

A Walk Through Time

A living history “time line” event

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Monthly news letter

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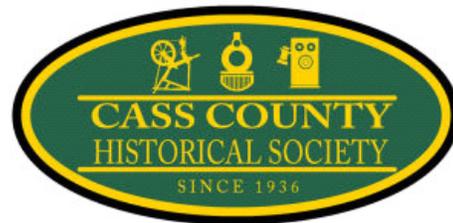
July 24-25, 2021

Where:

Plattsmouth, NE

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Latest up dates:

- **Bill Hayes** who will be our **George Shannon** in the **Lewis and Clark** time frame has been actively working on putting our **Civil War** contingent together. The reason I tapped him with the additional responsibility of putting together our **Civil War** group is that **Bill** is an active and respected member of that community of re-enactors. His connections with in that group of folks made him the ideal candidate to accomplish this task. **Bill** has assured me that we will have final and solid commitments within a month or two and at that time I will do Bios on these team members.
- We will soon be able to accept donations through **Pay Pal** which should make it more convenient for many of you who would like to help this event happen.

I have obtained enough black powder for our cannon for this event. Current and ongoing shortages had me concerned so I found a source and we are good to go!

First I would like to apologize for this news letter being so late. Between the sub zero weather and the related problems I had to deal with, and my eye sight which is still somewhat limited I just could not get it completed any sooner. One more operation to go and by the end of March I should be back at least as good as I was and maybe even better, I hope!

I have been working on a new Tri Fold brochure for our event. Del, his bride Glenda and my Bride Catherine have been actively involved in helping me get it all sorted out. Tri Folds are tricky to do as you have limited space to cover the subject and presentation and layout is everything. I remember when I was in High school I asked my English teacher what the definition of a short story was, which is essentially what a tri fold is. She was a young first time teacher, and I should mention, cute as a bug's ear. I remember it as if it was yesterday, she said "Well Alfred (there my secrete is out) it is like a girls dress, long enough to cover the subject but short enough to be interesting" and I have never forgot it, or her. At the end of this news letter I will show you what it looks like. I have obtained the funding for these and 2000 are currently being printed.

If you remember, I mentioned that I have an aspiring writer lined up to do a story about the event. I became acquainted with Shelby about 8 or nine years ago through my Daughter Wendy. I have watched her grow from a young girl into talented gifted young lady. I think the world of her as I know you will also. Let me introduce Shelby Sims.

Shelby Sims is a student at Indiana State University, currently studying Communication with a concentration in Journalism. She enjoys writing and reporting on topics that depict real-life and honest stories. Shelby's passion for storytelling started at a young age and has continued throughout her educational career. While in her senior year of college, she hopes to find new and interesting events to write about that will broaden her journalistic experience. She interned in California two years ago and had a few articles published as a result of that work. She is a native of Indiana and still resides there. Our hopes are to get her article about this event published in some of the historical magazines along the Lewis and Clark Trail.



Some words of wisdom from my Grandpa:
"Life is simpler when you plow around the stump"
"A Yellow jacket is faster than a John Deere tractor"
"Words that soak into your ear are whispered not yelled"

Editorial comment

“Un-Renewable Resources”

I was asked recently by a friend how our fund raising efforts were coming along. I responded with a not that well yet, but not to worry. They suggested that I should consider canceling the event if funding was not obtained by a certain date. My response was that if that happened I would fund it. They said that I was crazy, maybe, maybe not.

This last month I have had several conversations with strangers, acquaintances and friends concerning our planned event in July. Most of the folks I have tapped to be a part of this event are cut from the same cloth as I am and have been doing this living history stuff for decades. Some call it a hobby, some call it a commitment, and yet others cannot describe why they do it. I pressed a few of my friends on this question and discovered a underlying factor which was helping to drive all of them.

Bob Baker in his BIO statement said it allows him to “play soldier”, while Sterling Fichter eludes to learning about the Mountain Man era as “something he always wanted to do”, and he believes in “learning our history to understand our future”. Dean Slader has always been an educator, starting with his years as a history teacher and now in retirement as a re-enactor, like most of these guys he says it is “in his blood”. Randy Rummelhart is a man of deep convictions and a drive to educate folks about our past and the list goes on and on.

When we visit about why we do this stuff one theme seemed to always creep to the surface. *Young folks today do not have a clue about their American History.* They cannot tell you on what year Pearl Harbor was attacked let alone why, who fought the Civil war when, or why? If you were to stand on a street corner with a microphone and ask simple historical questions of passers by, you will find out just how uninformed our population is today. These guys know this and want it to change and are willing to spend time and money to help make that happen. They realize that an informed society can then make informed decisions based on what happened in the past, what did not work and what did work. Many things have changed in the last 200 years, and we need to be completely aware of how this is currently effecting out history. Many of these changes are technological in nature, while many are new approaches to old problems which have little to do with technology and much to do with human nature, which any historian will tell you doesn't change.

The money we spend to educate our society is a renewable resource and most of us “crazy” re-enactors have spent hundreds if not thousands of dollars to pursue our passion of educating our fellow Americans. We all believe that to make informed and logical decisions we must have accurate information to work with and you cannot “fact check” a documented historical event because you have the documentation, it did happen, but you can learn from it. These guys are giving much more than just their money, they are giving us the one un-renewable resource they have which has true value, their time!

I respect them for that above everything else, and I thank them for it from the bottom of my heart.

Butch Bouvier

OUR SPECIAL REQUEST PAGE

I have decided to use social media and e-mails to advertise this event. We will of course do some written advertising and press releases but in this day and age I can reach more folks electronically, if you will help me. If you receive this news letter in a pdf file on your computer, would you please take a moment and hit the forward button and share it with your contacts and anyone else who you think might be interested? If you are viewing it on Face book, please share it.

Thank you so very much!

***SPECIAL NOTE:** This event is in Coordination with the Cass County Historical Society which is a 501c3 not for profit corporation*

NOW, IF YOU HAVE A LITTLE EXTRA JINGLE IN YOUR POCKET

In order to make this event happen on the scale we want it to we will need to raise our proposed \$5,000.00 budget by July 24, 2021. As of December 1, 2020 I have calculated that we will need to take in \$165.00 per week to meet this goal. I know this is an attainable goal. Your donations are tax deductible and will help us educate a lot of folks, young and old on how this country was settled between 1804 and 1860. Please help us if you can.

Please make your check payable to:
Please notate it for the
Then mail it to them at:

Cass County Historical Society
“Time line Event”
646 Main Street
Plattsmouth, NE 68048

Thank you for your support!

Thank you to Kola Curttright for her generous donation!

More words of wisdom from my Grandpa

- Don't sell your Mule to by a plow
- Don't corner something meaner than you
- The best sermons are lived, not preached
- Most of the stuff people worry about never happens
- Don't squat with your spurs on!