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Hollenberg Pony Express Station State Historic Site  
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## **HOLLENBERG PONY EXPRESS STATION STATE HISTORIC SITE CELEBRATING CABIN'S SESQUICENTENNIAL**

HANOVER, KS—In 1857, Gerat Hollenberg built a one-room cabin on his land, sure that he could improve his mercantile business by locating it closer to the St. Joseph Branch of the Oregon-California Trail. A century and a half later, the cabin remains to help tell the stories of the pioneers on the trail, the Pony Express riders, and the Hollenberg family. A festival to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the building of the cabin will be held 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, August 26 at the Hollenberg Pony Express Station State Historic Site, located four miles north of U.S. 36 on K-148, one mile east on K-243 in Hanover.

This free, family-friendly celebration will feature a non-denominational church service at 11 a.m., first-person history interpreters, a Pony Express re-enactment at 3 p.m., live entertainment, and campfire cooking displays. Lunch will be served at 12 Noon for a nominal fee, and a drawing for the festival quilt will be held at 4 p.m. For more information, call 785-337-2635.

The Hollenberg cabin, designated a National Historic Landmark, has been preserved and includes hands-on exhibits geared toward children. The visitor center and museum houses exhibits on westward expansion and the Pony Express. Both buildings will be open to visitors throughout the day.

This event is sponsored by the Friends of Hollenberg Station and the Kansas Historical Society. The Hollenberg Pony Express Station State Historic Site is one of sixteen state owned sites operated by the Kansas Historical Society.

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