

Historical Connections

NEWS FROM THE NEBRASKA STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOUNDATION



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Introducing Our School, Our Story



We're excited to officially launch **Our School, Our Story**: a free curriculum for 4th grade teachers in Nebraska.

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.

Resources include a teacher guide, primary sources, activity sheets, example lesson plans, image creation guides and Sanborn Map access.

In addition, all Nebraska elementary schools are invited to participate in our statewide student contest. From now until April 15, submit posters or artwork featuring what students have learned for a chance to **win one of five \$200 gift card classroom prizes!**

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New Security Gate Installed at Chimney Rock with Grant from Oregon Trail Community Foundation



Security, safety and trail integrity is being protected at Chimney Rock by a new remote-controlled gate at the entrance to the Walk to the Rock trails. The installation of this gate addresses concerns about unauthorized site access and overall site security. With the project now complete, the site benefits from improved visitor safety and strengthened long-term preservation.

This project was made possible by a \$25,000 grant from the Oregon Trail Community Foundation, with NSHSF contributing the remaining \$3,403 of the \$28,403 project costs through unrestricted funds raised from individual donors.

Projects like this, which protect the integrity of our cherished Nebraska historical sites, are made possible through both our community partnerships and the generosity of all of our individual donors. Every dollar counts to preserve our heritage for future generations to experience and explore.

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NSHSF is Proud to Support FREE Admissions Day at Nebraska Museums & Historical Sites

Nebraska's Birthday is March 1! Celebrate with **FREE** admission to one of several of Nebraska's historic sites across the state on Saturday, February 28 from 9am - 4pm.

Sites include **Nebraska History Museum** in Lincoln, **Chimney Rock Abbott Visitor Center**, **Fort Robinson History Center**, **Norris House** in McCook, and the **Neligh Mill** in Neligh.

Each site will have exciting special activities for all ages to enjoy. Be sure to visit the link below to learn more and plan your free visit!

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Support Walk to the Rock in the Final Week



Thanks to supporters like you, over 28,000 visitors from across the nation and around the world have made 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.

We're in the final week of our campaign to raise **\$5,000** for ongoing trail maintenance, conservation, and new educational tools that enhance every visitor's experience, and we need your help to get there. Your gift keeps the trails safe and open, supports children's programs and digital storytelling through our 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.

Time is running out, but there's still a chance to make a difference! If you've been waiting for the right moment to give, this is it. Please make your gift today and help us cross the finish line on our \$5,000 goal, so the trails and stories of Chimney Rock can live on for generations to come.

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This Year's Nebraskans of WWII and Pearl Harbor Remembrance Scholarship Deadline is Quickly Approaching!

The Nebraskans of World War II and the The Pearl Harbor Remembrance Award scholarships were created to honor the memory of Nebraska servicemen who lost their lives in service of their country during World War II.

In 2026, the Nebraskans of World War II Scholarship Fund will award up to four (4) \$1,700 scholarships and up to two (2) \$600 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Awards to outstanding seniors from the communities listed on our website. The scholarship recipients will be announced in April 2026.

Students must complete the application form and provide the supporting materials to the Scholarship committee no later than **Saturday, February 28, 2026.**

[See Eligible Communities and Application Details](#)



Save the Date: WanderNebraska The Great Road Trip

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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Save the Date!
Embark on a virtual road trip across Nebraska, making stops at iconic landmarks, experiencing regional flavors, and engaging in interactive entertainment!

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