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History of the Omaha Tribe explored

Learn more about one of the few tribes to have never been removed from their ancestral homeland at the **Tuesday Twilight Talk: The History of the Omaha Tribe** on Tuesday, April 20 at 6:30 p.m. at the Sioux City Public Museum. Wynema Morris, a historian, storyteller and enrolled member of the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska will discuss the traditions, value system and the social and political structures of the Omaha People.

After a long westward migration from the area of the states now known as North and South Carolina toward the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers, the Omaha occupied lands in the present states of Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa and Minnesota. Today, their tribal lands are located in northeastern Nebraska, primarily in Thurston County. The Omahas' belong to the Degiha dialect-speaking people, which include not only the Omaha, but also the Ponca, Quawpah, Iowa, Oto, Kansa, and Osage.

Through her research of her tribe and her family's own teachings, Morris retains much traditional knowledge about living life as an Omaha. She teaches Native American Studies at Dana College and is an independent scholar in Omaha Tribal history. Morris has been an Associate Fellow for the Study of the Great Plains at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, Nebraska since 1991, and received the Outstanding Native American Award from the Nebraska Status of Women in 1988.

Housed in the historic John Peirce Mansion at 2901 Jackson Street, the Sioux City Public Museum offers monthly Tuesday Twilight Talk programs featuring topics of regional historic interest. For more information, call the Sioux City Public Museum at 712-279-6174 or visit www.siouxcitymuseum.org. Admission is free.