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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### Historic Fort Hays Days Scheduled for September 26 & 27

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HAYS, Kan.—The 26<sup>th</sup> annual Historic Fort Hays Days will be Friday and Saturday, September 26 and 27, at Fort Hays State Historic Site. Admission is free on both days. The theme of this year's event will be the railroad. Friday is a school day and many area schools already signed up to participate in the event. Programs will be given on the history and importance of the railroad, how the railroad was built, tools of the railroad trade, and the importance of Morse Code. A model railroad display will reinforce what students have learned on a miniature scale. Friday's events are scheduled from 8:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Saturday's programs will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Members of the Kansas Pacific Model Railroad Club will help present the programs both days.

At 7 p.m. Friday Dr. Michaeline Chance-Reay will present *Harvey Girls: It All Started in Topeka*, a Kansas Humanities Council Speakers Bureau program sponsored by the Society of Friends of Historic Fort Hays. Preferring the term Harvey Girl to waitress, Fred Harvey recruited single women to work at Harvey Houses along the Santa Fe Railroad line from Kansas to California. Between the 1880s and the 1950s, more than 100,000 women, many Kansans, proudly wore the black and white uniforms of the Harvey Company. Find out more about these adventuresome young women. There is no charge to attend this program.

The Hays Lions Club will hold an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast 7 to 10 a.m. Saturday, September 27. The price for the breakfast of pancakes, sausage, juice, and coffee is \$4.

Fort Hays State Historic Site is located four miles south of I-70 exit 157 at Hays. The site is one of 16 administered by the Kansas Historical Society. For more information contact Fort Hays State Historic Site, 1472 Highway 183 Alt., Hays KS 67601-9212; 785-625-6812; <[thefort@kshs.org](mailto:thefort@kshs.org)>; [kshs.org](http://kshs.org).

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