

## **NET Radio and Television Spotlight Hastings' Fisher Fountain**

LINCOLN, Neb. (July 8, 2010) -- NET Radio and NET Television are teaming up to tell the story of a Hastings landmark. Fisher Fountain will be featured on public radio and public television programs the weekend of July 17 and 18.

Fisher Fountain was built during the depression and drought of the 1930s as a symbol of hope. After being the show-stopper at the 1932 Adams County Fair, the fountain was rebuilt in Hastings where it continues to delight with its changing colors and varying water displays.

NET Radio will examine the history of Fisher Fountain through interviews with a local historian and the people who worked to restore the fountain for its 50th anniversary. The same group led the campaign to rebuild the fountain after it was destroyed by vandals. NET Radio's report will air during "Weekend Edition" Saturday, July 17, at 8:30 a.m. CT, and repeat Sunday, July 18, at 9:30 a.m. CT.

Airing Sunday, July 18, at 9:30 p.m. CT on NET1 and in high definition on NET-HD, NET Television's "Nebraska Stories" will give viewers a chance to see the fountain for themselves, and hear more from the Hastings citizens who preserved and rebuilt it. This episode of "Nebraska Stories" will repeat on NET2 on Wednesday, July 21, at 6 p.m. CT; Saturday, July 24, at 8 p.m. CT; and Sunday, July 25, at 8:30 a.m. CT.

Hastings residents and Fisher Fountain committee members interviewed include Fred and Lorraine Teller, Dennis and Marlene Mullen and Bob and Sally Smith. Elizabeth Spilinek of the Adams County Historical Society is also featured.

NET Radio Senior Producer Jerry Johnston says, "These people grew up with Fisher Fountain as part of their family lives, and wanted to make sure the fountain would be around for years to come. You can hear the pride in their voices as they talk about restoring the fountain."

An audio link to the NET Radio story will be on NET Radio's website ([www.netNebraska.org/radio](http://www.netNebraska.org/radio), click on "Arts and Humanities," then Nebraska Humanities Feature) the day of the broadcast. Viewers can watch the television feature on Fisher Fountain by going to [netNebraska.org/nebraskastories](http://netNebraska.org/nebraskastories) following the broadcast. All that is needed is access to the Internet.

The Nebraska Humanities Council provides partial funding for humanities features on NET Radio.

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**NET Radio:**

Broadcasts on the following frequencies: Alliance/91.1 FM; Bassett/90.3 FM; Chadron/91.9 FM; Columbus/90.3 FM; Culbertson/92.7 FM; Falls City/91.7 FM; Harrison/89.5 FM; Hastings/Grand Island/89.1 FM; Lexington/88.7 FM; Lincoln/91.1 FM; Max/93.3 FM; Merriman/91.5 FM; Norfolk/89.3 FM; and North Platte/91.7 FM.

**NET Television:**

**NET1** is Nebraska's first public television broadcast service and includes PBS and award-winning, locally produced public television programming. NET1 programming is also obtainable on Dish and DirectTV satellite networks in available areas; **NET2** offers live coverage of the Nebraska Unicameral and other news, public affairs, history and science programs; **NET3** is a 24-hour channel featuring the most popular how-to, travel and lifestyle series; and **NET-HD** presents high-definition digital broadcast programming displayed in a wide-screen format.