



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

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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....

After having a very successful 2022 Nebraska Cattlemen's Ball at our Cass County Fairgrounds, I thought I would philosophize a little. I believe it will be an historic event for our county for some time. It definitely was a state-wide event as many of us met people from all over Nebraska and even from other states. A shout-out is definitely due to Mark and Candi Rathe and Doctor Scott and Karen Lubben for a job well managed for the 2022 Ball. They were obviously helped by hundreds of volunteers from both inside and outside the county. Also the state-wide Cattlemen's Ball Executive Director Suzanne Jagels was very instrumental in its success. The money raised will have a lasting impact on cancer research at the Fred and Pamela Buffett Cancer Center in Omaha, as well as the local 10% designated for health issues. My point is this, it was very good to see everyone pulling together on an event to promote cancer research and beef as part of a healthy diet. It shows much can be accomplished. In addition I believe a lot was gained in widening the friendships and acquaintances in the county, which can and will lead to greater and bigger events. These experiences are difficult to quantify but can be a very positive legacy. I have long believed that acquaintances and friendships are useful catalysts for accomplishment and improvements in our communities, organizations and neighborhoods. The sum of the whole is greater than individual efforts. The 2022 Cattlemen's Ball certainly promoted this and was proven by the results. Congratulations and thank you to all the volunteers and leadership for a job well done. As our county becomes more and more urbanized, we will need to further understand and work with each other. At this time the accounting totals are not done yet, so watch for them

Roger Wehrbein, President

See inside for coming events.

TEMPORARY EXHIBITS

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

Baseball in Cass County continues through July 30

Since the exhibit was installed in March, some photos from the '60s, '70s and '80s have been donated. So the exhibit will continue through July 30.

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.

Remembering Beautiful Merritt Beach

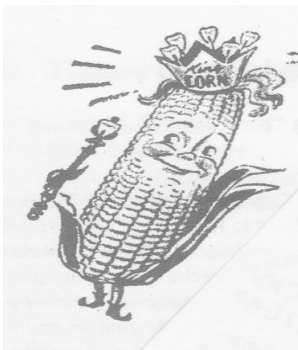
August 2 – October 29, 2022

Photographs and Memorabilia from the popular recreation area that was in operation from the 1930s through 1989.

Plattsmouth Harvest Festival History

August 30 – October 29, 2022

This exhibit traces the history of the Festival since its beginning in 1932.



**** SPECIAL EVENTS****

Saturday, July 9, 12:00 to 4:00 pm

The Farm Building and Shed in our courtyard will be open and The Cabin, Caboose and Pirogue at the end of Main will be open.

**Sunday, July 17, 2:00 to 4:00 pm
Open House at Rock Bluffs School**

This is our annual summer open house at the one-room brick school house built in 1870.

Saturday, August 13, 12:00 to 4:00 pm

The Farm Building and Shed in our courtyard will be open and The Cabin, Caboose and Pirogue at the end of Main will be open.

**Saturday and Sunday, August 27 and 28,
“A Walk through Time” ,**

Living history timeline event at Rock Hill Windmill Event Center, 5910 Ranch Road, Plattsmouth. You will be able to walk through history and hear re-enactors from the Lewis and Clark Expedition, US Army: Fort Atkinson, Mountain Man Era, Oregon Trail and the Civil War. The event is free and open to the public.

**Hours will be 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Saturday, August 27
and 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Sunday the 28th.**

In addition, 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 NE Cultural Endowment and private donations.

August 27, 11:00 am *Nebraska Crossroads of the Western Fur Trade*
Speaker: Darrell Draper

4:00 pm *Nebraska Territory Stories* presented by David Seay

August 28, 11:00 am Bill Hayes will appear as *George Shannon, Youngest Member of the Lewis and Clark Expedition*

1:00 pm *Fight Against Slavery on the Great Plains: the Nebraska Underground Railroad* Speaker: Bill Hayes

2:30 pm *Lewis and Clark: What Was Their Worth-Seaman, York, Sacagawea and Pomp* presented by Renae Hunt & Sandra Bottger

If you would like to make a donation to help with expenses for the Timeline Event, please mail your check to Cass County Historical Society and note on the check that it is for the Timeline Event. There is also a PayPal option on our website.

Plattsmouth Harvest Festival, September 8-11

On Friday, September 9, and Saturday, September 10, the Museum will be open extended hours: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. And on Sunday, 12:00 to 4:00 pm. The farm building, shed, cabin, caboose and pirogue will also be open.

Annual Pie Sale, September 9 and 10, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

The Pie Sale during the Harvest Festival is a major fund-raiser every year. Whole pies will be sold.

Memberships, Donations, and Memorials
Received between May 26 and June 30,2022
Donors live in Nebraska unless otherwise noted.

MEMBERSHIPS
INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES

Investor

Jerry & Mary Reinholt
Don B. Rhoden, new

Century

Judy Attebery
Spencer & Vivian Davis
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Ray Newton & Susan Lorence, new
Fred & Pat Meisinger
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Emerson Wiles

Booster

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Nola Marcy, TX
Chuck & Sherry Talbitzer

Friend

James & Stephanie Ball
Paul & Nancy McManis
James & Lois Witte

DONATION FOR
MAINTENANCE OF
REPLICA OF LEWIS AND
CLARK PIROGUE

Estate of Douglas Duey

RECENT ACQUISITIONS

Here are a few of the items
donated to our collection in
April, May and June:
A Painting of the Cass County
Courthouse by Doug Wilkerson,
donated by the artist.

Model Cannon, made in 1965 by
the donor and exhibited at the
Cass County Fair. Donated by
Frank Vondras

Photograph of the Class B Junior
Legion Baseball Champs, 1984.
Donated by Rich & Leigh Ann
Eggert

School Desk from District 27,
donated by Dale Parkening.

Aerial photograph of Hi-Vu Cafe,
Donated by Sandy Latham

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".

MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of
Dean Meisinger

Barbara York Baker, WA
Thomas Carneal, MO
Steven & Linda Hasebroock
Alan & Denise Horn
Steven & Jeanne Hightower
Paul & Elizabeth Johnson
Raymond Newton & Susan Lorence
Thomas & Barbara Mueller, CO
Albert Pribramsky, Jr., AZ
Michael & Ruth Snell
Irene Warga

Phil Pankonin

Paul & Nancy McManis

Roy Smith

Ken & Joan Aylor
James & Stephanie Ball
Thomas Carneal, MO

Maurice Carmichael passed
away May 28. In the early 1990s,
Mr. Carmichael walked all 47
cemeteries in Cass County and
recorded information from the
tombstones. He entered
everything into a data base and
donated his research to Cass
County Historical Society. The
cemetery records are
a resource we use almost every
day.

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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