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Presentation Explores History of Water in Kansas

Dodge City – “Water in Kansas: Past & Present,” a presentation and discussion by Rex Buchanan, will be held on Saturday, October 14, 2017, at 3:00 p.m. during the 3i SHOW at the Western State Bank Expo Center. Members of the community are invited to attend this free program hosted by the Ford County Extension Office in Dodge City and made possible by the Kansas Humanities Council (KHC).

Early evidence of Native peoples in Kansas shows that they lived near springs, seeps, and rivers. Later, European settlers moved along water sources, and even today demographic changes are the result of water availability. Recently, the state government developed a 50-year water planning vision focused on reservoir sedimentation and the rapid drawdown of the Ogallala Aquifer. This presentation will highlight how water issues today define much about Kansans in the future, just as it always has.

Rex Buchanan grew up in Rice County, Kansas, on the edge of the Smoky Hills. He is the interim director of the Kansas Geological Survey and the author of numerous publications books about Kansas geology and water.

"Water is central to who we are as a people. Water determines much about where we live, what we do. It is a critical part of our history and our future," said Buchanan.

"Groundwater declines are among the most important natural resource issues facing the state of Kansas," Buchanan continued. "The more we know, and the better we understand groundwater supplies, the better we can manage this critical resource."

"Water in Kansas: Past & Present" is part of the Kansas Humanities Council's *Water/Ways* Speakers Bureau, featuring presentations and discussions that focus on the numerous relationships between people and water—how it shapes our history and traditions and impacts

our daily life. Boot Hill Museum, Dodge City, KS, hosts the Smithsonian Institution's Museum on Main Street exhibition *Water/Ways* September 30th through November 12th 2017.

For more information about "Water in Kansas: Past & Present," contact the Ford County Extension Office in Dodge City at (620)227-4542 or visit www.ford.ksu.edu. For more information about KHC programs, contact the Kansas Humanities Council at 785/357-0359 or visit online at www.kansashumanities.org.

The 63rd Annual 3i SHOW will be held in Dodge City, Kansas, at the Western State Bank Expo Center on October 12, 13, and 14, 2017. Show hours will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday and Friday, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday with free admission and free parking. To receive continued updates and information about the 3i SHOW and upcoming events, like the 3i SHOW Facebook Page and follow them on Twitter and Google+.

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