



FALL NEWSLETTER
October, November, December, 2017

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*The Board usually meets the fourth
Tuesday
of the month at 7:00 pm.*

**CASS COUNTY HISTORICAL
SOCIETY FOUNDATION**

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From the President's Desk....

Here we are between summer and autumn in Cass County, Nebraska. I recall that my father referred to this as "Goldenrod" season and my mother thought of it as "Wild Aster" season. They were both right, of course but I sided with my father as he told us about the significance of the Goldenrod plant. Honey Bees, now endangered, thrive on Goldenrod as well as Wild Asters. Rich in nectar, both plants produce excellent bee honey. Native Americans taught our pioneers to use Goldenrod to dye cloth for brightly colored blankets and clothing and taught them that Goldenrod was an all-purpose herb with medicinal qualities. Although very rich with pollen Goldenrod is not an allergy culprit. The pollen is so heavy that it falls to the ground rather than blowing into the wind. Goldenrod and Wild Asters are growing profusely right now in Cass County and the Golden color of our state flower, the Goldenrod, is further enhanced by the purple of the Asters growing nearby. So in the end both parents were correct, both plants have their attributes.

It was during that Goldenrod/Aster season that each year my parents would take us on a Sunday adventure, a trip to a relatively unknown and hidden place that we named Lost Lake. The lake was actually part of an old limestone quarry. It was there that we hiked through the adjacent woods to pick paw-paws and to gather black walnuts. Following that ritual we built a bonfire where we roasted hot dogs and marshmallows. My brother and I would then explore the area around the lake for rocks and fossils. We usually found something interesting but one year my brother found a fossilized tooth which was about 1 1/2" long, apparently from a large ancient shark. He usually found the best fossils because he is three years older than I and I was always too busy skipping rocks across the lake or catching frogs. Some things never change!!

Although the Cass County Museum is primarily a Pioneer History museum, we do have a collection of geological items which are sometimes displayed. A museum member has purchased some fossils that we will be giving to children during this year's Halloween parade on October 27. Maybe the fossils will inspire some of the children to become archeologists or geologists, or maybe they will remain content in skipping rocks and catching frogs!!! We'll hope for the best.

Enjoy this transitional season in our wonderful county in this great state of Nebraska and please stop in to our museum as often as you can. We appreciate your support.

--Douglas V. Duey, President

Temporary Exhibits

Exhibits are rotated in our Davis Conference Room and highlight different aspects of our Collection and County History.

"Isaac Wiles and the Great Seal of Nebraska"

A shortened version of the exhibit will continue through the year in the front display case.

"Memories of Korn Karnival" through October 29, 2017

This annual exhibit about the history of the Harvest Festival will continue through October.

"Cass County and World War I" through October 29, 2017

This exhibit of recently donated items pertaining to World War I will continue through October.

"Advertising Cass County" October 31, 2017-January 6, 2018

Calendars and souvenir china from the late 1800s and early 1900s will be displayed along with a brief history of the businesses they advertised.

"Photographs by Emil Weyrich" October 31, 2017-January 6, 2018

Weyrich was a pharmacist in Plattsmouth and operated Weyrich and Hadraba Drug Store on Main Street from 1909 until the early 1940s. One of his many hobbies was photography. For this exhibit we have chosen photos that relate to life in Cass County.

Winter Hours

On November 1, we return to Winter Hours and will be open Tuesday through Saturday from 12:00 to 4:00 and closed on Sundays and Mondays.

Mark your calendar for: Christmas Tree Lighting!

Saturday, December 2
6:30 pm

Thanks to all who helped during Harvest Festival Weekend

Our annual pie sale during the Harvest Festival was a great success. We netted \$700 plus \$59 in donations! Attendance was also excellent. Total attendance for the museum, farm shed, cabin and caboose was 514.

Thanks to the following people who baked pies:

Sandra Allgeier	Patty Lambert
Anne Begley	Nancy McManis
Karen Berkland	Jayne Ofe
Diane Berlett	Susan Rice
Jeanie Brookhouser	Dana Sayers
Eldonna Forrest	Minnie Mae Sayers
Joanne Furlong	Dee Schuetz
Lavonne Fusaro	Bev Stoehr
Carol Gray	Della Sullivan
Joyce Heim	Joyce Swanson
Maxine Hild	Carol Wehrbein
Beth Jacobson	Marlys Wehrbein
Nancy Kiroff	Ruth Welstead
	Marlene Wood

Thanks also to the following volunteers who worked at the pie sale, manned the front desk, hosted the farm shed, cabin and caboose:

Sally Babbitt
Diane Berlett
Doug Duey
Eldonna Forrest
Del Hervey
Maxine Hild
Janet Konkler
Nancy McManis
Dean Meisinger
Marilynn Meisinger
Pat Meisinger
Barb Molck
Jayne Ofe
Susan Rice
June Wagner
Ruth Welstead

Cornerstone Club....Memberships....Donations....Memorials

Received between July 21 and September 29, 2017. Donors live in Nebraska unless otherwise noted.

MEMBERSHIPS

Century

Dr.Ramon & Lavonne Fusaro
Alyce Green
Jim & Colleen Peterson
Roger Wehrbein

Promoter

Kathleen Bestor, CA
Jim & Gerry Byrk
Spencer & Vivian Davis
Marilyn G. Maines, AZ
Donald Skalak

Booster

Marsha Babcock and
Bernard J. Glaser, Jr. (new)
Larry & Elly Biederman
Phyllis L. Buell
Jerry & Carol Burgess,FL
George & Arlene Eledge (new)
Stephen & Georgia
Gaukel (new)
Jack & Joanne Glaze
Diane Friedrich Grover, CA
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Joyce Heim
Nola Marcy, TX

Friend

Karen L. Allen
Cindy S. Drake
Jean M. Gammel
Portia Iverson
Pamela S. Osthus
Jack Preston (new)
Patti Prime, CA
Robyn Prime, CA
Mary Lou Reed, MO
June Ann Wagner

Membership Renewal

Time???

Is the date highlighted on your address label? If so, it means that your membership is due! Please fill out the form on the back and mail with your check to the museum. (Those who receive the newsletter by e-mail will receive a notice when your membership is due.)

MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of

Mary Jane Beins
Kola Ann Curttright
Del & Glenda Hervey
Bev Hirz
H.Margo Prentiss
Paul & Susan Rice
Steve & Marlene Rishel

Betty Bourne

Bev Hirz

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Bev Hirz

Blanche Highfield

Am. Legion Auxiliary Post 56
Jeanie Brookhouser
Kola Ann Curttright
Del & Glenda Hervey
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Betty Reichart
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Dr.Charles & Bev Stoehr

Janice Hild

Bev Hirz

Mary Johnson

Bev Hirz
Carl & Jayne Ofe

Jon Konfrst

Dan & Marlys Wehrbein

Ann Livingston

June Ann Wagner

Eva Jane Meisinger

Paul & Susan Rice
June Ann Wagner

Robert Moore

Janet Moore

MEMORIALFUND,

continued

In memory of Nancy Nielsen

Bev Hirz

Robert Nickles

Betty Henry
Carl & Jayne Ofe

Verona Petereit

Bev Hirz

Herbert & Lorene

Rohrdanz

Joe & Jan Matisco

Art Schleicher

Nancy Haney
Betty Henry
Bev Hirz

Mr.& Mrs.Tim Margheim
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H. Margo Prentiss
Steve & Marlene Rishel
Roy & Sharon Smith
Ruth M. Snell
Dan & Marlys Wehrbein

Connie Starkjohn

Fred & Pat Meisinger

Dorothy Todd

Diane Berlett
Paul & Susan Rice

Jeanene Wehrbein

Bev Hirz

Larry Wiysel

June Ann Wagner

DONATIONS

Donations toward Pie Sale

Dean & Marilyn Meisinger
Betty Reichart
Daisy Richards
Roy & Sharon Smith

Paper products:

Paper towels, plates, cups, napkins, etc.

Sandra Allgeier
Diane Berlett
Pat Meisinger
H. Margo Prentiss
Susan Rice

New Telephone & Answering Machine

Roger Schuette

Donation in honor of the

90th Birthday of Lois Oliver

Diana Stokan

Genealogy Donations

Judy Bell
Jodie Blackmer, CO
Susan M. Diers
Cecelia Heppe,WA
Connie Long, MN
Kevin A. Long,AZ
David Pollen, MA
Jack Preston
JoAnn Pryor, CA
Donna A. Ruttan, WA
Kim Spilker
Martin Stull, IA

Cabin Fund

Don & Kathy Cook
Dennis &Cathy Luck, MD

Caboose Fund

Joy Haswell

Rock Bluffs School Fund in appreciation for

PEO program

Norma Houchin

SPECIAL EVENTS

**Open House and Hot Dog Roast!
Rock Bluffs School
Sunday, October 15, 2017
2:00 to 4:00 pm**

Invite your friends to come for our annual hot dog roast and tour of the one-room brick school house. There will be hot dogs, chips, lemonade and cookies. Admission is free but donations will be accepted.

BROWN BAG PROGRAMS

**Programs are free and open to the public.
They start at 12:00 and are over by 1:00
Coffee and Cookies are served.**

**Tuesday, October 10
"Sourcing Local Pottery"**

Speaker: Kevin Larson

Mr. Larson will show examples and talk about local materials he uses in making pottery.

**Tuesday, October 24
"Famous Nebraskans react to World War I"
Speaker: Professor Spencer Davis**

Professor Davis will talk about how three Nebraskans reacted to World War I: William Jennings Bryan, Senator George Norris, and Author Willa Cather.

**Tuesday, November 14
"Mesmerized by German POWs"
Speaker: Mel Luetchens**

A look at World War II and the world through the eyes of a little kid at dinner with the enemy - and years of reflection since.

**Tuesday, December 12
Christmas Caroling**

Take time out from Christmas shopping, come gather around our 1893 Packard Reed organ and sing Christmas Carols!

Halloween Parade

October 27, 2017, 4:00 p.m

The parade will start at 4:00 from the Windstream parking lot and proceed to our Cook log cabin where we will be giving apples to all the trick or treaters!

ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, November 9

Murray Christian Church, Murray, NE.

6:00 pm Silent Auction; 6:45 pm Dinner

7:30 Business meeting; 8:15 Program:

"All Original, All Nebraska" Dan Holtz

There will be a social hour and silent auction of donated baskets at 6:00. Proceeds will benefit the operating fund.

Nancy Kiroff will cater the 6:45 dinner which will include. Baked chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans almadine, dinner rolls, pumpkin and apple pie, coffee, and iced tea.

Cost of the dinner is \$15.00 per person. Reservations and payment must be received by 4:00 Saturday, November 4. Tickets will not be available at the door.

At 7:30, a short business meeting will include election of officers and board members and an annual report. We will move into the sanctuary at 8:00 for a program by Dan Holtz celebrating Nebraska's 150th birthday: "All Original, All Nebraska". Funding for the program has been provided by Humanities Nebraska. HN receives support from the National Endowment for the Humanities, The Nebraska State Legislature, The Nebraska Cultural Endowment and private donations.

**Please fill out the form below and mail or deliver to
Cass County Museum, 646 Main, Plattsmouth,**

Meeting Reservation, November 9, 2017 Total enclosed \$ _____ for _____ dinners @ \$15

Name(s) _____

Address _____

_____ I plan to donate a basket for the silent auction.

Deadline for reservations and payment is 4 pm, Saturday, November 4.

Tickets will not be available at the door

Cass County Historical Society, organized in 1936, is dedicated to a mission of telling the history of Cass County since 1854, the year the county was opened for settlement. The Society's first permanent displays were housed in two rooms on the third floor of the Cass County Courthouse. In 1960, the present museum was opened at 646 Main Street in Plattsburgh.

Approximately one third of the museum's budget comes from the County. The rest of the financial support is from Memberships, Donations, Gift Shop Sales, Memorials and Grants.

To renew your membership or to become a member for the first time, please fill out the form at right and return to the museum.

MUSEUM HOURS

April through October:

Tuesday through Sunday: 12:00 to 4:00 pm
Closed Mondays and major holidays.

November through March:

Tuesday through Saturday: 12:00 to 4:00 pm
Closed Sundays, Mondays and major holidays.

Admission: \$2.50 for adults; children under 12 free.

FREE for Museum Members

Donations accepted

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION:

Individuals and Families:

- _____ Patron (\$1,000 and up)
- _____ Benefactor (\$500 and up)
- _____ Investor (\$250)
- _____ Century (\$100)
- _____ Promoter (\$50)
- _____ Booster (\$30)
- _____ Friend (\$15)

Businesses (Cornerstone Club)

- _____ Marble (\$1,001 and up)
- _____ Granite (\$501-1,000)
- _____ Limestone (\$251-500)
- _____ Sandstone (\$100-250)

Name _____

Address _____

City, State _____

Zip _____

Phone # and e-mail _____