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Pawnee Indian Museum State Historic Site
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PROGRAM REVEALS IMPORTANCE OF NIGHT SKIES TO PAWNEE INDIANS

7:30 p.m. Sunday, October 26 - Pawnee Indian Museum State Historic Site

REPUBLIC, KS—The Kansas Historical Society announced that the Pawnee Indian Museum State Historic Site will host the Pawnee Star Show 7:30 p.m. Sunday, October 26, 2008.

Astronomer Dan Glomski of the McDonald Planetarium in Hastings, Neb., will discuss the importance of the stars in Pawnee culture, particularly with regard to their religious beliefs. After the program Glomski will point out constellations and the stars that were of the greatest importance to the Pawnees. Admission is free and refreshments will be served.

About the Pawnee Indian Museum: The Pawnee Nation was the dominant power of the Central Plains for hundreds of years. This museum tells the story of an 1820s Pawnee village. The most remarkable feature is the museum's centerpiece – the excavated floor of a large 1820s Pawnee earth lodge. Feel the spirits of the past while walking the perimeter of the lodge and view the rare sacred bundle that hangs above the altar. After touring the museum, walk the interpretive trail that winds through the depressions marking other lodges.

The Pawnee Indian Museum is one of 16 state historic sites operated by the Kansas Historical Society, a state agency. It is located at 480 Pawnee Trail near Republic. The Museum is open 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Wednesday – Saturday and 1 – 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for seniors and students. KSHS, Inc., members, current military, and children under five are admitted free.

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