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THIS MONTH IN THE WAR:

President Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, which freed all slaves in the states rebelling against the Union, became law on January 1, 1863. Many slaves in the Confederacy heard of this presidential decree by eavesdropping on slave owners, through an encounter with a Union soldier or by word of mouth.

But not all slaves received the news that Lincoln had just turned the Civil War into a moral cause against slavery. This was the case for the slaves living in Texas. They did not hear the news until after the war had already ended. Texas was isolated throughout the war as the Union army had no presence there, and many Confederate slave owners sent their slaves to Texas so that the Union army could not free them.

When General Gordon Granger entered Galveston, Texas on June 19, 1865, he announced that all of Texas's slaves were free through an official proclamation (General Order No. 3). The state's slaves numbered around 200,000, and they responded with jubilation, holding celebrations all over Texas.

Scholars and students of history have speculated as to why Texas's slaves were in the dark about their emancipation, even in June, over a month after the end of the Civil War. Some have suggested that a courier, on his way to Texas to spread the news of the Emancipation Proclamation, was killed before he could deliver the news (slaves organized among themselves to send out messengers to spread the word). Others have proposed that Texas slave owners wanted to plant one more cotton crop and so delayed freeing their slaves.

-Courtesy of Lisa Vox, African-American History Expert

President's Letter

Friendly fire in time of war is inevitable. Some people believe that Stonewall Jackson was killed by his own men. The outcome of the Battle of First Manassas was determined by mistaken identity. The Union commander would not allow the officer in charge of the cannon battery to the left of the Confederate line to open fire. If he had fired it's possible that one of the casualties would have been General Thomas Jackson. The Battle of Wilson's Creek progress changed when Siegle mistook some Confederate soldiers as Union and allowed them to march up to his line and overwhelm his men. Until that time, Lyon had achieved the surprise as he had planned. This event of fratricide so seems to be an eastern theatre event. We all know that the Civil War didn't just happen east of the Mississippi River and neither did the killing of one's own troops.

On June 13, 1861 the Battle of Rock Creek was fought here in Independence or on the outskirts anyway. On that day members of the Blues and Grays, Missouri State Guard (MSG) units under command of Colonel Edmond Holloway met in combat two hundred Federal cavalry under the command of Captain David Stanley. On the Westport Road west of the MSG camp the combatants met in the road. It turns out that Captain Stanley and Colonel Holloway knew each other. They met and started to parley. One thing leads to another and it begins to appear that the MSG is trying to outflank the Federal troops. This happens a couple of times. The last instance Colonel Holloway motions for his men to move back and... (did I mention that all men at this parlay were dressed in blue?) his men thought he was motioning for the Federals to attack. Firing from both sides lasted about 10 minutes. When the smoke clears the only casualties are Colonel Holloway, his two aides and Sam Ralston. Holloway and one aide die from their wounds. The others survive. The Battle of Rock Creek where the only casualties are from friendly fire. The story has a few more twists that I will have to relate some other time.

~Mike Calvert, President, CWRTWM

Use of Keypad at Villages of Jackson Creek

Our meeting room is in the Fitness Center on the lower level of the far east wing with the number "3980A" above the entrance. If the inside sliding door is secured, use the keypad on the right to enter 1207* and stand in front of the door to activate. If there is a problem, call Beverly at (816) 225-7944 (cell). To exit the building, use the keypad to the left of the sliding door and enter 1207*. Stand directly in front of the door to activate. Please do not try to force the door but instead call Beverly at (816) 225-7944 for assistance.

CWRTWM Calendar

June 2015 Membership Meeting

Wednesday, June 10, 2015 – **6:00 p.m.** Picnic at the Phil Roberts Park, 3250 S. Blue Ridge Blvd., Independence, MO. (From 40 Hwy the street is called Blue Ridge Cut-off where the Hi-Boy Restaurant is located. The Round Table will provide fried chicken, drinks, plates and forks. Everyone else is asked to bring a dish to share and their own lawn chair and bug spray. After eating we will have a tour of the historic Pitcher Cemetery which is adjacent to the park followed by a history of the Noland and Pitcher families by Ted Stillwell and Gloria Miller, descendants of the Nolands. Unfortunately there is no bathroom at this park. We are requesting an RSVP for this meeting so we will know how much chicken to buy. E-mail Beverly Shaw at bevjshaw@hotmail.com or call her at (816) 225-7944 before 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 9th. We hope we will not have rain but if it's too wet to comfortably meet outdoors, we will have to cancel. You can call Beverly to confirm.

June 2015 Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 17, 2015 – 7:00 p.m. Home of Beverly Shaw, 17313 E. 51 Terr. Ct. S., Independence, Missouri.

Future Events for the Round Table

July 8, 2015 – 7:00 p. m. Villages of Jackson Creek.
Program: Don Gilmore – Redlegs and Jayhawkers.

August 12, 2015 – 7:00 p.m. Villages of Jackson Creek.
Program: Jim Beckner – Trips to Appomattox and Springfield, IL (Lincoln's Funeral Train).

September 9, 2015 – 7:00 p.m. Villages of Jackson Creek Program: Lane Smith – Robert E. Lee. Lane portrayed Lee In "Road to Appomattox."

September 12, 2015 – Daytrip to Osceola, MO.

October 14, 2015 – 7:00 p.m. Villages of Jackson Creek. Program: Randal Durbin – Ulysses S. Grant. Randal portrayed Lee in "Road to Appomattox."

November 11, 2015 – 7:00 p. m. Villages of Jackson Creek. Program: Barbara Hughes – Traditions of Mourning in the Civil War and After.

December 5, 2015 – Noon. Christmas luncheon with the Union Cemetery Historical Society at the Loose Park Garden Center, Kansas City, MO.

Other Civil War Events and Exhibits

Johnson County (KS) Library Book Sale

Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, June 4-6. Thursday and Friday – 9:00 a.m. – 9 p.m. Saturday – 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Located at the Field House Gym at Johnson County Community College, 12345 College Blvd., Overland Park, KS. Enter the campus from College, take the first right to N. Campus Drive. Gym is ahead on the left. Park in lots in front of the gym. Most items are 25 cents to \$2. "Better Books" specially priced. Cash, checks and credit cards.

Shoal Creek Living History Village

Saturday, June 6, 2015 – 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Shoal Creek is inside Robert Hodge Park and Golf Course. Family fun event and admission is free although some activities do charge for their services – cash only. Re-enactors bring the historical village to life with food and craft vendors, family activities and demonstrations, and shopping at the mercantile. Directions: **From I-435** cross the Missouri River and take Highway 152 east. Go ½ mile and turn left (north) on to Shoal Creek Parkway. Then make an **immediate left** on to Barry Road. Go west on Barry Road to the entrance of Hodge Park. Turn right into Hodge Park and follow the road past the driving range to the iron gate at the top of the hill. **From Liberty** take Highway 152 west 2 miles. Turn right (north) on to Shoal Creek Parkway. Make an **immediate left** on to Barry Road. Go west to Hodge Park entrance. There may be some road construction on Highway 152.

Walking Tour of Fairview Cemetery, Liberty, MO

Saturday, June 6, 2015 – 10:00 a.m. Meet at the stone arch on Shrader Street. Established in 1857 and named Fairview because it overlooked what once were the community's fairgrounds. Join Bryan Boyd on a walking tour and learn about some of Liberty's most prominent early settlers and their families such as Alexander Doniphan and Henry Routt. Free.

Confederate Memorial Day, Higginsville, MO

Saturday, June 6, 2015 – 10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Bring your own lunch. Confederate Memorial State Historical Site just north of Higginsville. Take I-70 east to Highway 13. Go north on 13 through Higginsville to AA. Turn right (east). Activities in the Chapel: 10:30 – Tom Rafiner: "Horrors of Order #11." 11:00 a.m. – Sam Gaddy: "Music of the Civil War." 11:30 a.m. – Brown bag lunch. 12:15 p.m. – Parade to the Cemetery. 1:00 p.m. – Color Guard presents colors, pledge, salute, and charges. Confederate Memorial Day Service concluding about 2:00 p.m.

Arrow Rock and the Santa Fe Trail

Saturday, June 6, 2015 – 10:00 a.m. Arrow Rock State Historic Site. Mike Dickey, Arrow Rock Historic Site Administrator: “Our National Historic Landmark Designation.” Free. Arrow Rock is located on U. S. Highway 41, 14 miles north of I-70 at exit 89 or 98.

Black Jack Battlefield Commemoration, Wellsville, KS

Saturday, June 6, 2015 – 3:00 p.m. or 5:30 p.m. Black Jack Battlefield & Nature Park, 163 E. 2000 Road, Wellsville, KS. Visit the site where John Brown and his men took up arms against a pro-southern leader, H.C. Pate, over issues relating to slavery. Commemorate the 1856 battle with two interactive tours given by John Brown alongside W.B. Brockett, as you listen to their debate over what happened on June 2, 1856. Visit earlier in the day to view the 1890 Pearson Home, or stay late for a campfire visit. Free.

Border War Around the Campfire, Wellsville, KS

Saturday, June 6, 2015 – 8:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Black Jack Battlefield, 163 E. 2000 Road, Wellsville, KS. Sit around the campfire overlooking the battlefield as John Brown and W.B. Brockett discuss the 1856 Battle of Black Jack. Bring your own lawn chair. Free.

Jesse James, Jo Shelby and the War after the War

Sunday, June 7, 2015 – 2:00 p.m. Jesse James Farm, 21216 James Farm Road, Kearney, MO. Aaron Barnhart, co-author of *The Big Divide: A Travel Guide to Historic and Civil War Sites in the Missouri-Kansas Border Region*, will speak about Missouri immediately following the Civil War and how Confederate soldiers got back to normal life (or didn't). Free but usual admission for the museum and exhibit of “A State Divided: The Civil War in Missouri.”

Kansas City Posse of the Westerners

Tuesday, June 9, 2015 – 6:00 p.m. Buffet menu (about \$12). Golden Corral Restaurant, 8800 NW Skyview Ave., Kansas City, MO (near Home Depot). Harold Dellinger: The Quantrill Reunions.”

Road Trips That Travel Civil War History

Wednesday, June 10, 2015 – 7:00 p.m. Raytown Library, 6131 Raytown Road, Raytown, MO. Aaron Barnhart, co-author of *The Big Divide*, will give tips for getting the most out of your history road trips for all ages. RSVP to (816) 353-2052.

Hughes Camp, Sons of Confederate Veterans

Thursday, June 11, 2015 – 7:00 p.m. Ernie's and Kross Lounge 605 N. Sterling, Sugar Creek, MO. Chris Edwards: “Black Flag,” a musical/historical production about Bloody Bill Anderson. Visitors welcome.

Juneteenth in Kansas City, KS

Saturday, June 13, 2015 – Begins at 10:00 a.m. with a parade from 7th and Quindaro to Big Eleven Lake at 11th and State Avenue. Starting at noon there will be praise dancers, choirs, singing ensembles, poets, mimes and rappers – all gospel-based. There will be vendors for food, crafts, and businesses and informational vendor booths for Kansas Workforce, Social Security, Health Dept., etc. 5th annual car, truck and motorcycle show. Judging at 3:00 p.m. BBQ and/or Greens Competition. This event will take place RAIN or SHINE.

Bushwhacker Days, Nevada, MO

Saturday, June 13, 2015. Bushwhacker Museum and Courtyard. Nevada, MO. 9:00 a.m. – Bushwhacker Museum and Jail open for free tours. 9:00 a.m. – NW Courtyard: The Balladeer of Bates County, Hank Roberts, on the Living History Stage. 10 a.m. – NW Courtyard: Civil War Battle reenacted by Elliot's Scouts. 11:00 a.m. – NW Courtyard: The Unquiet Death of Mary Surratt. Noon – NE Corner of courtyard: Border Creek Raiders Wild West Shoot Out. 12:30 p.m. – NW Courtyard: Joe Willis: Songs of the Civil War. At 1:00 p.m. – NW Courtyard: Jim Two Crows Wallen: True Tall Tales & Other Lies. 1:30 p.m. – NW Courtyard: Pablo Baum – Fury on the Santa Fe Trail. 2:00 p.m. – NE Corner of Courtyard: Border Creek Raiders Wild West Shoot Out. 2:00 p.m. – Bushwhacker Museum: Dianne Moran – The Unquiet Death of Mary Surratt. 2:30 p.m. – NW Courtyard: Jim Two Crows Wallen – Tipi Days, a Native American Tribute. 3:00 p.m. – NE Courtyard: Civil War Battle by Elliott's Scouts. 3:30 p.m. – NW Courtyard: Joe Willis – Songs of the Civil War. 4 p.m. – NW Courtyard: Pablo Baum – Dare Devils of the Desert, the Buffalo Soldiers. 4:30 p.m. – NE Corner of the courtyard: Border Creek Raiders Wild West Shoot Out.

Bushwhacker Book Bazaar, Nevada, MO

Saturday, June 13, 2015. 200 W. Walnut St., Nevada, MO. Hundreds of titles available. Richard Stewart of the Quantrill Special Collections located in Bentonville, Ark. reminds you that he is always appreciative of donated book for the collection. You can see what Richard does by going to www.josieqscr.blogspot.com.

Hulston Mill Civil War Days (Stockton Lake Area)

Saturday and Sunday, June 13-14, 2015. Saturday from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Sunday from 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Midway between Greenfield and Everton on U.S. 160, 1 mile north on EE, then 1 mile right on E. Dade 92. Admission is \$5 for adults and free for kids K-12. Civil War music played by the “Back Porch Players.” Sutlers are set up at the site. For children: Hulston Sprouts' Kids' Corp. Spectator and reenactor

children join together and drill to learn about the general life of soldiers during the Civil War.

Grist mills were very important resources during the Civil War for supplies, recreation, and Information for the local citizens. At Hulston Mill Civil War Days, visitors will enjoy touring the operation of the Hulston Mill.

Juneteenth Festival, St. Joseph, MO

Saturday, June 13, 2015. John Lucas Park, 18th and Charles, St. Joseph, MO. Parade, African art, historical reenactments, music, food, health fair and picnic. Call (816) 387-9598 for more information.

Battle of Westport Museum

Saturday, June 13, 2015 – 10:00 a.m. Museum at 6601 Swope Parkway, Kansas City, MO. “Brother John” Anderson will portray Lieutenant Patrick Minor and his role as the commander of a section of artillery during the Battle of Westport. Lt. Minor will also lead a general discussion of the African-American officer’s contribution in the Civil War.

Poplar Heights Living History Farm, Butler, MO

Saturday and Sunday, June 13-14, 2015. Poplar Heights is located 7 miles NE of Butler. Meet the men of Jackman’s 16th Missouri, the 10th Missouri Infantry, and 10th Missouri Artillery. Large black powder gun display with firing cannons. Visit with heritage craft demonstrators. Lots of free children’s activities. Also music, wagon rides, food and drink. Adults – \$5. Children under 12 free. For more information go to www.poplarheightsfarm.org or call (660) 200-5620.

Bluegrass Music at the Pharis Farm, Liberty, MO

Saturday, June 13, 2015 – Noon to 3:00 p.m. Historic Pharis Farm, 20611 EE Hwy., Liberty, MO. An afternoon of music with a blend of traditional and folk by performers from the Kansas City area. Free. Bring your own chair, picnic blanket, snacks and drinks.

Buttons and Tea, Lexington, MO

Saturday, June 13, 2015 – 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Anderson House at the Battle of Lexington State Historic Site, 1101 Delaware, Lexington, MO. Tea and desserts with a presentation by Lise McIntyre on vintage buttons. She will also bring her traveling Button Museum for viewing. Free.

Windows of Kanas City by Bruce Mathews

Saturday, June 13, 2015 – 2:00 p.m. Westport Library, 118 Westport Road, Kansas City, MO. Bruce Mathews is the author of *Windows of Kanas City as Art, History and Inspiration*. He will show videos of stained glass

windows found in churches, homes, and public buildings. Sponsored by the Westport Historical Society with a reception following at the Harris-Kearney House, 4000 Baltimore, Kansas City, MO. Free.

Just Following Orders: Escape from Guerrilla Warfare

Saturday, June 13, 2015 – 2:00 p.m. James Farm at 21216 James Farm Road, Kearney, MO. Dee Miller will share the tale of a family caught in the midst of guerrilla warfare near the Kanas-Missouri border. This multi-media, interactive, kid-friendly program introduces characters such as young Joshua and his family during Order No. 11. She will have copies of her book available. Free, but the usual admission is required for the museum and the special exhibit “A State Divided.”

Independence Civil War Study Group

Wednesday, June 17, 2015 – 7:00 p.m. Courthouse Exchange Restaurant, 113 W. Lexington, Independence, MO. Sandy Nichols, interpreter and educator at the Wornall-Majors Homes Museums, will be speaking on the history of the two homes and westward expansion. Free.

Juneteenth: A Sesquicentennial Celebration

Thursday, June 18, 2015 – 6:30 p.m. Midwest Genealogy Center, 3440 S. Lee’s Summit Road, Independence, MO. In cooperation with the Midwest Afro-American Genealogical Interest Coalition (M.A.G.I.C.), will observe Juneteenth with featured speaker Preston Washington. RSVP to (816) 252-7228.

Clay County Show and Tell Study Group

Thursday, June 18, 2015 – 7:00 p.m. Clay Country Museum, 14 N. Main Street, Liberty, MO. Come share your experiences with gardening and canning or learn from others. Free.

Black Powder Shoot-James Farm

Saturday, June 20, 2015 – 8:00 a.m. – Noon. Jesse James Farm, 21216 James Farm Road, Kearney, MO. Cap & Ball Revolver or Cartridge Revolver. Replicas OK. Fixed sights and dueling stance only. Historically accurate costume is encouraged but not required. Call (816) 736-8500 for more info. \$25.

Stone Dedication and Reenactment near Rocheport, MO

Saturday, June 20, 2015 – 1:30 p.m. Stone dedication at the Bayse Cemetery for five bushwhackers killed at the Thompson Farm outside Rocheport. Reenactment will follow of the Thompson Farm fight at the Union school yard by Elliott’s Scouts. Robbie Maupin will be playing the role of his ancestor, Thomas Maupin. Directions: from I-70 East in Boone County, MO, take exit 117 on to Route J (between the Rocheport exit and several

Columbia exits.) Go north on Route J for 5.5 miles and turn left (west) on to EE. Go 3.5 miles west on EE to Union School. Turn left (south) on to CR 431 and follow the signs to Bayse Cemetery on your right.

Dandelions, Ginger, and Bloodletting

Saturday, June 20, 2015 – 6:30 p.m. Fort Scott National Historic Site, 1 Old Fort Blvd., Fort Scott, KS. Keeping soldiers and civilians healthy in 1865. Free.

Archaeology in the Classroom – Fort Osage, MO

June 22, 2015-June 26, 2015 – 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Workshop for teachers, interpreters, and museum docents. \$45. Fort Osage Education Center, 107 Osage Street, Sibley, MO. Practice scientific inquiry basics using archaeology data. Contact John Peterson at (816) 650-3452, Ext. 3.

Civil War Round Table of Kansas City

Tuesday, June 23, 2015 – 6:30 p.m. – Dinner. \$27. Holiday Inn and Suites, 8787 Reeder Road, Overland Park, KS. (Sunset Ballroom – 8th Floor). Park on the south side of the hotel and use the elevators in the lobby. Arnold Schofield: The Battle of Palmito Ranch, Texas which took place May 13, 1865. This was the last battle of the Civil War and involved U.S. Colored Troops. Reservations: Send a check payable to CWRTKC to Susan Keipp, Treasurer, 436 W. 88th Terr., Kansas City, MO 64114 or go to website www.cwrk.org and click on the “Meeting and Event” Tab. You can make your reservation and enter credit card information. You can also E-Mail Susan at skeipp@kc.rr.com to let her know you are coming and pay at the door by check or cash. Deadline for reservations is noon, June 19, 2015.

Breakfast and Blooms at the Bingham

Saturday, June 27, 2015 – 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Home style breakfast and garden tour is \$25. Breakfast only is \$11. Call Shireen at (816) 461-3491 for tickets. Garden tours begin at 10 a.m. at the Bingham-Waggoner. Others will be private local gardens, gardens at local businesses, a garden In S. Kansas City featured in *Kansas City Homes & Gardens Magazine* and one in Liberty with special water features.

Compromise to Conflict – Fort Scott, KS

Saturday, June 27, 2015 – 2:00 p.m. Fort Scott National Historic Site, 1 Old Fort Blvd., Fort Scott, KS. Despite the Missouri Compromise and the Kansas-Nebraska Act, U. S. expansion into the West failed to resolve the question of slavery.

50th Anniversary of the Clay County Museum,

Liberty, MO - Saturday, June 27, 2015 – 6:00 p.m. Restoration 1894, 1 E. Kansas Street, Liberty, MO. Banquet and program to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Clay County Museum. Chris Harris will present a history of Liberty’s new event center called Restoration 1894 and a collection of historic photographs compiled in 1916 by Ethel Massie Withers, founder of the Clay County Historical Society. Mrs. Withers will be portrayed in costume by Barbara Hughes. Other activities include a silent auction, a virtual tour of the Clay County Museum, special exhibits, and music by the Willow Creek Bluegrass Band.

Tickets are \$35 and can be reserved by calling Vivie Tison at (816)628-5032 or please go to VTISON@aol.com. Reservation deadline is June 20, 2015.

Special Exhibits

“A State Divided: The Civil War in Missouri.” 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. daily. Closes June 14, 2015. James Farm, 21216 James Farm Road, Kearney, MO. Admission – Under \$10.

“American Soldiers” from the Civil War to the present. Photographs of servicemen and women at Nelson-Atkins Museum at 45th and Oak, Kansas City, MO. Closes June 21, 2015. Normal museum hours.

“A Shared Legacy: Folk Art in America.” Works created between 1800 and 1925 by self-taught or relatively untrained artists. Nelson-Atkins Museum at 45th and Oak, Kansas City, MO. Closes July 5, 2015. Normal museum hours.

News About Members and Friends

We are sorry to report that **Charlotte Tindall** passed away on May 22, 2015. She had been residing at Blue Springs Manor since February 2015. Charlotte was a founding member of the Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri and was very supportive of our many activities throughout the years. Mike Calvert mentioned that whenever he gave a talk, he could always depend on Charlotte and her late sister, Harriett Lionberger to attend and be friendly faces in the crowd. Charlotte was also recognized by the City of Independence for her nearly 30 years of volunteerism at the Bingham-Waggoner Estate.

Alex M. Petrovic, age 92, passed away on June 1, 2015. He played an active and accomplished role in local Missouri politics. He served as a Missouri State Legislator from 1962-66. He promoted the Little Blue Valley Flood Control program, fought to keep open Central Missouri State University in the face of closure, and helped develop the Truman Sports Complex. As a State Representative, Alex discovered state records abandoned in the basement of the State Building, and in response, sponsored and passed legislation to create a system for managing Missouri's records, establishing the Missouri State Archives. He was recognized in 2005 by then Secretary of State Robin Carnahan and members of the Missouri legislature with the creation of the Alex M. Petrovic Reading Room to maintain Missouri's historic records.

We are sorry to report that the **National Military Heritage Museum in St. Joseph, Missouri** has closed due to budget shortfalls. Supporters of the museum agreed that Jacob Miroke made many improvements in his one year at the museum which was dedicated to honoring the nation's military. Attendance more than doubled since he began. In April 2015 the museum presented the play "The Road to Appomattox."

We would like to welcome new member **Bruce Hensley** from Liberty, Missouri who joined at our May meeting.

Mike Calvert certainly made an impression on **Sharon McVey** who attended his program at the Woodlawn Cemetery on recognizing the different

types of Civil War grave markers. In fact she requested permission to scan the handout he distributed in order to send it to volunteers who work with the Jackson County Historical Society to raise funds for the Old Jail Museum. Naturally he was pleased to give permission and said it was part of the public domain.

Ted Stillwell can act as well as paint. He has been accepted by the Independence Chamber of Commerce as the official "Jim Bridger" for the 2015 Santa-Cali-Gon Days. Similarly he has been accepted by the Leavenworth, KS Convention and Visitors Bureau as their official "Buffalo Bill" at the Buffalo Bill Days in August 2015.

Jay Thorn, curator of the Clay County Museum, was photographed by Rich Sugg of the Kansas City *Star* as he gave his grandson, Ari Bonnet, his first bicycle lesson at Loose Park in Kansas City. This was recorded on Friday and appeared in the Sunday *Star* under the title "Training Day."

The William Clarke Quantrill Society

The William Clark Quantrill Society is a non-profit corporation dedicated to the study of the Civil War on the Missouri-Kansas border with emphasis on the lives of Quantrill, his men, his supporters, his adversaries and the resulting historical record. For information visit; www.wcqsociety.com or send an E-mail to wcqsociety@aol.com.

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