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Historic Springs in Kansas

April 15, 2012, Kaw Mission, Council Grove

COUNCIL GROVE, KS—Rex Buchanan will present the Historic Springs in Kansas in the third of the 2012 Kaw Councils educational program series at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 15, at Kaw Mission State Historic Site, 500 N. Mission Street. Regular admission fee of \$3 for adults and \$1 for children applies.

“One of the interesting things about springs is that they are a place where human and natural history intersect—where the plants and animals and people come together,” Buchanan said. “Archaeologists have told us that at almost any of these spring locations we visit, if we looked around we would find evidence of Native American activities in terms of points, spear points, and other remnants of their activities.” For thousands of years, the springs of Kansas have served as important sources of water for human consumption. The routes of historic trails were determined by springs, such as Alcove Spring on the Oregon Trail or Diamond Spring along the old Santa Fe Trail. From Bonner Springs to Baxter Springs to Sharon Springs.

Buchanan grew up near Little River, in Rice County. He has degrees from Kansas Wesleyan University and the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He has been with the Kansas Geological Survey since 1978. Buchanan has authored numerous books on geology in Kansas.

The Friends of Kaw Heritage, Inc. (FKH), the Kansas Historical Society, and the Santa Fe Trails Association sponsor Kaw Councils 2012. Refreshments provided by FKH. Regular admission fee applies. Presentation held at Kaw Mission State Historic Site, 500 N. Mission Street, Council Grove. For more information call 620-767-5410; kawmission@kshs.org; or visit kshs.org or friendsofkawheritage.org.

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