



**FALL NEWSLETTER
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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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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.*

From the President's Desk.

Early Autumn has arrived in beautiful Cass County Nebraska. A few nights ago I heard a lone goose honking across the night sky. The poor old guy was probably too old to keep up with the younger members of his flock. I can relate! The annual migration of birds is a fascinating phenomenon that scientists don't yet fully understand. It's believed that migratory birds navigate by the stars at night and that the magnetic pulses of the earth have something to do with it as well. Some birds amazingly travel as much as 25,000 miles each year on their fragile wings.

Recently I've taken time to read through the written history that both my father and mother provided to their family which provides important history about their lives and times so that their grandchildren might have a greater understanding of where they came from. My aunt, now 94, had the foresight to record an oral history from my grandmother when she was 98 and that too provided the family with an understanding of what it was like to grow up on the desolate prairies, enduring droughts, blizzards, etc..

In reading my parents history I was reminded of the difficulties that all Americans were faced with during the Great Depression and then WWII. Many things were rationed, including gasoline at 2 gallons per week, sugar, coffee, rubber tires, meat and so many other things. It was a unique time in America when you were provided ration coupons based on the size and needs of your family. Price controls were also put in place so that wealthier persons could not purchase more than what they had been rationed. Even after the war American families continued to conserve. Perhaps that is why my family had a large garden that required regular hoeing by my brother and me, resulting in calloused hands. He and I learned to hunt wild game as soon as we were able to lift a shotgun into the air and we lived on wild game until I was a teenager. I believe that the difficulties faced during the depression and the war years actually strengthened most Americans, including my parents. It was a time when there was tremendous unity within the country as well, with common goals, perhaps in stark contrast to these times with unusual social and political division.

Our Historical Society has for several years now been video-taping older persons to capture their stories, providing a valuable link to our past. We have over 40 oral histories in our library which are available to anyone who wishes to view them. I believe that this is one of the more valuable on-going projects that we are engaged in. Our large collection of inanimate objects tell their own story, but the oral histories connect the human experience to those objects. We encourage others in our county to offer to participate in a video interview which will enrich our video library and our collective knowledge of the history of this wonderful part of America, the place we love.

Thank you members 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.

Korn Karnival Memories August 27 - October 6, 2019

Each year, visitors in town for the Harvest Festival enjoy seeing photographs and memorabilia from the past Kass County King Korn Karnivals. The exhibit gives a history of the Karnival from its beginning in 1932. New this year are some photographs from the 1960s just donated from Martha McQuin's estate.

Family History Month

October 8 - November 23, 2019

Since October is Family History Month, we will be exhibiting family photographs and a few family trees from our collection.

Celebrating Christmas

November 26, 2019-- January 18, 2020

Prints, photographs, greeting cards and memorabilia celebrating the holidays will be on display. You will also see some decorated trees throughout the building.



Community Events

The Southeast Community College Learning Center in Plattsmouth is starting a new series of History classes on October 7 with "History for Fun: A Vision of the Great Plains" taught by Dr. Spencer Davis.

On October 14, Ted Wehrbein will have a class entitled "History for Fun: Alaska, Saga of a Bold Land"

On Mondays, beginning October 21, "American History & Our Founding Fathers" will be offered via distance technology from Hebron. For additional information or to register for classes, contact the learning center 402-437-2298.

SPECIAL EVENTS

**Lewis & Clark & the White
Pirogue on Beaver Lake**
October 19, 9 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
See enclosed handout for details.

Rock Bluff School Open House
October 20, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Annual hot dog roast and open house. See enclosed handout for details.

Children's Halloween Parade
Friday, October 25, 4:00 pm.
The annual Halloween parade will visit our Cook Log Cabin where the children will receive an apple. We will also be giving out a special treat at the museum. Our thanks to Plattsmouth HyVee for their donation of apples.

**Annual Membership
Meeting**
November 7
See enclosed flyer for details and ticket order form.

Brown Bag Programs

The Fall Brown Bag series starts on October 8. The programs start at 12:00 and are over by 1:00. Cookies and Coffee will be served.

Tuesday, October 8 "Ashley's Return"

Speaker: Todd Peterson
Mr. Peterson will talk about his participation in "Ashley's Return" a re-enactment of Mountain Man Wm. H. Ashley's expedition to Yellowstone in 1825.

Tuesday, October 22 "Plattsmouth Conservancy"

Speaker: Mary Reinholt
Mrs. Reinholt will talk about the Conservancy's Holiday Home Tour on December 8. She will also give a little history of the Conservancy and a preview of the "Steampunk Festival" planned for June.

Tuesday, November 12 "World War I: Base Hospital 49, Allereye, France"

Speaker: Connie Rose
Ms. Rose will bring photographs printed from lantern slides taken 100 years ago. She will also have books, maps, and other miscellany relating to World War I.

Christmas Tree Lighting Saturday, November 30 6:30 Caroling

6:45 Tree Lighting
Hot Apple Cider, Hot Chocolate and Cookies will be served in the museum afterwards. The cabin and caboose will also be open.

Memberships ,Donations and Memorials

Received between June 28 and September 26, 2019. Donors live in Nebraska unless otherwise noted.

MEMBERSHIPS

**Received before June 30
for Fiscal Year 2018-2019**

Promoter

Anne Begley
Jim & Claudine Mitchell, MO

Friend

Sharon Cook Chamberlain, NM

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.)

MEMBERSHIPS

**Received after July 1
for Fiscal Year 2019-2020**

Century

Beverly Hirz
Elizabeth Miller, FL
Dr. Charles & Bev Stoehr
Glenn White, FL

Promoter

William & Susanne Astley
Bill & Sally Babbitt
Jim & Gerry Byrk
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Arlie & Loretta Draper
Dan Hall
Paul & Patty Lambert
Nathan & Ashley Mueller, new
Harlan & Bonnie Seyfer
Grace Wiles Simard

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Joyce Heim
Doris Hirz
Sheryl Oviatt
Betty L. Reichart
Jon & Dee Schuetz

Friend

Jean M. Gammell
Alicia Garbers, new
John & Marcia Kriskey
Sharon A. Shelley
Bonnie Ellington Thal,CA
June Ann Wagner

DONATIONS

Cook Family Reunion
Jerry Gustin,VA
Daisy Richards
Dan Rohan

Genealogy Donations

Linda H. Allen, UT
Todd Heebner, SC
Philip Joy
Opal Schomaker Westfall

Donation toward

**Harvest Festival Pie Sale
in memory of Herbert &**

Lorene Rohrdanz

Jan Matisco, CA

Donation toward

Harvest Festival Pie Sale

William and Susanne Astley

Donations to

Rock Bluffs School Fund

Nebraska Country School Association
Elizabeth Stukenholtz

The Family of Mary McCarroll Smock,
former teacher at Rock Bluffs

Donation to

Log Cabin Fund

Cook Family Reunion

Donations toward shelter

for White Pirogue Replica

Merle Dills
Douglas Duey

In-Kind Donations of materials and labor for Shelter

for White Pirogue Replica

Dakota Compton Merle Dills
Doug Duey George Eledge
Cecil Even Del Hervey
Carroll Hudson Rodney Iske
Kerns Excavating Dale Sharp
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MEMORIAL FUND

Bequest

Glen Comer Estate

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Donation in Memory of

Virginia Spangler

Sharon Cook Chamberlain, NM

MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of

Dixie Baxter

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Paul & Susan Rice

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June Wagner

Dan & Marlys Wehrbein

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Florence Moren

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Matt Smith

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Thomas Carneal, MO

Wayne Meisinger

Bill & Sandra Allgeier

Paul & Susan Rice

June Wagner

SPECIAL EVENT

LEWIS & CLARK & THE WHITE PIROGUE ON BEAVER LAKE

Saturday, October 19, 2019

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Beaver Lake Club House

This Living History Event
will give you an opportunity to
learn about the Lewis and Clark Expedition
and explore the White Pirogue

Members of the Sergeant Floyd Honor
Guard will be present to tell about the
expedition.

The event is free and open to the public.
Donations will be accepted.

Sponsored by Cass County Historical Society
Museum, Beaver Lake BEACH Club,
Sergeant Floyd Honor Guard
and

The Mouth of the Platte Chapter Lewis and
Clark Trail Heritage Foundation

SPECIAL EVENT

ROCK BLUFFS SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE and HOT DOG ROAST !

Sunday, October 20, 2019

2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

18th Annual Hot Dog Roast
Have a hot dog, chips and drink,
tour the school,
and enjoy the beautiful Fall scenery.

Admission is free,
donations will be accepted to help
with maintenance
and repair of the building.

For additional information, contact
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Naomi Institute/Rock Bluffs School was
constructed in 1870 and
is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.
It is owned by Cass County Historical Society.

ANNUAL MEETING
Thursday, November 7
Murray Christian Church, Murray, NE.

6:00 pm Social Hour
6:45 pm Dinner
7:30 Business Meeting
8:00 Program

A social hour will begin at 6:00 with a silent auction and 50/50 raffle.

Nancy Kiroff will cater the dinner. The menu this year will be ham, potato casserole, corn, dinner roll and pie. Cost of the dinner is \$15.00 per person. Reservations and payment must be received by 4:00, Saturday, November 2.

At 7:30, there will be a short business meeting including an annual report and election of officers and board members.

We will move into the sanctuary at 8:00 for a program by
Lemon Twist,
a Sweet Adelines Quartet from Omaha.
They will perform 1940's songs dressed in clothes from the '40s.

Please fill out the form below and mail or deliver to the Museum.

ANNUAL MEETING RESERVATION
November 7, 2019.

Total enclosed \$ ___ for ___ dinners at \$15.

Name _____

Address _____

___ **I will bring something for the silent auction.**

Deadline for reservations and payment
is 4:00 p.m., Saturday, November 2, 2019

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

Name _____

Address _____

City, State _____

Zip _____

Phone # and e-mail _____