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GREENSBURG GREEN CLUB, RETIREMENT OF INCANDESCENT LIGHT BULB HIGHLIGHT 2009 HISTORY & ENVIRONMENTAL FAIR

9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Thursday, April 23

**Note to media: best video/photo opportunity – 10 a.m.
(Greensburg students/retirement of light bulb)**

**Also – children can download activity sheets to show what the light bulb will do in retirement -
kshs.org/teachers/fieldtrips/historyfair.htm**

TOPEKA, KS—The Kansas Historical Society announced its 2009 History & Environmental Fair will be held 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Thursday, April 23. Between 1,000 and 1,500 students from the area are expected to converge on the Historical Society to learn how nature and the environment have shaped our lives and how we, in turn, have impacted our environment. This event is co-sponsored by the Shawnee County Conservation District and the Historical Society and is free and open to the public.

Highlights of this year's fair include:

- Presentations by students from Greensburg's Green Club
- Westar Energy will officially retire the incandescent light bulb during a ceremony including the donation of a light bulb that was used nearly 50 years ago to light the Tecumseh Energy Center
- Architecture students from the University of Kansas' Studio 804 program will present their Greensburg Project
- Author Janice Haney will be autographing copies of her book, *Greensburg, The Twisted Tales*. 1-3 p.m.

Students will also have opportunities to:

- Discover composting, tree recycling, and other environmentally-friendly demonstrations
- Try candle-dipping, water carrying, and other traditional life skills that helped our ancestors survive in early Kansas
- Explore activity and exhibit booths staffed by representatives from Kansas Farm Bureau, Kansas Department of Health & Environment, Keep America Beautiful, and the Topeka Shawnee County Public Library
- Meet native Kansas animals

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The fair, which is suitable for students generally in grades four through six, helps address Kansas science education standards for all grade levels. Visitors will also be able to tour the Kansas Museum of History at no charge during the fair.

The Historical Society is located at 6425 SW 6th Avenue. Find more information at kshs.org/teachers/fieldtrips/historyfair.htm or by calling 785-272-8681, ext. 431.

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