From the President's Desk.

Greetings from flooded Nebraska! Springtime is late in coming to the heartland and winter is going out like a lion this year. I wonder if most Americans realize how disastrous the recent flooding has been to our state. Historic in proportion, the flooding covered an enormous swath along the Platte, Elkhorn, Niobrara the mighty Missouri and many tributaries. The river swallowed up 3 of my classic cars but my loss is nothing compared to the losses suffered by others. The flooding took an awful toll on farmers and ranchers throughout the state with terrible losses of livestock as well as farm buildings and equipment. Many communities were completely inundated with flood waters the middle of March so large numbers of homes were seriously damaged or destroyed along with many businesses. Cass County has also been hard hit with the loss of critical infrastructure including railroads and bridges that were washed away along with water treatment plants that were damaged so badly that lots of time and money will be necessary to get them rebuilt. Unfortunately, as much as we love this large relatively unpopulated state, widespread disasters like this one are difficult to overcome. Nebraska ranks 37th in population with approximately 1.9 million residents and damages reported to be in the billions.

In times like this, I am reminded how important it is that we have a county museum that acquires, preserves and makes available to others our collections that record our interesting history. A few days ago a friend of mine whose ancestors pioneered in Cass County in the mid 1850's told me that their home was flooded and that their basement was full of antiques, photographs and family records from the early days in Cass County. He said that they couldn't be saved. I'm sorry for their loss and yet I'm thankful that the Cass County Museum is high up on a hill and that our large collection is safe from river flooding. In closing, Nebraskans are very hardy and industrious and will pull together to renew the health of our state. Thank you for your continued support, we appreciate you so much!

Douglas V. Duey, President
Temporary Exhibits
Exhibits are rotated in our Davis Conference Room and highlight different aspects of our Permanent Collection and County History.

Women Who Made History in Cass County
March 5 - April 28
March was "Women's History Month". Our exhibit of photographs and information about women who were important to the history of our County will continue through April 28.

Pop Up Exhibit:
"Rightfully Hers"
The exhibit "Rightfully Hers", commemorating the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th amendment, will be on exhibit later in the year. This exhibit is coming from the National Archives, but that organization was impacted by the government shutdown so the arrival of the exhibit has been delayed.

Recent Acquisitions
April 30 - June 23
New items are always being donated to the museum, sometimes from far away places! For example, Nick Cimino, who lives in Texas found some photographs and memorabilia in an Arkansas Antique shop that relate to the Gilmore family in Cass County! He e-mailed us and asked if we would like to have them. We immediately accepted because the items relate to Dr. George Gilmore who was the founder of our Historical Society.

Brown Bag Programs
The programs, free and open to the public, begin at 12:00 noon and are over by 1:00. Bring a sack lunch if you like. Cookies and, in keeping with water conservation efforts, bottled water and coffee (made with bottled water) will be served.

Tuesday, April 23, 2019
"Floods of the Past: 1952 and 2011"
An 8-mm film of the flood of 1952 was donated in 2002 by the family of Maxine Cloidt. It was converted to DVD by Roger Schuette who also added photos from the flood of 2011.

Tuesday, May 14, 2019
"Preserving Pioneer Cemeteries"
Speaker: Sandra Allgeier
The program will be about some of the people buried in Cass County and the evolutions as well as the work of the East Cass County Pioneer Cemetery District.

Living History Day
has been moved to July 20!
Mark your calendars for July 20!
Our Living History Day this year will coincide with the dedication of the Lewis and Clark Pirogue replica. Lewis and Clark camped in what is now Cass County on July 20, 1804 and reached the mouth of the Platte the next day. Watch the Summer Newsletter for details about Living History Day!

Rock Bluff School News
We are still raising funds for a new roof on Rock Bluffs School. As we go to press, a total of $2,320 has been donated by people in Nebraska, Pennsylvania, Missouri and California! The cost of the roof will be about $7,000. If you would like to donate, please make out your check to "Rock Bluffs School Fund" and mail to Cass County Historical Society.

Also, mark your calendars for the summer open house at Rock Bluffs, Sunday, July 21, 2 to 4 pm.
Memberships....Donations....Memorials
Received between Dec. 19, 2018 and April 4, 2019. Donors live in Nebraska unless otherwise noted.

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Caboose Fund in memory of Joy Haswell
Eugene & Evelyn Meier
Carl & Jayne Ofe
Paul & Susan Rice
Dan & Marlys Wehrbein
Donation to Caboose Fund
"in memory of the several museum members who passed away during 2018...especially Joy Haswell"
Janet Moore, CA
Genealogy Donations
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Donations toward new roof at Rock Bluffs School
Louis & Lola Austin, in memory of Joann Moore.
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Dan Hall
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Janet Moore, CA.
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In memory of
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Paul & Susan Rice
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Three long time members have passed away since January. Glen Comer lived in Union and was the caretaker for the East and West Union cemeteries. He was our "go to person" whenever a genealogy question arose about Union. He recently donated his father's World War I uniform and photographs and his brother's World War II uniform.

Jean Howland usually wrote a friendly note whenever she renewed her membership. She recently donated the gun cabinet that belonged to Henry Howland and matches the desk donated many years ago. Both are on exhibit in the downstairs gallery.

Virginia Spangler served on our board for two terms. She also did volunteer work here and baked cookies for brown bags and pies for our Karnival pie sale. She and her husband, Charles, donated many items to the collection.
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 Plattsmouth.

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)
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