



FALL 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....

As I reflect on the summer and outside events that the Cass County Historical Society was involved in, I am pleased with our visibility, participation, and recognition we received. Along with other county organizations, we had a history display at the 2022 Cattlemen's Ball at the Cass County Fairgrounds in June near Weeping Water. It was well attended and received. In late August, we again had our Living History Timeline event at the Rock Hill Windmill Event Center. In addition to A Walk Through Time of different decades in history, the Lewis and Clark expedition was emphasized, with the pirogue prominently displayed at the event. For your information, we routinely have the pirogue in parades in Plattsmouth and Nebraska City. We also work with the Lewis and Clark Center in Nebraska City on various projects.

As a reminder, The Lewis and Clark Expedition camped in what is now Cass County on July 20, 1804 and reached the Mouth of the Platte on July 21st. It is a strong reminder of Cass County's place in history, and is the reason the pirogue is prominently displayed at the end of Main Street in Plattsmouth. A replica of the Keelboat is on display at the Lewis and Clark Center in Nebraska City. As Stephen Ambrose states in his book Undaunted Courage "This is a milestone. To go past the mouth of the Platte was the Missouri riverman's equivalent of crossing the equator".

Our appreciation and thanks especially to Butch Bouvier and Del Hervey for their strong and dedicated support of the Timeline event and also their day to day care of the Pirogue. I especially want to express our appreciation to Gregg Eisenbarth for the use of his outstanding facilities for an event such as this. Also a big shoutout to all the volunteers who worked at the Timeline and the Plattsmouth Harvest Festival.

The CCHS is dedicated to recognizing and preserving our heritage. Please consider inviting people you know to become members and support our efforts.

Roger Wehrbein, President

Mark your calendars for coming events:

Open House, Rock Bluffs School: October 16

Brown bag programs: October 18 & 25, November 8

Annual Meeting: November 10; Tree Lighting: December 3

See details inside.....

TEMPORARY EXHIBITS

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

Remembering Beautiful Merritt Beach Through October 29, 2022

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

Plattsmouth Harvest Festival History Through October 29, 2022

This exhibit traces the history of the Festival since 1932

Recent Acquisitions November 1, 2022 through January 2023

New items are always being donated to the museum, come and see some of the most recent additions.

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".

**** SPECIAL EVENTS****

Brown Bag Programs

Our Fall Brown Bag series will begin on October 18. We will learn about our neighboring museums in Elmwood, Nebraska City and across the river in Glenwood, Iowa. The programs begin at 12:00 and are over by 1:00. They are free and open to the public. Those attending are welcome to bring their lunches. No refreshments will be served.

Tuesday, October 18

"Water is the Way" Issiah Yott, Executive Director of the Kregel Windmill Factory Museum in Nebraska City will give a powerpoint presentation about Nebraska Farming and the Use of Windmills.

Tuesday, October 25

"The Elms, One Hundred Years and Going Strong"

Speaker: Kurk Shrader, Director of the Bess Streeter Aldrich Museum in Elmwood.

The beautiful prairie mansion home of Nebraska Hall of Fame author, Bess Streeter Aldrich turned 100 years old this year, and even though the Aldrich Foundation has been celebrating the past, they continue events that will take the Foundation into the next century. Guests will receive a commemorative gift while learning about upcoming events and what's new and improved at the Bess Streeter Aldrich House.

Tuesday, November 8

"Mills County Historical Museum"

Stephen Hunt, Director of the Mills County Museum, will give a powerpoint presentation about their exhibit "History of the Hill", which chronicles the Glenwood Resource Center. He might even talk about other exhibits such as their huge archaeology collection.

September was a very busy month....

Our Harvest Festival Pie Sale September 9 and 10 was a great success! A total of 101 Pies and 2 loaves of bread were donated and all sold by 4:00 on Saturday. The pies brought in \$1,535 ! In addition there were donations of \$230. That weekend 642 people visited the museum, farm building, shed, cabin, caboose and pirogue! Thank you to the 50 people who donated pies and the 28 people who helped as volunteers (selling pies, working as receptionist, hosting the shed, farm building, cabin, caboose and pirogue). Thanks to Diane Berlett for lining up all the pie bakers and volunteers.

The week after the Festival, 93 third graders from Plattsmouth Elementary visited the museum. After touring the museum, they walked down Main Street and were told about some of the historic buildings, then ended with tours of the cabin, caboose and pirogue. Thanks to Susan Rice, John Williams, Del Hervey and George Eledge for helping with these tours.

Memberships, Donations, and Memorials
Received between July 1 and October 3,2022
Donors live in Nebraska unless otherwise noted.

MEMBERSHIPS
CORNERSTONE CLUB

Sandstone
Cornerstone Bank
Angie Jameson

Farm Bureau Insurance
Lori Good-Baker

INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES

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MEMBERSHIPS, continued
Booster

Carl & Linda Glup
Joyce Heim
Daniel & Lori Huebner, gift, new
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Betty Reichart
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Eleanor J. Box, TX
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DONATIONS
Timeline Event
Anonymous, IA.
Bill & Sandra Allgeier
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Diane Berlett
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Dale & Joan Clark
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Lanny Glup & Lori Good-Baker
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Margo Prentiss
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Roger Wehrbein
Emily Whitehouse, IA

Donation in remembrance of
the Halmes Family
Shirley Beine McDonald

Donations
Tina Anderson
Manny & Kristy Hernandez

Donation for use of
Conference Room
PEO Chapter F

Donations
Harvest Festival Pie Sale
in lieu of baking a pie
Susanne Astley
Roger Johnson
Leigh Jean Koinzan
Betty Reichart
Irene Warga
Ruth Welstead

Genealogy Donations
Mark Frans
Karen Jarvie, OH
Brad Kiser
Jennifer Waters, CA

MEMORIAL FUND
In memory of
Karen Keil Albert
John & Sara Begley, IA

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Carl & Linda Glup
Betty Reichart

Vernon Kaffenberger
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Pat Porter
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Pat Meisinger
Betty Reichart

Rose Mary Nelson Reeves
Dave & Sharon Lybarger

Roy Smith
David & Sharron Stock

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, November 10

Murray Christian Church, 304 W. Young , Murray, NE.

6:00 Social Hour and Silent Auction

6:30 Dinner

7:15 Business Meeting

8:00 Program

A social hour will begin at 6:00 with a silent auction.

Back Alley Diner will cater the dinner. The menu will be Grilled Chicken Breast, Cheesy Hash Browns, Green Beans, Roll and Dessert. Cost of the dinner is \$20.00 per person. Reservations and payment must be received by 4:00 on Saturday, November 5.

At 7:15 there will be a short business meeting including an annual report and election of officers and board members.

We will move into the sanctuary at 8:00 for a program by Renae Hunt. The program is free and open to the public.

“Footprints and Handprints: Days on the Farm in the 19th Century”

Calloused hands and boots worn well past their usefulness are evidence of the difficulty the early American farm family experienced. Renae Hunt will tell about the daily routines and chores of children and adults. Tools and utensils used each day are demonstrated and discussed.

Humanities Nebraska (HN) provided major funding for this program. HN receives support from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Nebraska State Legislature, the Nebraska Cultural Endowment and private donations.

Please fill out the form below and mail or deliver to the Museum

ANNUAL MEETING RESERVATIONS

NOVEMBER 10, 2022

Enclosed is \$ _____ for _____ dinners at \$20 each.

Name _____

Address _____

_____ I will bring something for the silent auction

(Deadline for reservations and payment is 4:00 p.m. Saturday November 5)



**Open House at Rock Bluffs School
Sunday, October 16, 2:00 to 4:00 pm**

This is our annual autumn open house at the one room brick school house built in 1870.
You may tour the school, try out the swings, play on the merry-go-round
and enjoy the beautiful Fall scenery.



Halloween on Main, Friday, October 28, 4:00-5:00 pm

Our log cabin will be open and we will be giving out apples, donated by Plattsmouth HyVee,
We will also have treats in front of the museum

Tree Lighting during Victorian Christmas on Main



**Saturday, December 3, 2022, Tree Lighting: 6:30 pm in our courtyard
The Museum, log cabin and caboose will be open until 8:00**

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)

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone # and e-mail _____