



## SPECIAL NEWSLETTER

June, 2021

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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.*

## SEEKING YOUR ASSISTANCE

Dear Fellow Cass County Historical Society Members:

I am writing a history of The Timber Rattlesnake in Nebraska.

Timber Rattlesnakes were known from the Missouri River Bluffs in Cass County, first documented in 1938 as a result of rock quarrying. From interviews with former residents of eastern Cass County, it seems the snakes were extirpated from the county by the late 1960s.

If any of you have stories of Cass Co. Timber Rattlesnakes from parents, grandparents, or any one you may have known, or artifacts such as rattles, skins, photographs, etc., and be willing to allow me to examine, make notes, and photograph them, these would greatly help me in this research.

I am also seeking information on quarries on the eastern edge of Cass County, in particular Ace Hill, Queen Hill, King Hill, Tobins, Heebner, and Becker/Larsh, later Burden quarries. Years of operation, opening and closing dates, photographs taken before, during, and after operating years would be very helpful to this project.

If you have information and/or artifacts about any of the above and are willing to share them, please contact me at:

**John Lokke [scenario\\_56@hotmail.com](mailto:scenario_56@hotmail.com)**

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### TEMPORARY EXHIBITS

There is always something new to see in the museum! Exhibits are changed quarterly in our Davis Conference room.

#### “From Sea to Shining Sea”

##### Prints by John Falter

##### Through August 28, 2021

In the early 1970s, the 3-M Corporation commissioned John Falter to do a Bicentennial Series of paintings entitled “From Sea to Shining Sea”. The original oil paintings are owned by 3-M. The Corporation had reproductions made of the paintings and one set of the prints was donated to Cass County Historical Society by John Falter.

#### Summer!

#### Time to head to the Beach!

##### June 1 – August 28, 2021

Merritt Beach was a popular recreation area just south of the Platte River on the east side of Highway 75.

This exhibit of photographs and memorabilia will help you relive the fun times at the beach between 1930 and 1989.

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#### **Summer Open House**

#### **Rock Bluffs School**

**Sunday, July 18,**

**2:00 to 4:00 p.m.**

Free and open to the public.

**Come and tour our one room brick school house, constructed in 1870 and listed on the National Register of Historic Places.**



View from the swings, Rock Bluffs School

### \*\* SPECIAL EVENT \*\*

#### Living History Day, Time Line Event,

#### *A Walk Through Time*

July 24-25, 2021

9:00 a.m. -- 5:00 p.m. Saturday, July 24

9:00 a.m.--4:00 p.m. Sunday, July 25

**The event will be held at the  
Rock Hill Windmill Event Center,  
5910 Ranch Road, Plattsmouth.**

(From Plattsmouth, take Hwy. 66 West to 60<sup>th</sup> Street,  
turn North and go 2 miles to Ranch Road)

The event will take place outside. You will be able to walk through history, hearing re-enactors from the Lewis and Clark Expedition of 1804, US Army, Fort Atkinson 1820s, Mountain Men from the 1830s, Travelers on the Oregon Trail in the 1840s and Civil War Soldiers from the 1860s.

In addition to the walk through experience, the following programs will be presented. Funding for these programs is provided by Humanities Nebraska (HN). HN receives support from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Nebraska State Legislature, the Nebraska Cultural Endowment and private donations.

**July 24, 11:00 a.m.** Darrell Draper as “George Drouillard, Hunter, Interpreter and Sign Talker for Lewis and Clark

**1:00 p.m.** Bill Hayes will appear as “George Shannon: Youngest Member of the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

**2:30 p.m.** Descendants of DeWitty, Nebraska's largest and longest-lasting African American settlement, will re-enact the stories of their ancestors in a program entitled “Audacious, Nebraska Saga”.

**4:00 p.m.** Darrell Draper as “George Drouillard”

**July 25, 1:00 p.m.** Darrell Draper “History of Nebraska as told by Peter Sarpy”



If you would like to make a donation to help cover other costs for “A Walk Through Time” please mail a check to Cass County Historical Society, 646 Main Street, Plattsmouth, NE.

Note on the check that it is for the “Time Line Event.”

There is also a PayPal option on our website. Go to the “Make a Donation” page on our website [www.casscountynemuseum.org](http://www.casscountynemuseum.org) click on the PayPal button and choose “Event Donation”

**Memberships, Donations, and Memorials**  
**Received between April 1 and May 26, 2021.**  
**Donors live in Nebraska unless otherwise noted.**

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

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Mouth of the Platte Chapter of  
the Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage  
Foundation

and

One Anonymous Cash Donation

**Volunteer opportunities:**

Saturday receptionist: 12-4:00  
Greet visitors, answer phone,  
work on special projects. We  
need volunteers on the  
2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays.

Help to host museum table at the  
Time Line Event, July 24 or 25  
We will display some educational  
items relating to Lewis and Clark  
and also have membership  
information available.

**MEMORIAL FUND**

**in memory of**  
**Pat Grancer**

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**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. Our  
Fiscal Year ends June 30; your  
renewal before that date will help  
us end the year on a positive note.**

**There is also an option to use  
PayPal to pay your membership  
or make other donations.  
To use PayPal, visit our website  
www.casscountymuseum.org  
and go to the page "Make a  
Donation".**

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:**

**Open All Year**

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**

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To renew your membership or to become a member for the first time, please fill out the form at right and mail with your check to the museum. There is also a PayPal option on our website.

**MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION:**

**Individuals and Families:**

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