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BATTLE OF OSAWATOMIE RE-ENACTMENT PLANNED FOR FREEDOM FESTIVAL

OSAWATOMIE, KS—A re-enactment of the Battle of Osawatomie and first person narratives by Territorial Kansas historical figures are among the many activities planned for the September 15 and 16 Freedom Festival at John Brown Museum State Historic Site, located in John Brown Park at 10th and Main. The festivities begin at 10 a.m. Saturday with an opening ceremony and a number of Civil War period demonstrations. Live music on Saturday includes The Young Family at 11 a.m., the Band of Oz at 4 p.m., and the EKan All-Star Jazz Band at 5 p.m. Saturday's events conclude with the 6 p.m. showing of "Touched by Fire," a documentary about Bleeding Kansas.

The Freedom Festival continues Sunday with a church service at 10 a.m., first person narratives including John Brown and Abraham Lincoln, and will conclude with a 4 p.m. performance by "The Drifter and the Lady" cowboy band.

Throughout the weekend, visitors can see or participate in 19th century crafts demonstrations, a modern craft fair, children's activities, and a Kansas Army National Guard climbing wall and equipment display. Food vendors will also be on site.

The John Brown Museum will also be open all weekend. The site features an original log cabin that belonged to Brown's half sister and her husband, family furnishings and belongings, and Civil War weapons. The cabin served as John Brown's informal headquarters during the border war between Kansas and Missouri. For more information, call 913-755-4384. The John Brown Museum State Historic Site is one of sixteen State Historic Sites administered by the Kansas Historical Society.