2023 Kaw Mission Councils

Kaw Mission and Last Chance Store Museums State Historic Site on the Santa Fe Trail

Council Grove

The 2023 Kaw Mission Councils is a series of lectures and events focused on the rich history of westward expansion. There is a suggested donation of $3. Sponsored by the Kansas Historical Society and Friends of Kaw Heritage. Programs begin at 2 p.m. Sundays at Kaw Mission visitor center unless otherwise noted.

January 22

February 19
“Railroaded: The Industry that Shaped Kansas,” presented by Dr. Leo Oliva, pictured

March 19
“Keep the Whiskey in the Cellar and the Ammunition on the Windowsill: Archeology of the A.I. Baker Store on the Santa Fe Trail (14MO701),” presented by Chris Garst

April 16
“Native Americans on the Santa Fe Trail,” presented by Mike Dickey

May 21
“A Marking Mystery: Milestones on the Santa Fe Trail,” presented by Dr. Mike Olson, pictured

June 18
Interpretive dancing presented on the grounds by members of the Kanza nation, please bring your own lawn chairs

July 16
“Women on the Santa Fe Trail,” presented by Marla Matkin, pictured

August 20, 6 p.m.
Community Band and Ice Cream Social, please bring your own lawn chairs

September 17
“The Last Stand at Rebel Creek: The Osage as Union Allies in the Civil War,” presented by Isaias McCaffery, pictured

October 22
“Hispanic Traders on the Santa Fe Trail,” presented by Celeste Dixon

November 19
“Charles Curtis: The First Native American Vice President,” presented by Erin Poupirt, pictured

December 21, 7 p.m.
Christmas Open House, with carols presented by area school children, followed by tour of 175-year-old Kaw Mission museum, including refreshments