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Brown Bag History Series – “Our Editress: Nebraska’s First Female Newspaper Editor” presented by Michelle Setlik at the Kearney Public Library

Kearney Public Library and UNK-History Department welcome you to the history brown bag lunch series Wednesday, June 8 from noon-1:00 pm. Michelle Setlik will present *Our Editress: Nebraska’s First Female Newspaper Editor*.

From an orphaned Irish immigrant to the first female newspaper editor in Nebraska, Maggie Mobley née Guerin defied all the odds. As a highly educated young woman in the early days of Nebraska’s statehood, Maggie traveled alone after a failed marriage to central Nebraska to forge her own path. After joining forces with a former newspaper publisher, Maggie used her pen and keen intellect as the editor of the newspaper they established in 1870. She was able to influence local and statewide politics, help build and grow a community, and become a statewide advocate before women had the right to vote.

Michelle Setlik is an educator and community historian with master’s degrees in History from University of Nebraska-Kearney and Management from Doane University. She serves as Associate Dean of Business and Entrepreneurship at Central Community College and is a history adjunct at UNK. Her family roots are deep with seven generations calling Hall County home. She is a Hall County Historical Society Board member, Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation trustee, a freelance journalist contributing historical articles to several publications, including the Grand Island Independent, and an active community volunteer devoting her time to historical preservation and education.

This program is free and open to the public so bring your lunch and learn! This collaborative program is presented by UNK-History Department, and the Kearney Public Library. Mark your calendars for this ongoing series on July 13 with a presentation by Dr. David Vail.

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