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NHC to hold public meeting August 9 in Scottsbluff

The Nebraska Humanities Council will present a town hall meeting in Scottsbluff 1-2 p.m. Aug. 9 at Western Nebraska Community College, 1601 E. 27th St.

In its 35th year of providing educational programs statewide, the NHC scheduled a state-wide series of seven public meetings where the public could help assess current programming and shape humanities programming for the next five years.

At the Scottsbluff meeting, NHC Executive Director Jane Renner Hood and Program Officers Mary Yager and Erika Hamilton will briefly describe programming currently offered by the council, followed by discussion with attendees of which programs are most important to them individually and to the community as a whole, as well as what other types of programs they would like to see the NHC offer in the community and statewide.

The Scottsbluff meeting is the final meeting in the series. Input from all seven participating communities will be compiled and reported back to participants in the fall.

Among current NHC programs are Prime Time Family Reading Time, a reading and discussion program, for low-income, low-literacy families; Capitol Forum on America's Future, which encourages high school students to learn about and discuss policy options on international issues that affect Nebraska; Chautauqua, which brings historical figures to life every summer through a week of educational entertainment; Museum on Main Street, a collaboration with the Smithsonian Institution to bring exhibits to rural audiences; the Nebraska Book Festival, an annual celebration of literature, books, reading and writing; "Humanities Desk," a collaboration with NET Radio and KIOS Radio on a weekly radio segment that explores the humanities in Nebraska; and a speakers bureau that provides humanities programs by authors, historians, scholars and other experts.

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