



SUMMER NEWSLETTER
July, August, September, 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.*

From the President's Desk.....

HEAR YEE! HEAR YEE! An exciting living history event, *A Walk through Time*, is coming to the Plattsmouth area on July 24 and 25. You will be seeing several ads on it, so watch for them. It will be held two miles north from Highway 66 on 60th Street at the Gregg Eisenbarth Rock Hill Event Center. The idea is to see life as it was in the 19th Century. Thanks to Butch Bouvier and Del Hervey for their strong leadership on this. It is co-sponsored by Cass County Historical Society and the Event Center.

I thought of the future as I was writing this column and couldn't help but wonder what we will see in Cass County in the next 25, 50, and 100 years. What will we be leaving for our descendants? As we are now remembering and honoring the past, we are also creating "history" for future generations.

As Cass County slowly transitions into an "urban" county we need to be cognizant of our agricultural and pioneer heritage of the past so we can really understand our roots. For example, many farmsteads of my youth have now disappeared. There is very little livestock and we are literally farming county road to county road. I realize change cannot be stopped but hopefully we can adapt to it in an orderly and respectful manner. Our own Cass County Museum is a testament to this effort.

I have often remarked that we don't often live beyond 100 years of age because we could not tolerate more change than that. So, as we recognize the past (Timeline Event), I think we should consider our present actions and the history we are "creating" for tomorrow. Are we using our present resources responsibly and effectively, for example?

From one-room country schools (which we have recognized) to large districts; from neighborhood butchering days to giant packing plants; from horse power to tractor power; from dugouts to air conditioned houses and many, many other examples, we have come a long way.

In most cases, our forebears have left us rich and valuable legacies. Hopefully, we are doing as much for our future generations.

Roger Wehrbein, President

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!

Through August 28, 2021

An exhibit of photographs and memorabilia from Merritt Beach, the popular recreation area just south of the Platte River on the east side of Highway 75 from the 1930s until 1989

Autumn!

Time for Football and the Harvest Festival!

August 31 – November 20, 2021

On one side of the Conference room will be an exhibit about Plattsmouth High School Football. The other side of the room will be photographs and memorabilia about past Harvest Festivals (previously called the Kass County King Korn Carnival).

** 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 60th 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”



HUMANITIES NEBRASKA

Visit us on Facebook.
We post an
“Artifact of the Week”
on Wednesdays.

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 click on the PayPal button and choose “Event Donation”

**Memberships, Donations, and Memorials
Received between May 27 and June 30, 2021
Donors live in Nebraska unless otherwise noted.**

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Volunteer opportunities:

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

**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.**

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

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Hy-Vee Reusable Bag Program

Cass County Historical Society
has been selected to be a part of
the HyVee Reusable Bag program
that supports local non-profits.
For the month of JULY, each time
a \$2.50 red "My Heart" bag is
purchased at Plattsmouth Hy-Vee
\$1 will be donated to Cass County
Historical Society. This is a great
way to raise awareness, support
the environment and fund raise
for our cause.



Plattsmouth Harvest Festival
“REMEMBER THE PAST, CELEBRATE THE FUTURE”
September 9 -12, 2021

During the Harvest Festival, the museum will be open special hours:

Thursday, September 9, regular hours 12:00 to 4:00
Friday and Saturday, September 10-11, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, September 12, 12:00 to 4:00 p.m

The farm building and shed in our courtyard will also be open, as well as the log cabin, caboose and pirogue at the end of Main Street !

The farm building has been used for storage since the early 1990s. We are opening it this year during the Festival so that visitors can see items we do not have room to display and get a better understanding of why we need to add more storage and exhibition space

SPECIAL EVENTS:

PIE SALE September 10-11 10:00 a.m. To 4:00 p.m.
Only whole pies will be sold. Pies will be \$15.00

USED BOOK SALE September 10-11, 10:00 a.m. To 4:00 p.m.
A small book sale will take place on our porch.
It includes books that have been donated recently
but are duplicates of ones we already have in our museum library.

4-H ESCAPE ROOM
at the Joseph and Mary Cook Log Cabin !
September 10, 10 a.m. To 8:00 p.m.
September 11, 10:00 a.m. To 9:00 p.m.

Sign up for a 45-minute adventure! Designed for groups of 6, make history come alive as you unravel clues and escape from the past.

Reservations are required for this event: sign up at <https://go.unl.edu/CassEscapeRoom>



ROCK BLUFFS SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

Sunday, July 18, 2021
2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 17, 2021
2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Admission is free,
donations will be accepted to help with
maintenance and repair of the building.

The one room brick school building is 151 years old.
It opened as “Naomi Institute” in September, 1870.

For additional information, contact
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View from the swings, Rock Bluffs School

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

To renew your membership or to become a member for the first time, please fill out the form below 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)**
- Investor (\$250)**
- 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)**

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