



WINTER NEWSLETTER
January, February, March, 2021
646 Main Street, Plattsmouth, NE. 68048
ccoohsm@windstream.net
402-296-4770
www.casscountynemuseum.org

2021 Board of Directors

OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT

Roger Wehrbein, Plattsmouth

VICE- PRESIDENT

Del Hervey, Plattsmouth

SECRETARY

Pat Meisinger, Plattsmouth

TREASURER

Alicia Garbers, Plattsmouth

BOARD MEMBERS

Sandra Allgeier, Plattsmouth

Susanne Astley, Plattsmouth

Judy Attebery, Murray

Diane Berlett, Plattsmouth

George Eledge, Plattsmouth

Brad Ksiazek, Plattsmouth

Mel Luetchens, Murdock

Julie Schmale, Murdock

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

**CASS COUNTY HISTORICAL
SOCIETY FOUNDATION**

Dave Pankonin, President

Pat Meisinger, Secretary

Leigh Jean Koinzan, Treasurer

Mel Luetchens, Board Member

Roger Wehrbein, Board Member

Bruce Wiles, Board Member

MUSEUM STAFF

Margo Prentiss, Curator

Linda Duncan, Registrar

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 want to start out today by thanking Paul and Susan Rice for their hard work in recognizing and marking all the country school houses in Cass County. It is a work in progress and I intend to have them comment on their endeavors in a future column.

Like many of my (fading) generation, I grew up going to a one room country school. They dotted the countryside every two or three miles and some had very interesting names such as Rabbit Roost, Cottonwood, Cottage Hill, Lick Skillet and Woodpecker.

Country schools in those days were really the hub of neighborhood social life, along with 4-H clubs, Farm Bureaus and Granges. More on the latter to come in future columns.

Most of us walked to school along the country roads and thru the fields. Many of us also rode ponies, who would be tied to trees and watered during the day. On several days we went by team and wagon as the roads (now highway 66) were so spongy and muddy with a high water table.

The whole community would turn out for the Christmas program, which absolutely packed the building, with a hot stove in the middle and curtains screening off the stage. Singing and dissertations made up the evening topped off by a scrumptious lunch. Neighbors really knew neighbors in those days!

Games that were played included steal stick, hide and seek, fox and geese and "Andy over". (occasionally a window got broken with that game!)

Teachers, many right out of high school, often stayed with the farmers and almost became part of the family.

The school year ended with a picnic on the last day of school.

**Happy New Year,
Roger Wehrbein**

**See page 2 for current exhibits and
the Timeline Event planned for July.**

TEMPORARY EXHIBITS

Banks

January 4 – March 27, 2021

Did you empty your piggy bank at the end of 2020 and deposit the coins in your savings account or buy something special? Do you remember as a child receiving a bank as a way to learn to manage money?

This exhibit might bring back some memories. Our collection includes banks in the shape of cows, horses, bells, and buildings. Most are from the early 20th Century.

Votes for Women:

A Portrait of Persistence through January 30

This poster exhibit celebrating the centennial of the 19th Amendment that secured women's voting rights will continue through January 30. The exhibit was organized by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service.

Valentines

February 2 – March 27, 2021

Our permanent collection includes over 600 Valentines. We have selected about 100 for this exhibit of Valentines ranging in date from the 1880s to the 1960s.

Valentine Greetings from 1931 !



This hand-made Valentine was sent to Neil Lancaster in 1931.

ANNUAL MEETING RESULTS

Roger Wehrbein was elected President during the November 5 annual Meeting. Other officers elected were Del Hervey, Vice President; Pat Meisinger, Secretary and Alicia Garbers, Treasurer. Board members elected to three year terms expiring 2023 were Sandra Allgeier, Brad Ksiazek and Mel Luetchens. All have been serving and have agreed to continue.

Bryan Zimmer, board member for History Nebraska, presented Susan Rice with a Heritage Hero award. The award honors grassroots history volunteers statewide. Our Board of Directors nominated Susan last year for the award, honoring her many years on our board and as a volunteer.

The evening included an excellent program by Dr. Dianne Bystrom about the Women's Suffrage Movement. The program was made possible by Humanities Nebraska.

** SPECIAL EVENT **

Mark your Calendar:

Living History Day, Timeline Event, July 24-25, 2021

Our Living History event will be held at the Rock Hill Windmill Event Center, 5910 Ranch Road, Plattsmouth.

The event will be outside. You will be able to walk through history, hearing re-enactors from the Lewis and Clark Expedition of 1804, Mountain Men from the 1820s and Civil War soldiers from the 1860s.

If you would like to make a donation to help cover the costs, please mail a check to Cass County Historical Society. Note on the check that it is for the "Timeline Event."

To learn more about the Timeline event, visit our website

www.casscountymuseum.org,

click on the Special Events page and there is a newsletter each month by Butch Bouvier with updates.

MEMBERSHIPS

Received between Oct. 1, 2020 and Jan. 12, 2021
CORNERSTONE CLUB

Businesses

Limestone

N & B Henry Rentals
Betty Henry

W-M Farms, Inc.
Robert & Jacqueline Meisinger

Sandstone

Brian P. Harvey Funeral Home
Brian P. Harvey

Henry Hobscheidt Motors
Jeff Henry

Pankonin's Inc.
David Pankonin

Stock Seed Farms
David Stock

INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES Century

Jim & Kathy Copmann, FL
Frederick Eriksen
Beverly J. Hirz
Dave & Sharon Lybarger
William & Pamela Reinsch (new)
William M. Wehrbein
Glenn E. White, FL

Promotor

William & Susanne Astley
Diane Berlett
Kevin Bertrand, CA
Kathleen Bestor, CA
Larry & Elly Biederman
Roger & Linda Behrns
Mac & Anita Carmichael
A. Dale & Loretta Draper
George & Arlene Eledge
Don Gappa
Stephen Gaukel
Evan F. Holly
Paul & Patty Lambert
H. Margo Prentiss
Tom & Della Sullivan
Frank & Joyce Swanson
Virginia Wickham, MO
Donna Work, ILL

Memberships, Donations, and Memorials

Received between Oct. 1,2020 and Jan.12,2021. Donors live in Nebraska unless otherwise noted.

MEMBERSHIPS, continued

Booster

Bill & Sally Babbitt
Mary Sullivan Berner
Jim & Alice Bryant
Phyllis L. Buell
Jerry & Carol Burgess,FL
Mike & Marilyn Cahalane
Cindy Drake
Jean M.Gammell
Alicia Garbers
Maurice & Mary Rogers Hammons
Herb & Nancy Heil, CA
Joyce Heim
John & Jill Lokke
Terry & Georgia McCarl
Garry & Becky Martin
Gene & Evelyn Meier
Pamela Osthus
Harlan Seyfer
Daniel & Marlys Wehrbein
Deb Woster

Friend

Myrna Esluer
Dan & Patty Cunningham(gift)
Linda A. Duncan
Terry & Julie Duncan (gift)
Carol Gray
Fran Guthrie, OR (gift)
Greg & Rita Hartel
Betty Holmstedt
Ruby Moss(gift)
JoAnn Pryor, CA
Minnie Mae Sayers
Craig Savala, IA (new)
June Wagner
Patricia Wagner

*Thank you for your support of
Cass County Historical Society.*

**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

Jim Furlong
Frank & Joyce Swanson

GENEALOGY DONATION

Deb Muntz, IND

DONATIONS

Jan Matisco, CA
Ellyn Meisinger

DONATIONS OF APPLES FOR HALLOWEEN PARADE

Plattsmouth HyVee
Del Hervey

DONATIONS FOR TIMELINE EVENT

Paul & Susan Rice
Douglas G. Schema, IA
Donald V. Shippy,IA

MEMORIAL FUND

in memory of

Anne Begley
Roy & Sharon Smith

Dick Berner

Roy & Sharon Smith

Doug Duey

Roy & Sharon Smith

Joanne Glaze

Dan & Marlys Wehrbein

Nancy Haag

Roy & Sharon Smith

Brian Hirz

William & Sandra Allgeier
Jeanie Brookhouser
Fred & Pat Meisinger
Jayne & Carl Ofé
Roy & Sharon Smith
Tom & Della Sullivan
Roger Wehrbein

Dorothy Meisinger

Roy & Sharon Smith

MEMORIALS, continued

Marilyn Miller

Dave & Sharon Lybarger

Gene Noell

Roy & Sharon Smith
Tom & Della Sullivan

Bernice Nolte

Roy & Sharon Smith

John Schleicher

Garry & Becky Martin
Roy & Sharon Smith
Tom & Della Sullivan

Sheila Speck

Dan & Marlys Wehrbein

Larry Stuckey

James & Stephanie Ball
Roy & Sharon Smith

Mary Yenney

Bill Knorr, Jr.
Ann Knorr Snider

DONATIONS TO ROCK BLUFFS SCHOOL FUND

in memory of

Don Baker
Roy & Sharon Smith

Penny Moore

Roy & Sharon Smith

Kay Hull Strong-Nicholas

George & Arlene Eledge
Mike & Ida McKay
Harold Nicolas
Roy & Sharon Smith
Tom & Della Sullivan

Charles Warga

Roy & Sharon Smith

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.