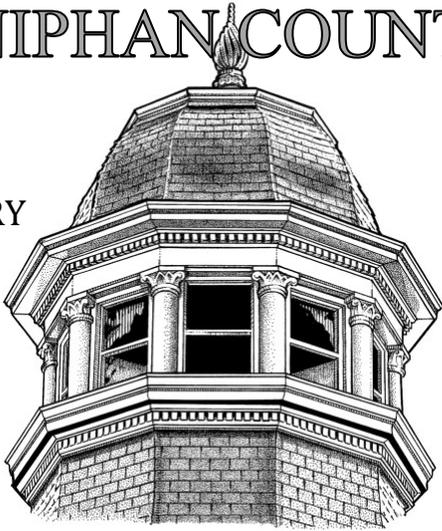


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JANUARY MEETING

SHOW AND TELL

January 22, 6:00 pm

Troy Pioneer Center, 137 W Walnut St, Troy

Check your closets, your cabinets, your sheds and your garages. What interesting artifact do you have that you'd like to share? You are guaranteed to see something that will spark a memory from your youth, or make you think "What in the world was THAT used for?"

Join us for Show and Tell on January 23 at the Pioneer Center in Troy. Everyone is encouraged to bring one relic to present. After the Show and Tell, we will enjoy refreshments and hold a brief business meeting.



**Bring an Object
Share Its Story**

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MEETING MINUTES

November 20, 2025

President Jason Midyette welcomed the twenty-one people gathered for our November meeting and to hear the presentation by Larry Faulkner on “**Cold.**” Thank you to Joan Oyerly for the refreshments.

Larry has spent many years researching Abraham Lincoln, collecting memorabilia and documents. One of his prized possessions is the book *Lincoln on the Eve of 61*, a journalist’s story by Henry Villard. He has a copy of an excerpt from the Kansas Chief February 4, 1909, that referenced a printed postcard for Abraham Lincoln’s birthday. After some research, Larry located an original of the postcard at Fort Hays State University in their repository. He has a copy of the postcard now. Larry spoke of specific times Lincoln would reference the freezing **cold** weather he experienced. especially in 1859 as he traveled about the area visiting towns and speaking. On his travels, he often encountered Henry Villard, a journalist and financier. While on the road to Troy, one such happening occurred and Henry loaned Mr. Lincoln a buffalo robe due to the bitter cold and Mr. Lincoln riding in an open buggy without a warm coat.

Lincoln spoke in Troy, Kansas on December 1, 1859, during his Kansas tour, delivering an anti-slavery speech at the courthouse, possibly practicing his famous Cooper Union address. He spent the night at the Tennent-Baker house, which still stands today. The afternoon speech lasted nearly two hours with 40 individuals present. His visit included stops in other nearby towns like Elwood and Doniphan, as he campaigned against the Kansas-Nebraska Act and popular sovereignty. Larry closed his presentation displaying a painting his father-in-law had done many years ago. It is believed the painting is of the Smith House in Troy. He played a recording of his daughter performing a violin solo of a time-period piece. Thank you, Larry.

Business Meeting

Jason called the meeting to order. Reminder of the Annual Soup supper Monday, December 1 at the Tennent-Baker House. Members are asked to bring soup and cookies. Paper products, table service and drinks will be provided. Tables and chairs will be moved from the museum to the House Saturday morning beginning at 10am. Volunteers are needed to help.

Anna is resigning as Treasurer and Newsletter Editor. These are two separate positions. Jason

December 1, 2025

Twenty-three people braved the cold, snowy weather to gather at the Tennent-Baker House in Troy for the annual soup supper to commemorate the speech given by Abraham Lincoln on December 1, 1859. President Jason Midyette welcomed everyone and gave a brief synopsis of the event that day long ago.

Soups, breads and desserts were enjoyed by those in attendance. William J. Randall with the Kansas Chief paper in White Cloud also stopped to warm up as he had been present and heard Mr. Lincoln speak. He shared with us excerpts from the news article he was writing for publication the next day. is resigning as President. A special meeting will be held in January to elect new officers, discuss where do we want to go with the historical society, what we are as a group, etc. Watch for the announcement of the meeting date. If anyone is interested in one of the positions, please let an Officer or Board member know. In January, we will also work on program topics and presentations for the year. Please submit any suggestions or ideas you may have for those as well.

The group consensus was to not hold a Christmas Dinner this year.

The annual Show And Tell will be Thursday, January 22 at 6 pm at the Pioneer Center in Troy. Please bring an item to share. *Please let Vicki know if you can provide refreshments.*

We extend our gratitude and thanks to Jason and Anna for their many years of serving as officers and newsletter editor. We deeply appreciate all your hard work.

Vicki Jones, Secretary



**Tuesday Night Talks
2026 Schedule of Events**

28th Anniversary of Tuesday Night Talks

Tuesday Night Talks (TNT) is a Weekly Lecture Series in January and February on Topics Related to the 1800's and History of St. Joseph

Doors open at 6:00 P.M. Speakers begin at 7:00 P.M.

All Talks Held in the
Pony Express Museum Community Room
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Date	Topic	Speaker*
1-13-26	"Glory" Slave to Soldier	George Pettigrew
1-20-26	King Hill Cemetery	Lisa Barber & Mike Robertson
1-27-26	"Where Stories Begin: Home, History and the Written Word"	Tom Brand
2-5-26**	"Dear George... The Breakup Letter Heard Around the World"	Sarah Elder Pony Express Historian
2-10-26	Saint Joseph Fire Dept. History 1865	Chief Training Officer George Albert & Battalion Chief John Nelson
2-17-26	Krug Park History Past, Present, Future	Jeff Adkins

*Speakers are a partnership with St. Joseph Questers Group

**Due to General Election on February 3, 2026, TNT talk will be February 5, 2026

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