

August 25, 1992

TO: Senator Dole  
FROM: Kathy Ormiston  
SUBJECT: Hollenberg Ranch

Format

Sheriff John Wiley Kerr is escorting you from the plane to the Station. A covered wagon will take you the short distance from the drive to podium.

Duane Durst, the curator of the Station, will welcome you. Shirley Miller, Representative of 1860 Historical Dress Group, will then introduce you. The Horseshoe Band will play following your speech.

There will be a place for you to sit down and eat, but I told them you would prefer to meet as many people as possible and eat if you have time.

Dignitaries Expected to Attend

Mayor Dan Seeberger, Hanover  
Robert Holle, President of the Friends of the Hollenberg Station  
State Representative Bill Bryant, Washington, Kansas  
Janice Hardenburger, County Republican Chairwoman  
B.J. Smart, Economic Development Director

How Many People

Planning to feed about 1,200.



## **Pony Express Festival**

**August 30, 1992**

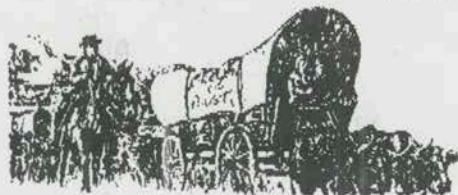
**Hollenberg Pony  
Express Station**

**Hanover, Kansas**

**1/2 mile north & 1 mile east**

- Re-enactment of arrival of an Oregon Trail wagon train
- Buffalo-burger noon meal on the grounds
- Circuit-rider church service
- Pioneer living history demonstrations
- Pony Express re-ride with mochila exchange
- Historic dress
- Re-enactment of appointment of postmaster and monologues by Oregon Trail travelers.

**Free admilsslon 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**



## **HOLLENBERG RANCH**

## **PONY EXPRESS STATION**

### **INTRODUCTION**

**0     THANK YOU FOR COMING  
TODAY. IT IS REALLY A  
PLEASURE TO BE HERE AT  
THE HOLLENBERG RANCH  
PONY EXPRESS STATION.**

### **VISITOR CENTER STUDY**

**0     THREE YEARS AGO, I ASKED**

**THE PARK SERVICE TO  
LOOK AT WHAT WOULD BE  
THE BEST SITE FOR A PONY  
EXPRESS VISITOR CENTER  
IN KANSAS. THE STUDY  
CONCLUDED, THAT WHILE  
BOTH THE HOLLENBERG  
RANCH AND THE  
MARYSVILLE BARN HAVE  
IMPORTANT ROLES TO**



**PLAY, THE HOLLENBERG  
RANCH WAS THE BEST SITE  
FOR A PONY EXPRESS  
VISITOR CENTER IN  
KANSAS.**

**0 ONE OF THE REASONS THE  
RANCH WAS CHOSEN IS  
THE ACTIVE ROLE THE  
KANSAS STATE HISTORIC  
SOCIETY HAS PLAYED IN**

**PRESERVING AND  
MANAGING THIS SITE.  
NATIONAL TRAILS WERE  
INTENDED TO BE  
PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN  
STATE GOVERNMENTS,  
PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS --  
LIKE THE FRIENDS OF THE  
HOLLENBERG RANCH, AND  
THE FEDERAL**

**GOVERNMENT. LOCAL  
PARTNERSHIPS HELP  
STRETCH FEDERAL  
DOLLARS AND ENSURE  
THAT FUNDING WILL BE  
WISELY SPENT.**

**WHAT IS NEXT?**

**0 THE QUESTION ON ALL  
YOUR MINDS IS HOW CAN  
WE GET THIS VISITOR**

**CENTER MOVING? WELL,  
THE FIRST STEP WAS  
COMPLETED LAST MONTH  
WHEN THE BILL TO  
ESTABLISH THE PONY  
EXPRESS TRAIL AS A  
NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL  
WAS SIGNED INTO LAW. IT  
SEEMS THAT YOU CAN'T  
HAVE A NATIONAL TRAIL**



## **CENTER WITHOUT A NATIONAL TRAIL.**

**0 THE NEXT STEP WILL BE  
GETTING MONEY FROM THE  
APPROPRIATIONS  
COMMITTEE TO BUILD THE  
CENTER. BECAUSE OF AN  
EXTREMELY TIGHT BUDGET,  
WE WEREN'T ABLE TO FUND  
THE VISITOR CENTER THIS**

**YEAR. HOWEVER, THE  
NUMBER ONE REPUBLICAN  
ON THE COMMITTEE  
ASSURED ME ON THE  
SENATE FLOOR THAT THE  
HOLLENBERG RANCH  
VISITOR CENTER WOULD BE  
GIVEN EVERY  
CONSIDERATION NEXT  
YEAR.**

## **CONCLUSION**

**0 I HOPE THIS HAS GIVEN YOU  
SOME IDEA OF WHERE  
THINGS ARE GOING. IF YOU  
HAVE ANY HARD  
QUESTIONS, JUST ASK  
DUANE DURST, THE  
CURATOR OF THE  
HOLLENBERG RANCH  
STATION.**

**0      THANKS AGAIN FOR  
INVITING ME TO  
PARTICIPATE IN THE  
FESTIVAL. IT IS HARD TO  
FIND GOOD BUFFALO  
BURGERS IN WASHINGTON.**