

PIKE-PAWNEE VILLAGE SITE

VOLUNTEER DIG & OPEN HOUSE

WITH SPECIAL GUESTS:
JOHN MICHEAL KNIFE CHIEF &
ROGER ECHO-HAWK

SUNDAY, APRIL 23
9:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

Nebraska State Historical Society
FOUNDATION

A PAWNEE VILLAGE, C. 1860

THE HISTORY OF THE PIKE-PAWNEE VILLAGE SITE

The Pike-Pawnee Village Site or Hill Farm Site, designated 25WT1 by archaeologists, is a site near the village of Guide Rock in Webster County, Nebraska. It was the location of a village of the Kitkehahki band of the Pawnee people, in a region of the Republican River valley that they occupied intermittently from the 1770s to the 1820s.

The property was purchased by the Foundation in 1979. The primary goal of the Foundation in making the

purchase was, and is, to preserve the site and its historical and archaeological resources. The farm consists of 283 acres, comprised primarily of pasture. In 1966, two hundred acres were listed on the National Register of Historic Places, having been officially recognized as an important Pawnee community and as the site visited by Lt. Zebulon Pike in 1806 to confer with the Pawnee.

WEBSTER COUNTY
PIKE-PAWNEE SITE

VOLUNTEER DIG & OPEN HOUSE

WELCOME: 9:00 - 9:30 A.M.
rolls and coffee

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED
brats and hamburgers

CLOSING RECEPTION: 4:00 P.M.
wine, beer and snacks

Consider becoming a patron of this event!

Archaeology tool themed patrons will be recognized in our program. Please choose from the following levels of giving!

WHISK BROOM LEVEL **\$250**

BACK HOE LEVEL **\$100**

SHOVEL LEVEL **\$50**

TROWEL LEVEL **\$25**

JOHN MICHEAL KNIFE CHIEF

John Micheal Knife Chief is an enrolled tribal citizen of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma. He is the Nation's Repatriation/Tribal Historic Preservation Officer. He attended Fort Lewis College and received a BA in Sociology & Human Services (2014). One of his goals is to learn as much Pawnee history and culture as he can, while he can.

ROGER ECHO-HAWK

Roger Echo-Hawk is a writer and artist who lives north of the Mountain That Touches the Sky. He is the author of *The Magic Children: Racial Identity at the End of the Age of Race* (2010) and *Tolkien in Pawneeland* (2016). He posts his works online occasionally at Pawneeland and Tolkienland.

ROB BOZELL

Rob Bozell is the Nebraska State Archaeologist and an Associate Director with the Nebraska State Historical Society. He received BA (1979) and MA (1981) degrees in anthropology from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and has been actively involved in archaeological research and cultural resource management in Nebraska and surrounding states for nearly 40 years. His professional interests have focused on the central Great Plains and include: ancestral and post-contact Pawnee archaeology; subsistence and environmental change; fur trade archaeology; repatriation; and tribal consultation.

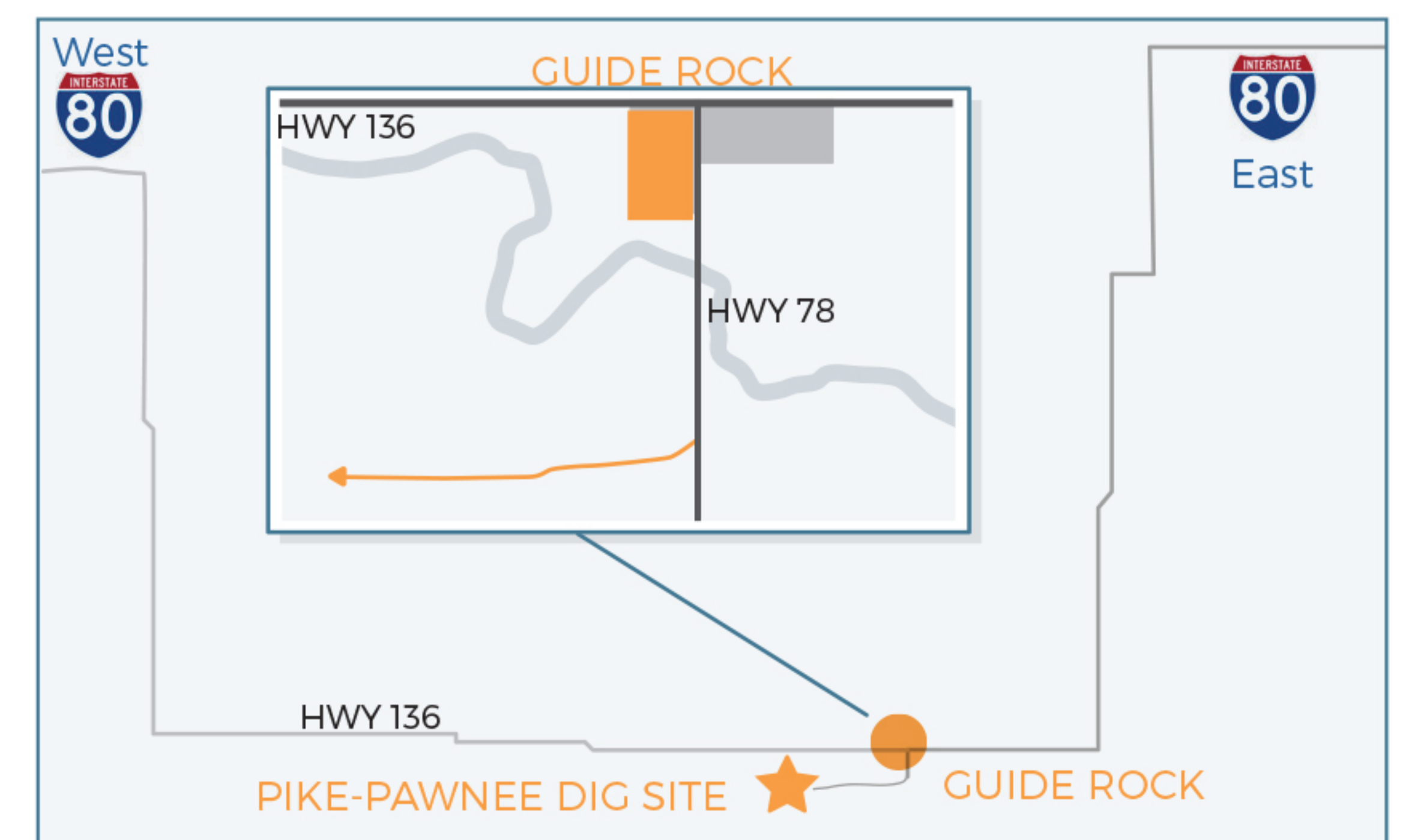
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Directions From East:

Take I-80 West to NE-14 exit, EXIT 332, toward Aurora.
Turn left onto NE-14/S Highway 14. Continue to follow NE-14.
Turn right onto Highway 6/US-6 W/NE-14.
Turn left onto Road N/NE-14. Continue to follow NE-14.
Turn right onto US-136 W/Highway 136. Continue to follow US-136 W.
Turn left onto NE-78/Highway 78. Continue to follow NE-78 for 2.4 miles (going through Guide Rock) and then turn (veer) right onto a gravel county road. Continue about 4 miles to the site.
Look for "NSHSF" signs in Guide Rock which will take you directly to the site.

Directions From West:

Merge onto I-80 E
Take the US-183 exit, EXIT 257, toward Elm Creek/Holdrege.
Turn right onto US-183 S/Highway 183. Continue to follow US-183 S.
Turn left onto 7th St/US-136 E. Continue to follow US-136 E.
US-136 E becomes Highway 136.
Turn slight right onto G.H. Rd/US-136 E. Continue to follow US-136 E.
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Pawnee Indian Museum near Republic, Kansas is built on another Pawnee village where one can still see the earthlodge depressions. Open Saturday from 9-5, you might want to visit before joining us on Sunday. The Museum is located about 35 miles east and south of Pike-Pawnee. www.kshs.org/pawnee_indian