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Pershing Mural Groundbreaking August 1 at 10 a.m.



Nebraska First Lady Suzanne Pillen will lead a groundbreaking ceremony for the Pershing Mural on August 1 at 10 a.m. in Wyuka Park, and you are cordially invited to attend.

The Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation has been instrumental in reaching this milestone, serving as the project's fiscal sponsor and providing essential grant writing and outreach support. Thanks to the recent Give to Lincoln campaign, the Foundation raised nearly \$85,000 for the mural.

When completed next year, the Pershing Mural will become a monumental Nebraska landmark for both Nebraskans

and out-of-state visitors, with an estimated annual viewership of over 20,000. The mural aims to provide education, interpretation opportunities, and lasting memories.

Developed curricula, supported by [Humanities Nebraska](#), will enable educators and students to gain a deeper appreciation of Nebraska history, represented by the mural's 38 figures and abstract patterns. Additionally, a 3-D tactile model is being created to make the mural accessible to the blind and visually impaired.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all donors who have contributed to this special project to preserve the iconic Pershing Mural.

NSHSF Trustee Jim Hewitt

NSHSF Trustee Jim Hewitt passed away on July 8. He



will be remembered as a man not afraid to speak his mind, especially during some rather interesting board meetings in 2019. He served the foundation twice as President and was currently serving on the NSHSF Emeritus Board. He was a great friend to NSHSF and will be greatly missed.

[Read Jim's Obituary](#)

A memorial service will be held at First Plymouth on July 25 at 4:00 p.m.

REMINDER: NSHSF Board of Trustees Nominations Deadline July 31st

The Nominating Committee would like to add 10 new trustees to the Board of Trustees. Nominate yourself or someone else.

After the committee's review, the chosen nominees will be officially elected at the annual meeting in Grand Island on August 17th. We hope you can attend, and would be honored if you do, but your election does not require you to be present.

See the nomination form for Roles and Responsibilities. Nomination forms are due on July 31, 2024.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call our Executive Director, Leslie Fattig, at 402-435-3535 or email her at LFattig@nshsf.org.

[Click Here For Nomination Form](#)

ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE

Friday, August 16, 2024

5:00 to 7:00 p.m. - Welcome Reception hosted by the NSHSF at the Stuhr Museum of the Prairie Pioneer. Light Appetizers and Refreshments will be served.

Saturday, August 17, 2024

9:00 to 9:45 a.m. - A tour of the 1859 Stolley House, 2103 W. Stolley Park Road, Grand Island, NE

10:00 to 11:00 a.m. - David Kaufmann documentary at the Grand Theater, 316 W. 3rd Street, Grand Island, NE

11:15 to 11:45 - Hall County Historical Society Board President Fred Roeser will give a presentation on the Cemetery Tour (video) and a short talk about the history of the 1911 Burlington Station Depot, 603 N Plum St, Grand Island, NE

11:45 - 1:00 p.m. - Lunch will be served at the Depot. The annual meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. The luncheon is \$25.00

1:00 p.m. - NSHSF President Roger Lempke will welcome all to the NSHSF's 82nd annual meeting. We will begin with a presentation by Dr. Will Stoutamire and Bob Hanover about the new Great Plains Cooperative History Center at UNK in partnership with Nebraska Game and Parks Commission.

Dr. Will Stoutamire, Associate Professor of History and Graduate Program Chair, Public History MA at UNK and Bob Hanover, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission (NGPC) Assistant Parks Division Administrator, will be giving a short presentation on the Great Plains Cooperative History Center or GPCHC, a centralized facility to curate all of the collections of NGPC, as well as to serve as a resource for smaller museums and county historical societies across the state. In the current vision, the GPCHC would include capabilities for small-scale exhibit fabrication, collections conservation and storage, and digitization, as well as a space for in-house exhibits that could become traveling exhibits.

A Day in the City Tour

Join Us In Nebraska City!

Thursday, September 19th, Dr. Sara Crook will lead our WanderNebraska Adventure Tour of Nebraska City. The tour leaves Lincoln at 8 a.m. and includes stops at Kregel Windmill Factory, The Memorial Building, Arbor Lodge State Park, and more. For more information, click on the link below. Deadline is September 10th.

Get Your Tickets Today!



WANDERNEBRASKA ADVENTURE TOURS:
A Day in the City Tour

Join Dr. Sara Crook and NSHSF on Thursday, Sept. 19 for the Inaugural "A Day in the City tour" when we visit Nebraska City.

Tours will leave Lincoln at 8am from the Target Parking Lot at 56th and Highway 2. We will be stopping at these exciting places along the way:

- The Old Freighters Museum
- Kregel Windmill Factory
- Civil War Veterans Museum
- The Memorial Building
- Kimmel Orchard
- Arbor Lodge State Park
- Lewis and Clark Center
- "Nebraska Through Song and Story" by Dr. Dan Holtz

Lunch and Dinner will be provided.
Cost is \$214.50 per person.

Visit nshsf.org or scan the QR code below to view a full itinerary and purchase tickets.




Trail Tails: Stories From Walk To The Rock

Check out the latest news from Walk To The Rock (WTRR) in this edition of "Trail Tails." Watch our newsletter and social media for stories about visitors, wildlife, events and more.



Martin from Zurich, Switzerland is starting out his travels in the west by stopping at Chimney Rock. Of course, he picked one of the hottest afternoons to do so.



Hardus and Doohan from South Africa stopped by Chimney Rock late afternoon. They are custom wheat harvesters making their way to Montana.



Daniel, Celine, and Marc-Antoine from Montreal stopped by Chimney Rock and walked Trail A. Next stop is Cheyenne. Just in time for Frontier Days.

It was a scorching couple of weeks at Chimney Rock, which slowed down the traffic a bit, but it didn't deter everyone from walking the trails. From July 11 to July 15, we welcomed over 200 visitors from 23 states and 3 countries, all braving temperatures around 100 degrees.

Several families made a stop here. One family from South Carolina, after visiting the Pony Express Museum in Gothenburg, saw the sign for Chimney Rock along I80 and decided to stop by. Another group enjoyed the patio, took some photos, and bought T-shirts as souvenirs.

We also received some Tip Tap donations. Despite the heat and road construction, it was a good couple of weeks.

As Sandra Reddish, Western Nebraska Coordinator, quoting Shakespeare's Henry V, said, "Once more unto the heat dear friends, once more, or succumb to the heat as I melt away..."

Walk To The Rock T-shirts are selling fast so get yours today! Check out the different colors and styles as well as other NSHSF merchandise at our [store](#) on the website or buy them in person from Sandra at the Trailhead.



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