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### **Presentation Explores Kansas Folktales**

**Rose Hill, Kansas** – The Rose Hill Historical Society in Rose Hill, Ks will host “Kansas Legends and Folktales,” a presentation and discussion by Jim Hoy on March 4 at 6:00 at the Rose Hill Recreation Center, 400 S Rose Hill Rd. Members of the community and surrounding area are invited to attend the free program. Contact Becky Rierson at 316-285-8215 for more information. The program is made possible by the Kansas Humanities Council.

The same evening, in conjunction with this presentation, the Historical Society will host a soup and sloppy joe dinner. Dinner is for a suggested donation of \$5 for either sloppy joe or soup or \$8 for both. Lower prices for children. There will also be door prizes, raffles and fellowship. Doors open at 5:00, free speaker at 6:00 and raffle drawings begin at 7:00.

Most Kansans are familiar with the stories of grasshoppers so big that cowboys could ride them, or summers so hot that corn popped in the field. Kansas is a place of big skies and tall tales, but these exaggerated narratives help us understand the character of our state and its people. This presentation will explore some of the many legends and folktales from around the state, and what they say about the communities that keep these stories alive.

An authority on the folklife of ranching, Jim Hoy is a professor of English and the director of the Center for Great Plains Studies at Emporia State University. He has lectured internationally on the folklife of ranching and is the co-author of “Plains Folk,” a syndicated newspaper column.

“Kansas Legends and Folktales” is part of the Kansas Humanities Council’s *Kansas Stories* Speakers Bureau, featuring presentations and discussions that examine our shared human experience—our innovations, culture, heritage, and conflicts.

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The Kansas Humanities Council conducts and supports community-based programs, serves as a financial resource through an active grant-making program, and encourages Kansans to engage in the civic and cultural life of their communities. For more information about KHC programs contact the Kansas Humanities Council at 785/357-0359 or visit online at [www.kansashumanities.org](http://www.kansashumanities.org).

For more information about “Kansas Legends and Folktales” in *Rose Hill* contact the Rose Hill Historical Society at 316-776-2605 or visit [rosehillhistoricalsociety.com](http://rosehillhistoricalsociety.com) or their facebook page Rose Hill Historical Society.

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