

February 5, 2014

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Wichita Eagle  
825 E. Douglas  
Wichita, KS 67202

**RE: NEW BOOK \_ LAUNCH EVENT: “Wichita State Baseball Comes Back: Gene Stephenson and the Making of a Shocker Championship Tradition” by John Brown History Press. Admission to this event is free and open to the public – Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> from 2:00p.m. to 4:00p.m. – held in the Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum Auditorium.**

**Discussion and Signing with Special Guest Coach Gene Stephenson**

There were no bats or balls on the campus of Wichita State University in the spring of 1977. Five years later, the resurrected varsity baseball program was in the final game of the College World Series, fulfilling the seemingly impossible promise made by Gene Stephenson when he began recruiting players to a place that didn't even have a practice field. Stephenson would lead the Shockers for over three decades, but those first five years with the team set him on the course that put him among the winningest coaches in college baseball history.

**About the author:**

During his career as a freelance writer and ghostwriter, John Brown completed almost five thousand writing assignments, including six biographies and corporate histories. Wichita State Baseball Comes Back is his most recent work. He and his wife, Lee Ann, split their time between Wichita and their ranch in the Flint Hills.

**Co-Sponsored by Watermark Books & Café** – selling the book at this event & currently available at Watermark Books & Café located at 4701 E. Douglas (at Oliver) for more information about the book call 682-1181.

*The Museum is supported in part through funding by the City of Wichita and Sedgwick County.*

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Venue Name and address: Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum, 204 S. Main  
City: Wichita

Business and Daytime phone: 316-265-9314

Regular Museum Hours and Admission

Time: Hours 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Tues.-Fri., 1-5 p.m. Sat.-Sun.

Admission: \$5, \$2 children 6-12, children under 6 free.

Information: 316-265-9314 online at [wichitahistory.org](http://wichitahistory.org)

*OUR VISION: To provide a world class Museum experience, advancing the understanding and exploration of the rich historical and cultural heritage of Wichita and Sedgwick County Kansas.*

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