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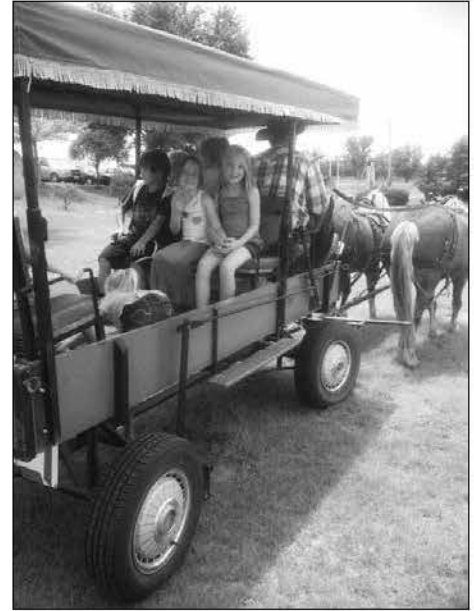
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La Castenada, a Harvey House hotel in Las Vegas, New Mexico, has been purchased by Allan Affeldt. Affeldt has shown his willingness and ability to restore historic buildings with his past purchase and renovation of La Posada, another Harvey House in Winslow, Arizona. La Castenada was last open in 1948. The Bent's Fort Chapter will visit Las Vegas in early August. Photo: Ruth Friesen

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The 14th annual Grasslands Heritage Festival was held in June at the Morton County Museum in Elkhart, Kansas. The festival is a celebration of the Santa Fe Trail and the ecosystem of the Cimarron National Grassland. Enjoying a wagon ride during Children's Day at the festival are (left to right) Kayden White, Elsie Blackmore and Emerson Plummer. The team and wagon belong to Bill and Myrna Barnes of the Cimarron Cutoff Chapter. Photo: Myrna Barnes

Chapter Reports

Chapters are listed in order from the beginning of the Trail in Missouri westward.

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At our April Membership/Board meeting we presented our biennial awards. Awards of Merit were presented to Lafayette County Commissioners, represented by Commissioner Tracy Dyer, and Saline County Commissioners, represented by Commissioner Monty Fenner, for their approval and work in the installation of the Santa Fe National Historic Trail local tour route signs in their respective counties. Mary Conrad, Vice President of MRO, was presented an Award of Achieve-

ment for her devoted work in the preservation of the trails and service to MRO. An Award of Appreciation was presented to Mayor Matt Mallinson and the City of Sugar Creek for their efforts to preserve and promote the Santa Fe, Oregon and California National Historic Trails from the Upper Independence/Wayne City Landing through Sugar Creek to where it enters Independence, MO.

The Santa Fe Trail GeoTour was completed and went active on April 15. It has been gratifying to read the comments by the many geocachers as they visit the locations of the caches along the Santa Fe Trail. Especially satisfying is the number of comments that we get with regard to opening new sites to these first time visitors and making them aware of many more historic sites along the Trail.

In May the MRO board made a presentation of the Roger