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PRESENTATION ON PAWNEE SCOUTS, OPEN HOUSE HIGHLIGHT UPCOMING EVENTS AT PAWNEE INDIAN MUSEUM STATE HISTORIC SITE

REPUBLIC, KS—The Kansas Historical Society announced that the Pawnee Indian Museum State Historic Site will host a series of presentations and exhibits in November and December. All events will be held at the Pawnee Indian Museum, 480 Pawnee Trail, Republic. For more information call 785-361-2255 or visit kshs.org/places/pawnee_indian.

A presentation entitled "Wolves for the Blue Soldiers; the Pawnee Scouts," will be held 7 p.m. Sunday, November 22, by Richard Gould, Pawnee Indian Museum site administrator. Pawnee scouts fought for the U.S. government under the supervision of Major Frank North and his brother, Luther. More than 200 Pawnee warriors were enlisted to fight their age-old enemies, the Lakotas, Cheyennes, and Arapahos. Admission fee is \$1 for the program.

In December, a special exhibit will be on display in the museum lobby. *George Catlin, Frontier Visionary* features the work of George Catlin, who painted more than 600 portraits of Indians from many plains tribes including the Pawnees. His paintings represent the most authentic visual record of that time. Paintings in this exhibit represent the Pawnee, Kansa, Otoe, and Blackfoot nations. A video describing Catlin's remarkable life will be shown in the lobby throughout the month. Regular admission fee applies.

The public is also invited to enjoy free admission and refreshments 2-4 p.m. Sunday, December 6, at the Pawnee Indian Museum open house. Visitors will discover recent changes to exhibits at the site.

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 museum is one of 16 state historic sites operated by the Kansas Historical Society, a state agency. It is located eight miles north of U.S. 36 on K-266. For further information, contact the museum at 785-361-2255. The museum is open 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Wednesday – Saturday and 1 – 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$1 for students; KSHS, Inc., members and children five and under are admitted free.

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