



**SPRING NEWSLETTER**  
**April, May, and June, 2022**

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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.....**

I am continuing on from the previous columns about the recent history of the Cass County Fairgrounds north of Weeping Water. The fund-raising kickoff dinner was held on March 1, 1966 at the Winterset Inn in Plattsmouth. About 150 workers were invited and 136 attended. The \$3.00 steak dinner was provided and paid for by owner Marion Endelicato. An afternoon media conference was held prior to the evening banquet and several local speakers gave messages of support at the dinner. The keynote speaker was professor Don Clifton from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. (He later went on to found Selection Research Inc. (SRI) which today is Gallup.) He gave a very motivational speech that fired up the crowd to work hard the next two days. Packets and brochures were distributed to teams (pairs) of workers who then blanketed rural Cass County on March 1 and 2. The basic plan was to seek any and all donations starting at the Centennial Acre Club (\$400), Centennial Memorial Club (\$200) and anything else from one penny and more. On March 14, Harry Knabe, a world renowned Hampshire hog breeder from Nehawka, donated a bred gilt that brought \$500 on his annual sale. Every donation of any size was published in the Plattsmouth Journal. On March 23, another dinner was held for all county town officials to seek their support. Almost 50 attended and an excellent response was received. At this point approximately \$23,000 was raised. As I have enough material for one more column, I will finish next time with the summer activities. The source of this information comes from a scrapbook kept by Donna Tritsch and from a personal diary that Jeanene and I kept for many years.

***Roger Wehrbein, President***

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**See inside for coming events.**

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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.

### **Historic Cass County**

**March 29 – May 21, 2022**

This exhibit of paintings by Cass County artists Francis Amick, Etha Crabill Brooks, and Ray Whiting show early scenes, and historic buildings and homes.

### **Baseball in Cass County**

**March 29 – May 21, 2022**

In the past year, we have exhibited football and basketball photos, now it's time for Baseball! The photos are from the 1890s to the 1920s and depict the Plattsmouth, Manley and Union teams. You will also see some objects from later in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.

### **Barns of Cass County**

**May 24 – August 27, 2022**

We have many images of barns in our permanent collection. For this exhibit we have chosen paintings by Ed Olson and Frances Amick and photographs by Chester Fulton Harris, Kevin Larson and Ric Carlson.

Visit us on Facebook.

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

## **\*\* SPECIAL EVENTS\*\***

### **Brown Bag Programs**

The programs will start at 12:00 and will be over by 1:00. They are free and open to the public. No refreshments will be served, but those attending are welcome to bring their lunches.

Tuesday, April 12 - “Ghosts of a Pioneer Cemetery” Speakers: Sandra Allgeier, Jeanie Brookhouser, Leigh Jean Koinzan, Pat Meisinger and Susanne Astley, will tell about some of the people buried in Young Cemetery.

Tuesday, April 26 - “The First Winery in Nebraska” speaker: Cindy Drake. Did you know that the first winery in Nebraska was in Cass County? Come and learn when and where!

Tuesday, May 10 - “Plattsmouth Harvest Festival” Speaker Nancy Johnson. Autumn will be here before we know it. Nancy will tell us about plans for this year's Harvest Festival, September 8-11.

Tuesday, May 24 – “The Elms: One Hundred Years Strong” speaker: Kurk Schrader. Happy Birthday! The beautiful prairie mansion home of Nebraska Hall of Fame author, Bess Streeter Aldrich, turned 100 years old this year and the Aldrich Foundation has prepared for the celebration with commemorative items, exciting exhibits and special activities. Come learn about the upcoming events, take home a commemorative item and see what's new at the Bess Streeter Aldrich House.

### **Other events:**

#### **Mark your Calendars**

Friday and Saturday, June 3-4 Cattlemen's Ball at the Fairgrounds in Weeping Water. Our museum, along with other museums in the county, will have a booth at the Cattlemen's Ball. Tickets are required. Proceeds benefit cancer research. Visit the website [www.cattlemensball.com](http://www.cattlemensball.com) for more information.

Sunday, July 17, 2-4 p.m. Open House at Rock Bluffs School

Saturday and Sunday, August 27 and 28, “A Walk through Time” , living history event at Rock Hill Windmill Event Center.

**Memberships, Donations, and Memorials**  
**Received between January 14 and March 29, 2022**  
**Donors live in Nebraska unless otherwise noted.**

**MEMBERSHIPS**  
**CORNERSTONE CLUB**

**Marble**

Leibman Financial Services, Inc.  
Mark Leibman, new

**Granite**

Citizens State Bank  
Julie Schmale

**Limestone**

Tschirren Farms LLC  
John R. Tschirren, new

**Sandstone**

Cooke Construction, Inc, new  
Chad Cooke

DC's Waterhole, new  
Shane and Jenny Jensen

First State Bank Nebraska, new  
Kiley Alberts

Great Plains Realty Auction Co.  
Randy Fleming

Edward Jones  
Brad Ksiazek

John's Appliance Sales & Service  
John Baroni

Plattsmouth Alumni Assoc, new  
Sandra McKnight

Stock Seed Farms, Inc  
David Stock

Witte Physical Therapy, new  
Dan Witte

**INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES**

**Benefactor**

John & Pat Miller,new  
Scott & Linda Sparks, new

**Investor**

Charles & Kathy Jordan, new  
Larry & Peggy Lawton  
Richard & Lisa Propst, new

**Century**

Julie Bear, new  
Thomas & Kathleen Copmann,FL  
John & Deb Loper,new  
Paul & Janet McCartney  
Kurk & Kris Shrader, new  
Elizabeth Snodgrass,new  
Mel & Sharon Todd, new  
Lynn & Jeanice Vinduska, new  
Glenn White, FL

**Promoter**

Curtis & Cindy Backemeyer,new  
Phyllis Buell  
Jim Elworth  
Rodney Keil, new  
Bill Knorr, Jr., MI  
Kirk & Glenda Linder  
Ralph Schneider, new  
Russell Schneider, new  
Norm & Meredith Schoch  
Jon & Dee Schuetz  
Mike Schuldt  
Jean & Roger Wiles, new

**MEMBERSHIPS,continued**

**Booster**

Louis & Lola Austin  
Sara Thimgan Begley, IA  
Carol & Jerry Burgess, FL  
Rae Cacioppo  
Diana Capaldi, PA  
Millard & Janice Carnes  
Kola Curttright  
John & Jill Lokke  
Terry & Georgia McCarl  
Garry & Becky Martin  
Richard & JoAnn Murtha, new  
Mike & Sue Tabler  
Barbara Toman, new  
Tom & Mary Ann Toman, new,gift  
Ed & Jeannie Vincent,new  
Irene Warga  
Donna Work, ILL.  
Deb Woster

**Friend**

John & Niki Campin, new  
Whitey & Leslie Glup, new  
Wally & Heather  
McAllister,new,gift  
Maureen McGrath  
Ellyn Meisinger  
Carl & Jayne Ofe  
Patsy Sawyer  
Nettie Lei Smith, new  
Kathy Solomon, new, gift  
Kevin & Cari Tilson, new, gift  
Marilyn Uhe, new  
Vollman Family, new, gift  
Brian & Amanda Wagner,new, gift  
Patricia Wagner  
Wm. & Lisa Wagner, new, gift  
Dick & Sandy Webster, new, gift  
Loris Wiles, new, gift  
Jacquelyn Zimmer, new

**Membership Drive**

The Board of Directors started a membership drive in February and called the month of February "Cass County Historical Society New Membership Month". During February, 27 people joined and donated a total of \$4,590.  
Thank you to all of our members for your support!

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**DONATION**  
**REUSABLE BAG PROGRAM**  
Plattsmouth HyVee

**DONATIONS**  
Patsy Sawyer

**DONATION IN HONOR OF**  
**DAVE & LORI PANKONIN**  
Randy Fleming

**DONATIONS**  
**GENEALOGY**  
Steve Parks, CA  
Kevin Bertrand, CA

**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](http://www.casscountynemuseum.org) and go to the page "Make a Donation".**

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**MEMORIAL FUND**  
**in memory of**  
**Honey Lou Cole**  
Bill & Sandra Allgeier  
Jeanie Brookhouser  
Karen Karst  
Kenneth Koch  
Keith & Debra Landwehr  
H. Margo Prentiss  
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Elizabeth Snodgrass  
Rick & Carol Snyder, FL  
Glenn White, FL

**John Dolly**  
Irene Warga

**Kathy Draper**  
Mary Berner

**Bernice Halmes Thompson**  
**Fahlberg**  
Steve & Lori Thompson Sloup, MO

**Mary Rogers Hammons**  
Mary Berner

**Bev Harter**  
Mary Berner

**Donna Haverkamp**  
Steve & Marlene Rishel

**June Jacobs**  
Am. Legion Auxiliary Post 56

**James Kraeger**  
Jeffrey Kraeger, IL

**Ronald Pohlmeier**  
Dave & Sharon Lybarger  
Glenn White, FL

**Maybelle Rohan**  
Glenn White, FL

**MEMORIAL FUND**  
**in memory of**  
**Deloris Schroeder**  
Dan & Marlys Wehrbein

**Roger Schuette**  
Mary Berner

**DONATIONS**  
**ROCK BLUFFS SCHOOL**  
**FUND**  
Diana Capaldi, PA

**ROCK BLUFFS SCHOOL**  
**FUND**  
**in memory of**  
**Jim Furlong**  
Mary Berner

**Donna Weatherby**  
Mary Berner

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**Recent Acquisitions**  
"New" items are always being donated to the Historical Society. Some of the most recent gifts include:

The "Plattsmouth" sign that once hung on the Missouri Pacific Depot. Donated by Bruce and Mary Nolte.

A "Crazy Quilt" made in about 1905 by Mary Anne Skinner Dunkel of Elmwood. Donated by Jan Klann

A "Rotary Club" photo album covering 1927 to 1968. Donated by Portia Iverson.

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 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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*City, State, Zip* \_\_\_\_\_

*Phone # and e-mail* \_\_\_\_\_