

# MUSEUM MUSINGS

WESTON HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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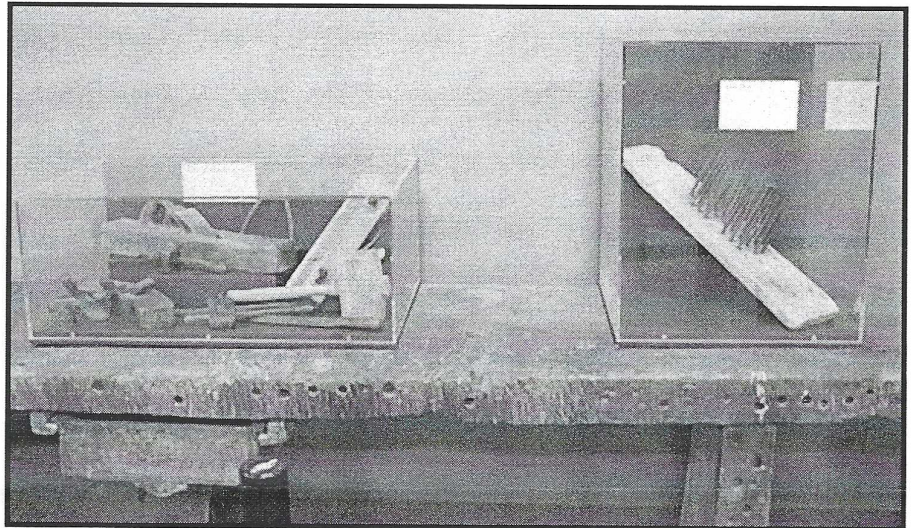
## Truman Library Tour a Success

Fifty travelers were greeted with a special aperitif, a fruity punch recipe from Bess Truman's collection, when they boarded a bus August 27th for the long-anticipated visit to The Harry S Truman Presidential Library and Museum in Independence. The event was sponsored by the Weston Historical Museum.

They were also given "goodie bags" of donated items from McCormick Distillery, Bank of Weston and the Shafer & Welch Law Office. Included were a memento and pamphlet from the Truman Library, and a souvenir booklet written and printed by our own Judy Juergens.

Greeted by the Library's Curator, Clay Bauske of Weston, the group had time to wander through some of the many exhibits and displays in the library/museum before visiting the gift shop. They were then taken on a tour through the current exhibit, "Steamboats to Steam Engines: George Caleb Bingham's Missouri, 1819-1879" which featured many items borrowed from our Museum in April.

A hemp break, a stagecoach strongbox, the workbench of Matthias Noll, a Steamboat En-



*The workbench of Matthias Noll and various tools of the hemp industry were among the displays at Truman Library's perspective of George Caleb Bingham's steamboat exhibit, which ran all summer long.*

*The items were on loan from Weston Museum.*

## Looking for A Few Good Buildings!

In our continuing effort to identify the history of all the buildings in downtown Weston, we are always looking through newspapers to find new information. So when we found a 1945 list of 38 Weston businesses who sponsored an advertisement for the 7th War Loan, we were in "hog heaven".

The location of 11 of those businesses are unknown to us. If anyone recognizes and knows where they were, please contact us via phone (816-386-2977), note (P.O. Box 266) or e-mail ([www.westonhistoricalmuseum.org](http://www.westonhistoricalmuseum.org)). We appreciate the help.

Ralph Pettis' Shop  
Ray's Super Market  
Honaker Barber Shop  
Linville Barber Shop  
Hall's Garage  
Roene's Café  
Adams Shoe Service

D and R Service  
Playmore Pool Room  
Frank Hollied's  
Bartlett's Grocery  
We are also trying to find locations for Johnson's Grocery and Beaty's Store #116.

## Did You Know That . . .

. . . in 1945, the minister for the First Baptist Church of Weston was Claude E. Thompson? Rev. Jesse M. Kauffman was pastor of the Christian Church, Rev. E.S. Havighurst was pastor for the Methodist Church and Rev. Charles Miller was the priest at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in that same year.

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. . . in 1812 Toussaint Benoit opened a bakery shop in St. Louis? He opened it on December 5th of that year, capitalizing on the household failing of never having any bread for dinner. By 1815 there were three more bakeries in St. Louis and in 1859, Kansas City advertised "something new," a Machine Cracker bakery. The following were stock articles: Soda Crackers, Boston Crackers, Picnic Crackers, Oyster Crackers, Pilot and Ship Crackers, Butter Crackers, Graham Crackers, Water Crackers, and Milk and Wine Biscuits.

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. . . Miss Julia Traver was a teacher in the Weston Public School in 1917? She was the daughter of Capt. and Mrs. Robert N. Traver and following her stint as a teacher here, Miss Julia became a well-known newspaperwoman on the staff of the Rochester (N.Y.) Post-Express. Her father was for many years a well-known Missouri newspaperman.

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. . . in the middle-to-late 1800's that many churches had a pew they called the "widow's bench?" On days of worship the widows were ushered to this bench and seated there, usually close to the front. Was this to garner sympathy for their plight and perhaps some alms to go their way or was it to show them off to any eligible single males who also attended church?

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. . . C.C. Davis, of Weston, built an electric light plant? It was due to open June 1st of 1905 if the boiler came in time. All of the other machinery was in the hands of Mr. Davis and he was awaiting that last piece.

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. . . in 1931 the Linville-Poe Barber shop, in keeping with the downward trend of prices in

most everything else, have reduced the price of haircuts from 40c to 25c, which includes both men and women and any style of haircuts. Shaves have been reduced from 20c to 15c.

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. . . there is no sound on the moon? Nor is there weather, wind, clouds or colors at sunrise or sunset. Or so some scientists say.

## Museum Has Duplicate Yearbooks for Sale

Due to the generosity of many readers and other kind souls, the museum now has a collection, with a few gaps, of Weston/West Platte High School yearbooks beginning in 1923 and going to 2004. The annuals missing are from 1977-1980, 1984-1985, 1987-2003 as well as 2005 forward.

We also have a number of extra copies that we are willing to sell for \$10.00 each plus \$4.00 shipping and handling if we need to mail them to someone. Those years in which there are duplicates are 1923-1928, 1942, 1946-1962, and 1964. All proceeds will be used to fund Museum expenses.

Give us a phone call, a shout out, stop by the museum, or drop a note to us in the mail and we will be glad to make you a proud owner of one

### Museum Officers & Staff:

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# Trivia Night - July 2011

## Third "Trivia Night" Brings New Contestants, Winners

Seven teams of varying size competed for bragging rights at Weston Museum's third "Trivia Night", held Saturday, July 23 in the Weston Branch of Mid-Continent Library. The evening was a success with friends and neighbors vying for 1st place amongst the heckling, hooting and raspberries.

Ten sets of ten questions kept those attending testing their memories and knowledge of the easily forgettable. Cries of "I knew that!" and "I told you so!" could be heard all evening long.

A boisterous controversy arose over whether a photo was of "Nemo" or "Merlin" but the judges (Marsha West, Ruth Marr and Larry Clemens) stuck to their guns and declared it a photo of Nemo (despite evidence to the contrary).

There was a three-way tie at the conclusion of the event; it was settled by a sudden-death round. In the end, the brand new team brought by Stacy Fulk was declared the winner.

Organizers for the event were Marsha West, Carolyn Larsen and Ann Saugstad.

Everyone enjoyed the air-conditioned affair and are already planning strategy for the next "Trivia Night", to be scheduled sometime after the first of the year.



*Team 7 took home the big prize at the July Trivia Night, sponsored by Weston Historical Museum. Left to right, the team was comprised of Margaret Bishop, Orville Fulk, Glenda Fulk, Leonard Fulk, Stacy Fulk, Teresa Fulk and Kris Fulk.*



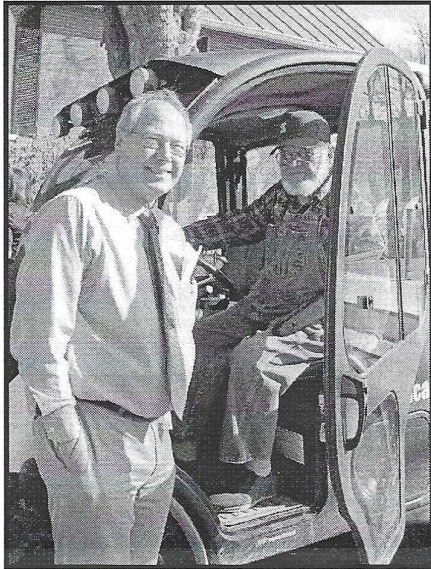
*Was it Nemo or Merlin? The Library Team "checked out" the book to make their case that it was indeed Merlin, not Nemo, pictured on the trivia question. The judges denied their appeal.*

*Left to right: Charlotte Miller, Jessie West, Stephen Chalmers, Sally Collier, Brandi Blankenship, Janet Fann and Lynn Collison.*

## Truman Library . . .

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gineer's license from the Ohlhausen family and a steamboat rock with mooring ring from the Hiatt family were among the artifacts on display. A hemp hackle and various other tools were also shown.



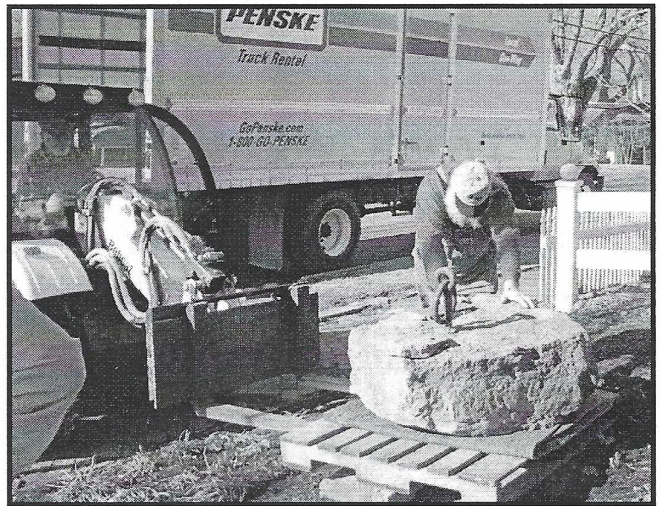
*Clay Bauske (left), curator of the Truman Library, was on site in April when movers transferred items from the Weston Museum to Truman Library for a five-month exhibit.*

Following the viewing of the exhibit, group members enjoyed a "happy hour" and then a catered buffet-style dinner in the atrium of the building.

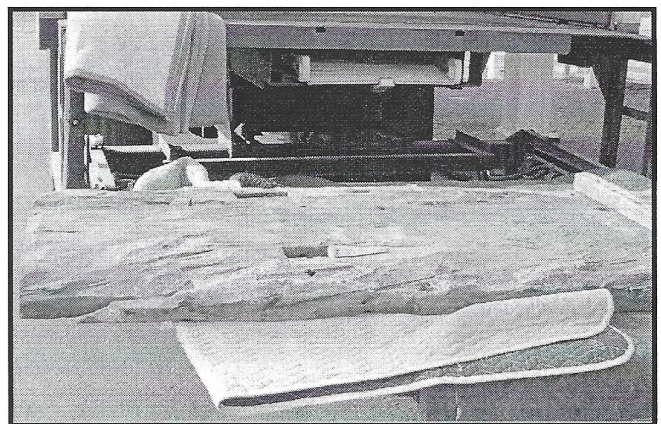
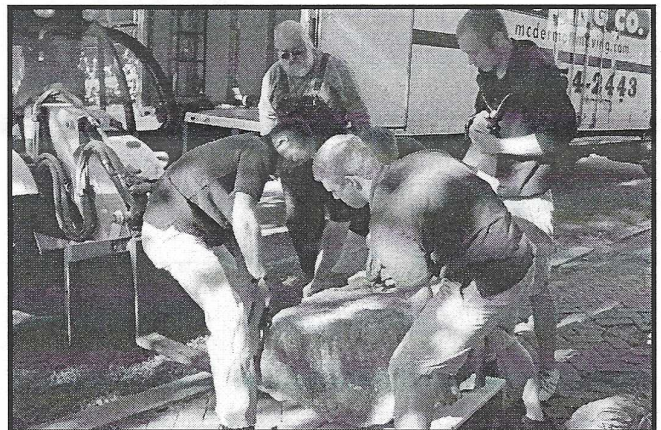
A special treat for the group was an insider's tour, which took us into the working area and storage rooms of the museum with Mr. Bauske doing the honors.

The group arrived back in Weston at 10:00 p.m. with great memories of a fun-filled, once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

The officers and Board of Trustees wish to thank the committee who worked long and hard to make the evening the great success it proved to be and the generosity and helpfulness of Clay Bauske and the folks at the Truman Library. Members of the committee were Marsha West, Judy Juergens, Susan Grinlinton and Ruth Marr.



*Coming or going . . . moving the mooring ring was a massive operation. With lots of hands and backs, it was loaded onto a pallet covered forklift and deposited into a moving truck. Fortunately both moving days were beautiful, with no precipitation.*



*Matthias Noll's workbench had to be taken apart for the journey. Here, the one-piece slab was placed on a lift to be transferred into the bed of a truck.*

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## Finishing Touches Applied to Museum

It has been a busy summer for the Museum in terms of sprucing up. Lester Moore and a group of Amish workmen from the Jamesport area installed a new metal roof this past spring. Following that the work crew of James Farley completed the rebuilding and painting of the museum portico and repairs to the north outside staircase.

Susan Grinlinton has been working on the large wooden sign on the outside wall of the museum and still others, including Carl Felling, Sigi Rowland and Ann Saugstad took care of weeding, watering and mulching of the landscape around the foundation.

Abe and Quint Shafer recently gave the outside bench a sanding and new coat of finish. Museum member, Pat Stampfel, has painted the outer front doors of the museum.

Inside, a recent addition to our displays is one on Rumpel's Hardware, a long-time business in downtown Weston. The case was given to the Museum this spring by Chuck and Bill Sebus .

Executive Board member Zim Hull has been busy with member Chuck Sebus getting a new security camera and monitor in service. Our older system more or less "gave up the ghost."

And last, but certainly not least, our new computer is up and running. Jessica Larsen and Marsha West have been busy updating old catalogued information and entering new acquisitions. They were recently joined by Owen Chia-ventone.

We greatly appreciate the work of all these good folks. Please give them a pat on the back when you see them next.

## Are You Addicted?

You know you are addicted to genealogy when:

- You introduce your children as your descendants.
- You have your own set of keys to a Family History Center and the volunteers think you work there.



*Repairing the stairs to the lower level yard was on the top of list of repairs to make this past summer.*

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## Museum Has E-Mail, Website and Facebook

For sometime now your museum has had a website and we also now have e-mail and Facebook.

Pictures, new columns by the curator, special events and other bits of information can be found at [www.westonhistoricalmuseum.org](http://www.westonhistoricalmuseum.org). To send an e-mail, click the "Contact Us" button.

The museum would also like you to know that the newsletter, *Museum Musings*, will be sent to any member who wishes it via e-mail, IF they send us their e-mail address. This can be done when you send in your renewal for your 2012 membership.

## Please Check Your Address Labels

We are asking all of you to once again check your address labels for accuracy. We are still rebuilding information since our list was corrupted.

In order to notify members of special events, we are also attempting to compile e-mail addresses of all the Museum members, so please let us know yours.

If any corrections need to be made, call us at 816-386-2977, write or e-mail us so that we can be certain we have it right in our computers.

Thanks for the help.

# Weston Historical Museum Members

November 2011

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\* Denotes Additional  
Contribution for 2011.

Weston Historical Museum

Annual Dinner Meeting

Sunday November 13th 5:30 p.m.

Methodist Church Basement

Fellowship Hall

533 Main Street, Weston, Missouri

Program

Mark Raab, Adjunct Professor of Geosciences from UMKC, will speak on the Native Americans living in the Weston valley along the Missouri River 1000 - 2000 years ago, covering the culture and society of these people.

Dinner Reservations are \$20.00 per person.

Dinner is catered by the Avalon Cafe

Deadline for reservations is November 4th.

Please mail your reservation form to:

Weston Historical Museum  
P.O. Box 266, Weston, MO 64098

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Reservations \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_



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*"If we do not know our history, we will lose our road to the future."*

*Unknown*

## Annual Dinner Set for Nov. 13th

Reservations are due by November 4th for Weston Historical Museum's Annual Membership Meeting, scheduled for Sunday, November 13th. The dinner will be held at the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall beginning at 5:30 p.m. and will catered by The Avalon Cafe.

With the finish of our 50th year, President Carl Felling will be giving a year-end report on the "\$50K for 50 Years" campaign, as well as an update on the year's events.

UMKC Adjunct Professor of Geosciences Mark Raab will be the speak on the history of Native Americans in the Weston area.

The election of officers and Board members for the following year will be held as well. Please try to attend.

Reservations are \$20 per person. A reservation form can be found in this issue, or contact the Museum at 816-386-2977.

## Membership Fees Due January 1st

Annual memberships renew January 1, 1012 and are due as of that date. Enclosed in this month's newsletter is a response card for you to fill out and return.

Membership levels include Life, Benefactor, Patron, Contributor, Family, Individual, Senior and Student. Members receive four issues of *Museum Musings* and first notice of any special event, such as our recent trip to Truman Library & Museum.

Membership dues are the life's blood for us, helping to pay for the basic overhead such as heat and lights.

Weston Museum is a non-profit organization, run by mostly volunteers. We welcome and greatly appreciate any size of monetary gift, which are tax deductible.

So please dig deep and join us for another history-making year.