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Fort Hays State Historic Site  
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## **“KANSAS KRITTERS” TO INVADE FORT HAYS FOR KANSAS DAY** *Thursday, January 29, 2009*

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**HAYS, Kan.**—The Kansas Historical Society announced that Fort Hays State Historic Site will be one of many historic sites across the state offering Kansas Day activities for schools on Thursday, January 29, 2009, the state’s 148<sup>th</sup> birthday. In conjunction with Fort Hays State Historic Site, Brian Bartels of the Sternberg Museum will present, “Kansas Kritters: Know your Animal Heritage,” a program to introduce students to the wide variety of “kritters” that are native to Kansas and that can be found either crawling, running, jumping, or flying in our woods and fields. The presentation will include live animals and feature the state symbols, such as the Ornate Box Turtle and Barred Tiger Salamander.

Teachers are urged to bring school groups and may call site administrator Bob Wilhelm at 785-625-6812 for more information. Reservations are requested.

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; kshs.org.

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