

Charlotte Endorf will present a program on “Fragile Excess Baggage” Wednesday, July 21 at 10:15 a.m. at the Perkins County Senior Center in Grant as part of the Nebraska Humanities Council Speakers Bureau.

In 2004, Endorf made the decision to document the real life stories of the children who rode the Orphan Trains. She traveled over 15,000 miles, seeking the last surviving riders and descendants. In that process she found she was a descendent.

She created “Plains Bound: Fragile Cargo” and the “By Train they Came” series that bring to light an important chapter in America’s history. She traveled to New York City opening records dating back to 1917, then compiling a poetry CD called “Hidden Treasures.”

The public is invited to the Perkins County Senior Center on Wednesday at 10:15 to enjoy the free presentation.

Lunch will immediately follow the presentation. Reservations will need to be made by Tuesday, July 20 at 3 p.m. The menu will include fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy.

“Fragile Excess Baggage” is one of approximately 300 programs offered through the Nebraska Humanities Council Speakers Bureau. The more than 165 available speakers include acclaimed scholars, writers, musicians, storytellers and folklorists on topics ranging from pioneer heritage to ethics and law to international and multicultural issues, making it the largest humanities speakers bureau in the nation.