

ROGER T. SERMON FUND -

OLD SPRING PROJECT

SERMON CENTER

NOLAND ROAD & TRUMAN ROAD

INDEPENDENCE, MO 64050

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The opening of the "Old Spring Project" will take place Saturday, May 20, 2000 at 10:am in front of the Roger T. Sermon Center, Noland Road & Truman Road, Independence, MO. This project is funded by the Roger T. Sermon fund, part of the Truman Heartland Community Foundation. It depicts a spring located on an Indian trace used by Native-Americans and settlers. It includes a sculpture of a young Native American man and native rock and plantings typical of the Missouri landscape.

The historical setting was designed to tie the log cabin and Sermon Center together and give visitors a visual monument to our past.

The statue has been created by Mischell Riley of Miami, OK & Independence, MO.

The landscape and rock design has been supervised by Eric Ashbaugh and Tim Crede. The emphasis was to make the project look like a natural progression from the rock outcropping to the east of the Center. It has an underground watering system and lighting system. The opening ceremony will be hosted by Dick Wilson, a local radio personality. Larry Thompson, Chairman of the Board, for the the "Heart of America Indian Center" will unveil the statute.

We hope the Mayor of Independence will be back to work and be able to turn on the water, but this depends on his doctor's report. He is Ron Stewart.

Other introductions will include the Advisory Committee for the Roger T. Sermon Fund, Bob Belote, Director of Indep. Parks & Recreation and Paul Thompson, Director of the Truman Heartland Community Foundation.

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Roger T Sermon Jr. was the son of a former Mayor of Independence (28 years).

Roger T. Sermon Jr. was an interior decorator and a member of the CCCC, which has worked to make the Sermon Center (named for his father) a beautiful and thriving community building. It was the former Power & Light plant, which was part of his childhood memories as he often accompanied his father to visit this place.

A Benefit Pancake Breakfast (all you can eat) will be taking place the same date, May 20, 2000 at the Sermon Center from 8:00 am to 11:00 am. This event is sponsored by the Citizens Civic & Cultural Committee. Tickets \$5.00 each. BOTH EVENTS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.