



SUMMER NEWSLETTER
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*The Board usually meets the fourth
Tuesday of the month.*

**CASS COUNTY HISTORICAL
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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.....

I thought for this month's column, I would explain a little about the sources of funding for Cass County Historical Society.

Our basic funding of \$40,000 (a percentage of property taxes) comes from the Cass County Commissioners annually. We very much appreciate the interest and support we have from our public officials and that they see the value of remembering and recognizing our history here in Cass County.

Another source of funding is the interest earned from investments located in our Foundation. Some of them were donated with no restrictions and some are to be used for a specific purpose. The Foundation is managed by a separate board.

Other sources of income are annual memberships, memorials, admissions, donations, gift shop sales and occasional special fundraisers (such as pie sales, see page 2!).

As you know, Cass County is rich in history as being one of the early county settlements in Nebraska. I believe it is important that our expanding population here be aware of and know about our pioneering spirit and proud accomplishments of the past. Your CCHS is working hard to meet our mission. Please ask your neighbors and friends to help us in supporting our past and charting our future.

Now, some about the future. We have had outside consultants examine our facilities recently and found them to be wanting. They offered us some options which we hope to pursue in the near future. We badly need more display space and controlled environment storage space. Some of our buildings are probably not satisfactory for future use.

Stay tuned,
Roger Wehrbein

On page 2: Temporary Exhibits about the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment, Merritt Beach, and Harvest Festival.

Summer open house at Rock Bluff School and
details about our September pie sale!

Mark your calendars !

TEMPORARY EXHIBITS

"Rightfully Hers"

A pop up exhibit from the National Archives

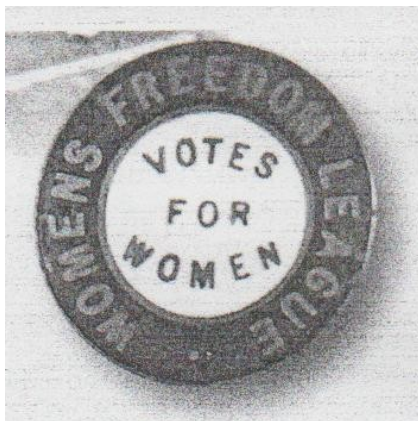
This exhibit commemorating the 100th anniversary of the 19th amendment will continue through August 30.

"Votes for Women :

A Portrait of Persistence"

A poster exhibit from the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service

This poster display explores the complexity of the women's suffrage movement and the relevance of this history to Americans' lives today



Beautiful Merritt Beach

June 16 – August 23

For long time residents, this exhibit of photographs will bring back memories of the popular recreation area that was in operation from the 1930s until 1989.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Rock Bluffs School

Annual Summer Open House

Sunday, July 19, 2020

2:00 to 4:00 pm

We are planning to have our one room school open on July 19. Bring your family, tour the school, try out the swings and enjoy the beautiful scenery! No refreshments will be served.

Harvest Festival Exhibit

September 1 – October 25

The Harvest Festival will not be held this year, but you can relive the fun of the festival by viewing our exhibit of photographs and memorabilia from past Korn Karnivals and Harvest Festivals. A recent addition to the collection is the dress worn by Martha Kaffenberger Meisinger when she was the 1938 Queen. It will be on exhibit in our Victorian Room.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

PIE SALE !

September 11 and 12

10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Even though there is no Festival this year, we will still have our annual pie sale with a few changes....

Only whole pies will be sold.

If you cannot come to the museum, but live within 3 miles of the museum, we will have volunteers available those days to deliver. For delivery, call on pie sale days, Sandra Allgeier at 402-298-1398 or Diane Berlett at 402-297-9223

Pies will be \$12 if picked up and \$14 if delivered.

We need volunteers to bake pies, to work the days of the sale and to deliver. If you would like to volunteer, call Sandra Allgeier (home 402-296-2249, cell 402-298-1398) or Diane Berlett (home 402-298-8484, cell 402-297-9223)

If you do not want to bake or purchase a pie, please consider making a donation to the museum. The pie sale is our major fund raiser in every Fall.

Donations may be mailed to Cass County Museum, 646 Main, Plattsmouth. We will mail you a thank you and a receipt.

MEMBERSHIPS

Received between

April 1 and June 30, 2020.

Cornerstone Club

Businesses

Sandstone

John's Appliance Sales & Service
John Baroni

Rishel & Pfeifer, P.C.

Steven Rishel, CPA

Individuals & Families

Century

William & Sandra Allgeier

Judy Attebery

Jim Case

Frederick Eriksen

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Melvin Luetchens

Paul & Janet McCartney

Dean & Marilyn Meisinger

Fred & Pat Meisinger

Elizabeth "Betsy" Miller, FL

David & Lori Pankonin

Jerry & Mary Reinholt

Paul & Susan Rice

Roy & Sharon Smith

Walter Smith, TX

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Promotor

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Dean Podoll

Charles & Evelyn Schafer

Grace Wiles Simard

Diana Duey Stokan

John & Christine Trost

Emerson & Norma Wiles

Memberships, Donations, and Memorials

Received between April 1 and June 30,2020. Donors live in Nebraska unless otherwise noted.

MEMBERSHIPS,continued

Booster

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Marty Robbins, new
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Elizabeth Thorpe, UT
James & Lois Witte

Is the date highlighted on your address label? If so, it means your membership is due. Please fill out the form on the back and mail with your check to the museum.

DONATIONS

Rock Bluffs School Fund
in memory of Don Baker
Ellyn Meisinger

in memory of Charles Warga
Ellyn Meisinger

DONATION

in memory of Grandparents,
Maria & Henry Ragoss
Dora & John Rohrdanz
Janice Matisco, CA

DONATION

in memory of
Robert (Bob) Moore
Janet Moore, CA

DONATION

in memory of
Vivian Tunnell
Janet Moore, CA

DONATION

Employees of Citizens State Bank

GENEALOGY DONATIONS

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Bill & Sally Babbitt

Karel Forman

Roger Wehrbein

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Dan & Marlys Wehrbein
Ted & Carol Wehrbein

MEMORIALS, continued

Cecil McKnight

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Roger Wehrbein
Ted & Carol Wehrbein
Glenn White & Family, FL

Cecil Guy Murdoch

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Roger Wehrbein
Ted & Carol Wehrbein
Glenn White & Family, FL
Gary & Suzanne Wilson
Mike & Pat Zeigler

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.

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

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION:

Individuals and Families:

- _____ Patron (\$1,000 and up)
- _____ Benefactor (\$500 and up)
- _____ Investor
- _____ 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 _____

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.