia. Following the retreat, the students will have sessions beginning in September, 2010 and ending in April, 2011. Planned curriculum will include ethics, personal evaluation, goal setting, True Colors, Blue Ribbon Vision, Sedalia Sesquicentennial events, a class project of "Make a Difference Day," project management, public speaking and much, much more. Tours of various organizations and businesses will be conducted

with the 2010 Adult Leadership program.

The planning committee included the members of the adult 2009 Sedalia Leadership program. They are Lisa Dover, Just Good Dagwoods and class representative; Dave Clippert, Sedalia Pettis County EMA; Eddie Crouch, Sedalia Democrat; Amy Epple, Sedalia Parks & Rec.; John Evans, City of Sedalia; Gregg Foster, Insurance & Benefits Group; Todd Fraley, Smith-Cotton High School; John Hanson, First Baptist Church; Matthew Keith, First Christian Church; Lisa Lindstrom, Sedalia Chamber; Chris McMurrugh, Tyson Foods; Joleigh Melte, City of Sedalia; Nancy Scott, Sedalia School District; Jamie Seifert, Bothwell Regional Health Center; and Ahrazue Wilt, Tyson Foods.

The members also participated in fundraising to offset the costs of the youth leadership development program. In September 2009, members worked a concession stand at the bike races held on the Missouri State Fairgrounds.

In conclusion, it is an exciting time to be a student in the Sedalia area schools! The students will grow their leadership skills, participate with fellow students on a class project, and make lifelong friendships through their involvement in the youth leadership program.

Please join us in thanking the businesses below who join those printed in the January and February newsletter who have invested in the future of our community through Chamber membership for 2010 (as of 2/28). For a complete list please visit our website: www.sedaliachamber.com. We encourage you to do business with Chamber members.

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Contact Director of Member Services,
Lisa Lindstrom at 660-826-2932 x16.

Katy Railroad Historical Society to Meet in Sedalia

The Katy Railroad found Sedalia to be an important location and chose to construct an impressive depot, establish division offices, car shops, and an employees hospital. You are invited to join the Katy Railroad Historical Society (KRHS) in celebrating Sedalia's rich railroad history at their annual meeting on April 23-25, 2010.

On Thursday evening, April 22, registration and an opening reception will be held at the Sedalia Katy Depot's Women's Waiting Room. A model and photo contest will be on supervised display throughout the convention in the second story rooms that were previously used for the M-K-T's district offices.

On Friday, April 23, a motor coach will travel to the Columbia municipal power plant that is serviced by the Columbia Terminal Railroad (COLT) for a close look at the COLT's transloading facility and motive power. In addition, a stop is planned at Columbia's Katy and Wabash depots and a visit to the Fred Lyon Collection in the Western Manuscripts Library at the University of Missouri. A special presentation has been prepared especially for KRHS. On the way back to Sedalia, stops are planned

in Rocheport, Franklin, and Boonville. Back in Sedalia, a tour of the renovated Katy depot, which will host the Railroaders Reunion.

On Saturday, the annual business meeting will be held, several modeling clinics, a digital slide presentation on the Sedalia Subdivision by Ray George, Jr., a presentation on the Sedalia, Wabash and Southern Railroad by Ken Bird, a swap meet and the annual evening banquet dinner. O.C. Putsche, retired M-K-T Superintendent of Transportation, will be the featured guest speaker. Mr. Putsche began his Katy career in 1943 and served under Katy presidents Donald Fraser through Reginald Whitman. His remarks on "Creative and Covert Management on the Katy" will give attendees an inside look at measures and actions required to keep the Katy solvent. A silent auction and slide presentations by our members will follow the banquet.

Sunday will feature a tour of layouts by various Sedalia model railroaders.

For additional information about attending the meet please visit www.katydepot-sedalia.com.

Plans Made to Celebrate the Katy Trail's 20th Anniversary

Katy Depot store manager Linda Hunter attended the first semi-annual meeting for the newly formed Katy Merchant and Communities (KTMaC) in Boonville on Tuesday, February 16. Merchants and communities from all along the 225 miles of the Katy Trail attended to collaborate ideas and share information.

The primary focus of discussion was the upcoming 20th anniversary of the Katy Trail. The Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR) gave a presentation about the events they have planned to celebrate the anniversary, including a ticket book program. This program is designed to encourage people to visit every community along the entire Katy Trail Corridor.

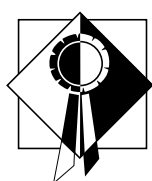
The first 1,000 participants that collect a stamp from every community will receive a special prize package. For a \$20 fee, participating businesses will be listed in the ticket book and receive a commemorative stamp, stamp pad, and sign identifying their business as a participating location.

DNR also announced that the annual Katy Trail Ride

will be held from June 21 to 25. The riders will stop for an overnight in Sedalia on June 24. The ride is open to 300 bike riders, offering an opportunity to welcome 300 new customers to our community. Last year's economic impact from this ride generated \$160,000. The 2008 impact study is available online at www.mostate-parks.com.

The KTMaC are also busy planning events to celebrate the 20th anniversary. They will be working to promote every community along the Trail that is hosting an event. A Katy 20th anniversary torch will be available to make a stop at events. Annual memberships to the KTMaC are available for \$35. All businesses are encouraged to join this organization to help unite communities along the Katy Trail and increase growth and economic impact for businesses and communities along the Trail corridor. The next KTMaC meeting will be held in Rocheport Missouri on Tuesday, August 10.

For more information about KTMaC, please contact Linda Hunter 660-826-2932 x18 or linda@sedaliamo.org.



Everyone Is Invited To The Chamber's March Breakfast

Don't miss this monthly forum designed to benefit your business:

- Share breakfast with area business clients
- Discuss opportunities to help your business grow
- Connect with community leaders and decision makers
- Share success stories that impact our business climate

7:30 a.m., Thursday, March 11

Fox Theater Event Center - 501 South Ohio

Special Presentation by the Sedalia Sesquicentennial Committee



Don't miss the special sneak peek of the 150th commemorative DVD and your chance to win a copy!

Sponsored By:



Please RSVP before Tuesday, March 9
660-826-2932 x16 or at www.sedaliachamber.com

What members are saying about the benefits of attending the Chamber's monthly breakfast -



"The Chamber's a.m. breakfast is one of the main reasons we joined: networking opportunities. The ability to meet new people and share business information in a fun setting is priceless. That alone makes our Chamber investment a great value." - Bev Rollings, Rollings Architects, LLC

Welcome!

The Chamber encourages members to do business with one another. Learn more about the newest Chamber members listed below on the Chamber's website www.sedaliachamber.com.

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