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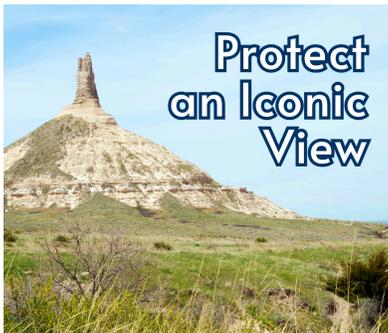
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## Preserve the Path. Protect the Story.



Thanks to supporters like you, over 28,000 visitors from across the nation and around the world have experienced the up close journey to Nebraska's iconic Chimney Rock. Since opening in 2023, the Walk to the Rock trail system has become one of our state's most accessible and inspiring public history experiences, connecting visitors of all ages to the stories of westward migration against the backdrop of preserved native prairie.

As spring approaches, we're launching a **three-week campaign to raise \$5,000** for ongoing trail maintenance, conservation, and new educational tools that enhance every visitor's experience. Your gift helps keep the trails safe and open, supports children's programs and digital storytelling through our new Walk to the Rock mobile app, and sustains vital partnerships that protect wildlife and prairie landscapes. Every dollar strengthens a landmark that unites history, nature, and community.

Thank you for walking beside us! Your support ensures that the trails, stories, and sweeping vistas of Chimney Rock remain alive for future generations. Please join us today and **help us reach our \$5,000 goal!**

**DONATE TODAY!**



We are excited to announce the date for our 2026 **WANDERNEBRASKA: THE GREAT ROADTRIP!** Mark your calendars for August 21st so you don't miss the fun.

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## Partnerships At Work!

NSHSF received the wonderful note below from the [Nebraska Museum Association](#). We value NMA as a collaborator and leader in strengthening Nebraska's museum and library community.

Their commitment to encouraging, equipping, and uniting institutions across the state aligns beautifully with the Foundation's mission to support and sustain the organizations that preserve and share Nebraska's history and culture. We look forward to continuing our work with them.

"One of NMA's most valued partnerships is with the Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation (NSHSF), and we are so grateful for the chance to extend a heartfelt 'Thank You' for working with us these past years and for the ongoing cooperation and support. Both organizations are dedicated to strengthening the entities that focus on Nebraska's history and culture – and thus complement each other very well. And we are pleased to report that our relationship has recently become even stronger! Several years ago, NSHSF initiated a collaborative program in which the Foundation would pay NMA's annual memberships for Nebraska museums and libraries through a Foundation-sponsored grant. In short, NMA memberships are provided at no cost to museums and libraries so that they can access the benefits of NMA and grow their organizations. Many museums in Nebraska struggle with funding and support, and some even experience feelings of disconnect and isolation, but the generous support of NSHSF has helped so many overcome these anxieties by providing a professional lifeline to the NMA community with ready support. Because of NSHSF, NMA's membership has also grown by an astounding 50%, our annual conference attendance has incrementally increased the past several years, and our overall audience reach has stretched beyond what NMA would have been able to do on its own. So, from NMA to NSHSF, we thank you for your amazing support. We are truly and beyond grateful for your initiatives, ingenuity, and friendship."

April White  
Board President, Nebraska Museums Association



## Nebraska History Hits The Airwaves

Thanks to a fun partnership with **Boomer Radio**, Fred Uhe and the Greg Wagner Outdoor Radio Show, Nebraska history is reaching new audiences across the state! Once a month listeners will be challenged with trivia questions developed by the Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation and the Nebraska State Historical Society, sparking curiosity, conversation, and a deeper connection to our shared heritage. It's another great example of how we're bringing Nebraska's stories to life, one question at a time.



Check out the radio show Saturday Mornings at 9am.



## Coming Soon - Our School, Our Story



Our School, Our Story is a curriculum for 4th grade teachers debuting in spring 2026.

The goal of the program is simple: to introduce children to some of the basics of historical research, and encourage children to be curious about their own local history.

Stay tuned for more information.

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