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### FLINT HILLS COMMUNITY BAND CONCERT RETURNS TO KAW MISSION

6:30 p.m. Sunday, August 16, 2009

*Free concert features song with strong Morris County connections*

COUNCIL GROVE, KS—Friends of Kaw Heritage, Inc. and the Voices of the Wind People Pageant Committee invite the public to the fifth annual free Community Band Concert at Kaw Mission State Historic Site, 6:30pm Sunday, August 16. Back by popular demand is the Flint Hills Community Band, led by Dennis Brooks and comprised of musicians from Council Grove and surrounding communities including Alma, Alta Vista, Cottonwood Falls, Dwight, Emporia, Herington, and Manhattan. Brooks and the band members will perform at no charge. Visitors should bring lawn chairs or blankets and expect to enjoy a cool summer evening of free outdoor entertainment under the shade of the majestic trees on the lawn, located at 500 N Mission Street.

The program for the evening includes music that was popular during Civil War, including John Philip Sousa marches that are as popular today as they were when introduced during the 1880s. Jazz, blues, and tunes from popular musicals will also be featured.

One selection to be performed will be of particular significance to those who live in Council Grove. "The Morris County Exposition," was written by A. J. Guille in 1899 for the 1900 Morris County Fair. The original composition was written for piano and published by Frank E. Pirtle who owned a music store on Main Street. The band will be playing an arrangement written by Council Grove native Todd Hollis as a dedication to his former music instructor, Dennis McGettrick, upon his retirement from teaching in 2000.

The Voices of the Wind People pageant committee will serve homemade ice cream and cake during the concert as a fundraising effort for their September 2010 pageant.

The Friends of Kaw Heritage, Inc., Kansas Historical Society, Morris County Historical Society, and the Voices of the Wind People Pageant Committee sponsor this concert. For additional information contact Kaw Mission State Historic Site at 620-767-5410, e-mail - kawmission@kshs.org. More information is available at kawmission.org.

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