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1872 Neosho Colored School receives $100,000

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NEOSHO, Mo. — When Nanda Nunnelly's grandparents lived in Neosho, Nunnelly and her family would visit them frequently. During some of those visits she remembers riding her bike on Young Street past a little house in the middle of the 600 block, just a couple of blocks from her grandparents' home on Spring Street.

She replayed those memories on Friday as she stood outside the historic 1872 Neosho Colored School at 639 Young St., which looks much different than it did when she road her bike by it a child.

That building has been identified as the place where scientist George Washington Carver received his first taste of a formal education as a 10-year-old boy. He had walked 10 miles from his home outside Diamond to go to school.

It served as a school for Neosho's African American population for almost 20 years, until 1891 when the local school district closed and sold the tiny structure after building a new school for African-American residents.

"I rode by here never knowing the historical significance of this house," Nunnelly said. "And then to know that when the Carver Birthplace Association was given this property in 2004 it was just going to be torn down, then they realized as they were planning the demolition that the school house was actually inside the modern additions."

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The 1872 Neosho Colored School is being restored with grant money from several public and private sources. Pictured under the window on the left are Carver Birthplace Association board members Nanda Nunnelly, Deanna Clymer, Michele Hansford and Lana Henry.



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Steve Brunson honors veterans during the 39th annual Joplin Veterans Day Parade in downtown Joplin on Saturday.

'I WANTED ... TO TELL THEM THANK YOU'

Joplin residents honor military veterans during 39th annual parade Saturday

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Joplin's Main Street burst with patriotism on Saturday when community members turned out in droves to honor military veterans during the 39th annual Joplin Veterans Day Parade presented by American Legion Post 13.

Bob Harrington, post commander, said there were at least 55 parade entries this year. The parade included school bands, ROTC groups, muscle cars and floats from area organizations.

Chad Kent, a nine-year U.S. Air Force veteran from New Jersey, stood near 10th and Main Street where he waved and saluted fellow veterans aboard passing floats. This was his first Joplin Veterans

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The color guard leads Joplin High School's ROTC during Saturday's parade.

EDITOR'S NOTE

No print paper on Veterans Day

Because there is no mail delivery Wednesday, Nov. 11, The Joplin Globe will not print a paper for that day. Breaking news and sports stories will continue to be posted to our website, joplinglobe.com.

Ronald McDonald House kicks off campaign

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Joplin's Ronald McDonald House Four States kicks off its 25th annual Gift of Light fundraising campaign with an event from 4-7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, at 3402 Jackson Ave.

"It's our biggest fundraiser of the year. Our goal this year is $300,000," said Whitley John, community engagement manager for Ronald McDonald House.

The evening will feature the annual tree lighting ceremony beginning at 5:30 p.m. along with family-friendly activities and live entertainment. Guests can enjoy ornament making, pictures with Santa Claus, and the opportunity to write letters to Santa and mail them to the North Pole. Live performances include SouthernVOX (Missouri Southern State University choir), Carl Junction High School Drumline, Carl Junction Dynamics (chamber choir), Karen's Dance Studio and Baylee's Music Academy.

The lights remain up through the end of the year as the fundraiser continues.

Each year, Ronald McDonald House selects a family to represent its campaign. This year's feature family is the Brooke and Bill Nixon family from Grove, Oklahoma. Some of the family stayed 14 nights at the Ronald McDonald House earlier this year while their

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