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Hollenberg Pony Express Station State Historic Site
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SCHEDULE AND ENTERTAINMENT ANNOUNCED FOR PONY EXPRESS FESTIVAL

HANOVER, KS—The Kansas Historical Society announced details for the Pony Express Festival, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Sunday, August 30, at the Hollenberg Pony Express Station State Historic Site, 2889 23rd Road in Hanover. The schedule is as follows:

- 11 a.m. – non-denominational church service with circuit rider preacher Ken Martin, Oketo
- 12 p.m. – catered lunch (charge for meal)
- 1 p.m. – live entertainment
- 3 p.m. – Pony Express re-enactment and mochila exchange
- Drawing for festival quilt

Entertainment will include the Horseshoe Band, the Kramer Sisters, the McClellan Singing Sisters, and “The Bremen Man,” Mark Allerheiligen. Period skills and crafts such as soap and candle making, basket weaving, blacksmithing, tatting, flint knapping, butter churning, and rope making will be demonstrated.

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.

About the site: 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. 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.

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