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"WE STAYED"

To honor and celebrate Nebraska history, philanthropist and NSHSF supporter Rhonda Seacrest commissioned a collection of bronze sculptures titled "We Stayed" that were revealed during a private ceremony this month at The Archway in Kearney.

The installation includes five separate sculptures depicting the life of Nebraska farm families homesteading in the 1880's.

The sculptures portray the hot and windy conditions that homesteaders experienced in Nebraska and depict how each person in the family had to participate in making a new life.

Dr. David L. Biehl DVM was chosen as the artist to produce this tribute. Biehl is a native Nebraskan and grew up on a farm outside Lexington.

Visit The Archway to see the sculptures in person and learn more about the challenges of those first Nebraskans who stayed!

Read the complete press release [here](#).

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These sculptures honor the people who stayed and made us who we are today. The ones who chose to stay represent the beginning of our history here; these sculptures represent their sacrifice.

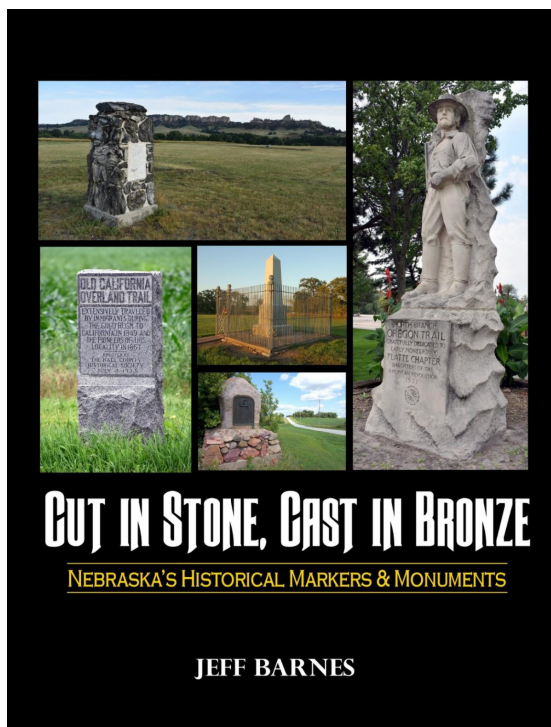
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CUT IN STONE, CAST IN BRONZE



We are excited to announce that a NSHSF-produced book, written by author Jeff Barnes, received a Nebraska Book Award!

Cut in Stone, Cast in Bronze: Nebraska's Historical Markers & Monuments was named the best book in the "Nonfiction Nebraska as a Place" category.

The award will be presented at Celebrate Nebraska's 2021 Book Award Ceremony on October 23rd. **Congratulations, Jeff!**

Order your copy of *Cut in Stone, Cast in Bronze* [here.](#)

STATEWIDE GRANTS PROGRAM

Over the summer, we announced the 20 recipients of our [Statewide Grants Program](#). The program was developed to fulfill a funding need for local historical and educational organizations in Nebraska. Thank you again to our generous donors, without whom we wouldn't be able to help

these invaluable organizations achieve their goals. Stay tuned over the next few weeks as we introduce the grantees and share what they're using their awards for!

Today we are highlighting Thomas County Historical Society and Indianola Public Library.

THOMAS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Thomas County Historical Society is located in Thedford. The museum has many years worth of Thomas County Herald newspapers and only a few of those have been microfilmed. Their grant will be used to digitize the newspaper archives. The TCHS building, above, was given to TCHS by a local family who were long-time residents of Thedford.

INDIANOLA PUBLIC LIBRARY



Indianola Public Library is located in Red Willow county. They will use their grant to purchase wider shelving for their many local historical documents like bound newspapers, scrapbooks, and yearbooks. These documents are currently being stored on narrow shelving which is putting pressure on the binding. Purchasing new shelving that is specifically designed for books and documents will prevent further damage.

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