



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

**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.....

Greetings,

I often wonder as I drive around the county and state why farmsteads are located where they are. I have read in the past that many locations had to do with the ethnic background (mostly European) as to where farmsteads were located. Based on previous generations' experiences, some were sited on hills so as to see their surroundings better (safety) and others were located on low ground (probably for weather protections.)

I would also imagine that some were located where they could find water. Others were built close to the road and others built far back in the field with a long driveway (so as to be isolated?)

As a result of where they sited their farmsteads, we are still affected today. Examples are long, high maintenance driveways, poor, drainage, nuisance creek crossings, high wind exposure and dusty roads

Past decisions can have a long term influence on our lives.

Stay tuned.

Roger Wehrbein

Upcoming events, see page 2, and mark your calendars:

Sunday, October 18, 2-4 p.m. Rock Bluffs School, Fall open House

Thursday, November 5, 7:00 p.m. Annual Meeting

Saturday, December 5, 6:30 p.m. Tree Lighting !

TEMPORARY EXHIBITS

Harvest Festival Exhibit

September 1 – October 25

The Harvest Festival was not held this year but you can relive the fun by viewing our exhibit of photographs and memorabilia from past Korn Karnivals and Harvest Festivals.

Votes for Women:

**A Portrait of Persistence
continuing through December**

This poster exhibit was organized by the Smithsonian Traveling Exhibition Service in collaboration with the National Portrait Gallery. It celebrates the centennial of the 19th amendment that secured women's voting rights in the United States.

**Political Campaign Souvenirs
October 27- December 31**

Since it is an election year, we are exhibiting photographs of presidential candidates who visited Cass Co. and souvenirs such as campaign buttons and newspaper ads.

SPECIAL EVENTS

PIE SALE RESULTS

Our pie sale on September 11 and 12 was very successful. One pie was left at the end of the day on Friday, 8 more were donated on Saturday and all sold before noon. The pies brought in \$780 plus \$228 in donations. Thank you to everyone who donated a pie, the volunteers who worked both days, and to Diane Berlett and Sandra Allgeier for organizing the event.

**FALL OPEN HOUSE
ROCK BLUFFS SCHOOL**

**Sunday, October 18,
2:00 to 4:00 p.m.**

Come visit our one room schoolhouse and enjoy the beautiful Fall scenery. No refreshments will be served. This year marks the building's 150th anniversary. It opened as Naomi Institute on September 16, 1870.

ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, November 5, 7:00 p.m.

Murray Christian Church

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, this year's annual meeting will not include a dinner or silent auction.

The meeting is free and open to the public, but reservations are required so that we know how many are attending. Call the museum (402-296-4770) before November 4 to make reservations

Masks are recommended and seating will be 6-feet apart.

Everyone attending will receive a \$5.00 voucher to be used at a future Historical Society dinner.

The evening will begin at 7:00 pm with a business meeting, annual report, and election of officers and board members.

At 7:30, a program “Winning the Vote: The Campaign for Women's Suffrage in the United States”

will be presented by Dr. Dianne Bystrom.

Dr. Bystrom was Director of the Carrie Chapman Catt Center for Women and Politics at Iowa State University for 22 years.

Humanities Nebraska (HN) provides major funding for this program. HN receives support from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Nebraska State Legislature, the Nebraska Cultural Endowment, and private donations.



CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

Saturday, December 5, 6:30 p.m.

The blue spruce tree in our courtyard will light up for the holiday season at 6:30, December 5.

No refreshments will be served afterwards, but the museum will be open until 8:00 p.m.

“Mask up” and come in to see other decorated trees and our current exhibits!

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.

We are aware that some of our members prefer to receive the newsletter by e-mail, but we have experienced problems, so all of our members are receiving a paper newsletter. It is mailed by bulk mail, so the mailing cost is minimal.

Memberships, Donations, and Memorials

Received between July 1 and September 30, 2020. Donors live in Nebraska unless otherwise noted.

MEMBERSHIPS

**Received between
July 1 and Sept. 30, 2020.**

Cornerstone Club

**Businesses
Sandstone**

Cornerstone Bank
Angie Jameson

McKnight Family Dental
Dr. James McKnight, D.D.S

Individuals & Families

Investor

Spencer & Vivian Davis

Century

Barbara York Baker, WA
Leigh Jean Koinzan and
John Sullivan
Nathan & Ashley Mueller
Julie Schmale
Dr. Charles & Bev Stoehr
Ken & Meg Zarybnicky

Promotor

Jim & Gerry Byrk
Don Hall
Jim & Colleen Peterson
Mark Terhune, new

Booster

Mike & Shelia Coen
Sheryl Oviatt
Dwayne & Mary Prince
Betty Reichart
Bonnie Ellington Thal, CA
Bill & Brenda Todd

Friend

Jean M. Gammell
Brian & Nancy Heineman, IA
John & Marcia Kriskey
Shirley Beine McDonald, CA
Linda Ries, ID

DONATIONS

Rock Bluffs School Fund

Jim & Joanne Furlong
Anonymous cash donations during
July open house.

GENEALOGY DONATIONS

Theone Harris, CA
Sue Ocander
Cynthia Trygstad, CO

DONATIONS IN LIEU

OF PIE SALE

Bill & Sally Babbitt
Kathleen Bestor, CA.
Betty Reichart
Paul & Susan Rice
Patsy Sawyer

DONATIONS

Thomas Carneal, MO
Joanne Furlong

Sioux Falls Whiskey Society
Michael DeJong, SD

DONATION FOR PIROGUE

SHELTER

Butch Bouvier

We are saddened by the passing of one of our members, John Schleicher. John grew up in Plattsmouth and graduated from Plattsmouth High School in 1983. After getting his Masters at the University of Nebraska, he worked for several museums. He was known throughout the state for his museum work and also as a speaker for Humanities Nebraska. Many will remember his programs about Dr. Robert Ramsey Livingston (who was also from Plattsmouth), Germans from Russia in Nebraska and History of the Nebraska Medical Center.

William Duff, formerly of Weeping Water, passed away on September 8. For several years, he was our "rope maker" on Living History Day.

MEMORIAL FUND

in memory of

Don Baker

Thomas Carneal, MO
Fred & Pat Meisinger

William Duff

Paul & Susan Rice

June Eggert

Glenn White, FL

Donald Grove

David & Sharon Lybarger

Nancy Haag

Doris Landon

Brian Hirz

Diane Berlett
Carol Gray
Diana Duey Strokan

Margaret Knorr

Am. Legion Auxiliary Post 56

Janice Murdoch

Bill & Sally Babbitt

Gene Noell

Bill & Sally Babbitt
Carl & Linda Glup

Bernice Nolte

Thomas Carneal, MO

John Schleicher

Carol Ahlgren, MN
Nick & Meridee Lucas
Fred & Pat Meisinger
H. Margo Prentiss
Paul & Susan Rice
Ted & Carol Wehrbein

Larry Stuckey

David & Vicki Chebatoris
Diana Strokan
Glenn White, FL

Betty Wagner

David & Sharon Lybarger
Dan & Marlys Wehrbein

Bequest from the Estate

of Margaret Knorr

Bill Knorr, Jr.
Ann Knorr Snider

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.

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.