

Kaw Mission and Last Chance Store State Historic Site

Kaw Mission Councils:

2026 Westward Expansion Lecture Series

The 2026 Kaw Mission Councils is a series of lectures and events focused on the rich history of westward expansion and how it affected Anglo, Hispanic and Native peoples.

All programs unless indicated will be held at 2 p.m. at

The Council Grove/Dunlap Methodist Fellowship Hall,
21 North Mission Street
Council Grove

There is a \$3 suggested donation.
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JANUARY 11

“From the Reservation to Washington: The Rise of Charles Curtis”

By Deb Goodrich
Book sale and signing.



APRIL 12

“The Darkest Period: The Kanza Indians and their Last Homeland”

By Ron Parks
Book sale and signing.



JULY 12

“Kansas 1776”: A Dynamic Landscape”

By Adam Hodge



OCTOBER 11

“Mary Ann Willison/de/Tevis/Joseph/Means: The First Documented Free African American Women on the Santa Fe Trail”

By Dr. Leo Oliva



FEBRUARY 15

The Friends of Kaw Heritage Annual Meeting

“The History of the Wichita People”

By Robin Williams and Brian Sian of the Wichita Nation



MAY 3

“Kaw Mission 175th Commemoration”

By Kaw Mission State Historic Site Administrator Mark Brooks

Territory Ballroom 117-119 West Main Street, Council Grove



AUGUST 9

“An afternoon with John Brown”

By Kerry Altenbernd



NOVEMBER 15

“Pioneering Women, Triumph & Tragedy”

By Marla Matkin



MARCH 15

“Sod & Stubble” movie
Discussion with the movie director Ken Spurgeon

Council Grove High School Auditorium, 129 Hockaday, Council Grove



JUNE 20

“Kaw Nation Interpretive demonstration”

2 p.m. on the grounds of Kaw Mission, 500 North Mission, Council Grove

Please bring your own lawn chairs.



SEPTEMBER 13

Area Community Band Concert and Ice Cream Social

6 p.m. on the grounds of the Kaw Mission, 500 North Mission, Council Grove

Please bring your own lawn chairs.



DECEMBER 3

Kaw Mission Christmas Open House

Area School Children to perform Christmas Carols.
7 p.m. at the Kaw Mission, 500 North Mission, Council Grove