

### **LET'S BUILD A MUD FORT PROVIDES UNIQUE HISTORICAL EXPERIENCE**

Local Historian Katie Armitage completed her 14th “Mud Fort” workshop for the Parks and Recreation Department in August. With 23 kids and parents participating, they learned the history of mud forts and how they were built to protect Lawrence in the early days of the cities existence. They then proceeded to make a model of a fort with real mud, followed up with a walking tour of historic places. On the second day of the workshop, the participants dug and built a mud fort near the south bank of the Kansas River. This workshop is not only a good parent-child bonding experience, but it allows participants to learn the history of the city through a unique, hands-on experience.



### **CEMETERY TOUR HELD**

Lawrence Parks and Recreation Department hosted an evening Graveyard Walk on Friday, Aug. 17, at the Oak Hill Cemetery. Local Historian Katie Armitage led the group to nine grave sites of victims of Quantrill’s Raid. Re-enactors were present at the graves of John Gideon Haskell, Mary Carpenter Rankin and John and Elizabeth Speer to tell the history of their family. The tour once again was filled to capacity with a waiting list.



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