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**(Neb.)-Speaker To Discuss "Forts of Nebraska" At Chadron State College**



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*Photo: Historic Fort Robinson*

(CHADRON)-Nebraska's forts were among the first, last and most important on the Great Plains, built to promote trade, to protect travelers and settlers, to fight the Indian tribes and then to keep the peace. During that time, they hosted some great names of American history, including Buffalo Bill Cody, Crazy Horse, George Custer, Robert E. Lee, Red Cloud, and Mark Twain.

Speaker Jeff Barnes will present "Forts of Nebraska" on Wednesday, Sept. 18, at 7:30 p.m. in the Chicoine Atrium of the Mari Sandoz High Plains Heritage Center at Chadron State College. Barnes will tell the story of Nebraska's 12 military forts and what today's visitors will find at the sites.

This presentation is made possible by Humanities Nebraska, the Nebraska Cultural Endowment, and the Sandoz Center as part of the Humanities Nebraska Speakers Bureau.

Heritage Center director Sarah Polak said that community members were the ones who asked her to bring Barnes to Chadron. "We are thankful that the city of Chadron and residents of the area see this as a place that can serve the cultural and educational needs of the region and that they feel comfortable approaching us with their ideas."

Polak says this program will also be a great addition to many courses offered at Chadron State this semester.

The free program will last approximately an hour with a question and answer period following Barnes's presentation. Polak recommends that individuals attending the event park their vehicles in the lot south of Old Admin.

For additional information about the program or location of the presentation, contact the Sandoz Center at 308-432-6401 or [spolak@csc.edu](mailto:spolak@csc.edu)

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