100 years ago in Cass County...
Reported in the Plattsmouth Journal, June, 1914

On June 4-5, the Elks dedicated their new clubhouse on N. 6th Street in Plattsmouth. “The new clubhouse is an ornament to the city and one of the most beautiful lodge homes in the state…”

The Rural Mail Carriers met in Weeping Water on Decoration Day for the purpose of forming the “Rural Mail Carriers Association of Cass County”. “The average net income of the rural carriers of Nebraska is but $540 per year.”

On Sunday, May 31, the Manley baseball team beat the Nehawka “Apple Pickers” 3 to 0.

E. G. Dovey and Sons in Plattsmouth advertised children's parasols 18 cents to $1.25, women's corsets 20 cents and up, men's union suits 50 cents to $1.00.

The State Legislature proclaimed the second Sunday of June as “Pioneers Memorial Day”.

S. J. Reams Barber Shop in Cedar Creek was struck by lightning on June 5, but he re-opened a few days later in his home.

Eighth grade graduation exercises of all Cass County schools were held June 6 in Weeping Water at the First Congregational Church.

The Murdock Mercantile Co. opened June 9 - “the best equipped and most up-to-date general store in Cass County.”

And in Murray, there was a “sidewalk boom”! Gene Boedecker, Charles Carroll and Dr. Gilmore built new sidewalks in front of their residences.

Mission Statement: The Cass County Historical Society shall collect, preserve, and study materials to document, interpret and present the history of Cass County Nebraska to the public.
Temporary Exhibits
Throughout the year, we rotate exhibits in our Davis Conference Room and highlight different aspects of our Collection and County History.

“Remembering Beautiful Merritt Beach”
June 3 through August 24
Last summer we exhibited a few photographs of Merritt Beach that were donated in 2013. This year we will expand the exhibit to include more of the photographs and memorabilia (such as a basket from the concession stand!). Merritt Beach was a popular recreation spot in Cass County from the 1930s to 1989.

“Story of the Platte as Told in Maps”
June 3 through August 24
In conjunction with the 300th anniversary of the European discovery of the Mouth of the Platte, we will exhibit a series of maps showing the development of the confluence area. Included is a copy of Bourgmont's 1714 map of the Platte, a copy of Father De Smet's 1839 Mouth of the Platte map and an 1856 Nebraska Territory map.

We have returned to summer hours!
The museum is open Tuesday through Sunday 12:00 to 4:00 and closed on Mondays and major holidays.

Brown Bag Program
The program begins at 12:00 noon, is free and open to the public. You are welcome to bring your sack lunch; coffee and cookies will be served.

Tuesday, June 10
“300th Anniversary of Discovery of the Mouth of the Platte”
Speaker: Harlan Seyfer

Mr. Seyfer will talk about Etienne Veniard de Bourgmont who discovered the mouth of the Platte River on June 16, 1714.

In memory....
We lost three long time friends of the Historical Society in April.

Lois Troop Bestor, who graduated from Plattsmouth High school in 1934, passed away in Oregon on Tuesday, April 8, 2014, at the age of 96. In 1935, Lois Troop was crowned the first “Queen Harvesta” during the Kass Kounty King Korn Karnival. The dress she wore is in our permanent collection.

Joann Fitchhorn Moore, passed away April 15 at age 83. She attended Rock Bluffs School and graduated from Plattsmouth High School in 1947. After a long teaching career, she volunteered at Cass County Historical Society. She was particularly interested in preservation of Rock Bluffs School.

Ona Graves Thimgan passed away in Iowa on April 24 at the age of 104. She graduated from Plattsmouth High School in 1928. She taught at several rural schools in Cass County, including two years (1948-49) at Rock Bluffs School.

Rock Bluffs School Open House
Sunday, July 20, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Our one-room brick school house, constructed in 1870, will be open for tours and we will Play Ball! Remember those school yard ball games? Come help us relive a few innings with the boys and girls of glorious summer. Bring the kids or grandkids, a ball glove, and, if you can, have them dress in traditional clothes – the kind children might have worn to a rural school 100 years ago. We’ll have hotdogs and lemonade and root, root, root for the hometown kids!

Did you know....
The Institute Museum & Library Services (IMLS) announced in May that there are 35,144 museums in the U.S. Of those museums, 55.5 % fall into the “History” category.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE!
http://www.casscountynemuseum.org/
Cornerstone Club....Memberships....Memorials....Special Donations
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- Murray State Bank

**Thank you for your support!**

Is the date highlighted on your address label?
If so, your membership is due.
Please fill out the form on the back and mail or deliver with your check to:
Cass Co Historical Society
646 Main Street
Plattsmouth, NE 68048

(If you are receiving your newsletter via e-mail, there will be a separate e-mail when your membership is due.)

**New Roof for Cook Log Cabin**

One of our goals for 2014 is to put a new roof on the Joseph and Mary Cook Log Cabin. The cost estimate is $3,400. If you would like to make a donation to help with this expense, please send a check to Cass County Historical Society and indicate that it is for the Log Cabin Roof Fund.

**Thank you!**

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**2014 Memberships**

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- Bob & Janet Moore

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- Thomas W. Carneal, MO
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- Tony LaHoda
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- Betty A. Root, AL
- Patsy Sawyer

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- David & Karen Albert
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- Patricia J. Graves, CA
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**In memory of Vivian Tunnell**

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**Rock Bluffs School**

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If you have e-mail and would prefer to receive the newsletter electronically, please send us an e-mail at ccohsm@windstream.net and in the subject line put “electronic newsletter”.
On June 16, 1714, Frenchman Etienne de Veniard Sieur de Bourgmont arrived at the Mouth of the Platte River. They were the first Europeans to set eyes on the future state of Nebraska.

In Bourgmont's report to the French colonial government, the Otoe word “Nibraskier” appeared in writing for the first time. The word meant “flat” or “shallow water” and was later translated into French as “Riviere Platte” or Flat River.

Events planned to commemorate the 300th anniversary are free and open to the public and include:

**Saturday, June 21**
**in the Courtyard, Cass County Museum**
11:00 a.m. To 4:00 p.m.
(Bring your own chair or blanket)
11 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Children's crafts
(the last session will start at 2:30)
3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Michael Murphy: Native flute and Story Teller

**Inside the Museum**
in the Davis Conference Room
Exhibit of maps:
“Story of the Platte as Told in Maps”
The exhibit will continue through August 24

**Sunday, June 22**
4:00 to 8:00 p.m.
**At the Confluence of the Platte and Missouri**
**Schilling Wildlife Management Area**
(Bring your own chair or blanket)
Throughout the Day: Children's Games
Food Vendors
4:00 p.m...............Activities & Exhibits
Dedication of Marker and Plaques
Plattsmouth Community Band
Fur Trapping & Trading Reenactor
Rebecca's Indian Trading Post
Historic Exhibits
5:00 p.m....................David Marsh
Period Folk Music
6:00 p.m....................Program
June 16, 1714,
The Otoe of the Platte
Cedric Fichepain, French Consul
7:00 p.m....................All Nations Dancers
Demonstrations of Fancy and
Traditional Indian Dances.
8:00 p.m....................The End
Sunset Bonfire, Conditions Permitting

June 21-22 events are FREE and open to the public.
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 our 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 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)**

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