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## *A collaboration of support*

This spring nervous primary, middle school, and high school students who come to the Nebraska Wesleyan campus in Lincoln to deliver their “History Day: Nebraska” presentations at the state contest will have one less worry.

**The NSHS Foundation**, in collaboration with the NSHS, and with support from the Nebraska Humanities Council, will subsidize participant fees.

Expenses incurred by state contest winners who go on to the national contest in College Park, Maryland, will be partially deferred by Foundation funds and by a grant from the Nebraska Humanities Council.

The state event brings three hundred Nebraska students from seven districts to the Wesleyan campus to present essays, projects, media presentations, and performances. Judges from the NSHS and area schools, colleges, and universities evaluate the students’ work and select the state winners who will represent Nebraska at National History Day.

The History Day theme is “Triumph and Tragedy in History.” Students will explore local or regional connections to the larger theme, a process that helps them come to see American history as

related to their own lives.

Perhaps no program in grades 6–12 engages students more directly with the past than does History Day. The program allows students to formulate theses, conduct research using primary and secondary sources, test their hypotheses against research results, and articulate their conclusions clearly.

In 2005 the NSHS Foundation established a special fund to support the event with an initial principal of \$20,000, and continues adding to it with contributions from private and public sources. With partial support from the Foundation’s Gladys M. Lux History Education Fund, state winners now can be awarded \$100 travel stipends for the national competition. The Nebraska Humanities Council will add an additional \$50 per student.

This year’s National History Day: Nebraska event will be held April 21, 2007. Winners will represent Nebraska at the national contest June 10–14. ☐



**Quinn Johnson of Glenn School, Sioux County, won second place at National History Day in 2001.**



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Commission, focusing on the theme “Four-legged Soldiers: The Horse and the Mule in the Plains Wars and Beyond.”

The NSHS Foundation has been the principal financial supporter of the conference since its inception in 1997, using conference sponsors’ contributions to provide notable speakers and demonstrations. Supporting partners for 2007 include:

- Altria Group, Inc.
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Registration information will be posted online, or call (402) 471-3272 to be added to the Fort Robinson History Conference mailing list. More information can be found on page 6 of *Nebraska History News*. ☒

## Brown Bags on the air

The NSHS Foundation Board of Directors announced at its January meeting that the Foundation would fund videotaping of the 2007 Brown Bag Lecture Series presented at the NSHS Museum of Nebraska History.

Lectures are held the third Thursday of each month. Speakers for 2007 range from university professors through NSHS interns, all experts in aspects of Nebraska History. Subjects for the series range from quilts to the Nebraska Unicameral, with drama, range wars, artists and ethanol in between.

The grant supporting the taping of the series makes it possible for each lecture to be seen by thousands of viewers who tune into them on public access channels in Lincoln, Omaha, and other Nebraska towns. For a complete schedule of Brown Bag Lectures see page 7 of *Nebraska History News*. ☒

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## NSHS Foundation supports sixth Fort Robinson History Conference

Fort Robinson, west of Crawford, Nebraska, was an active U.S. Army post from 1874 to 1948. Now a Nebraska state park and the site of a NSHS branch museum, few places can provide a more storied backdrop for the study of Western history.

April 26-28, 2007, the fort will host the sixth Fort Robinson History Conference, co-sponsored by the Nebraska State Historical Society and the Nebraska Game and Parks