



SPRING 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....

Last week as I attended the annual banquet of the Nebraska Hall of Agricultural Achievement, I was reminded of the many Cass Countians (or near Cass Countians) that have contributed much to Nebraska history and particularly to Cass County agriculture. At risk of missing many, I am reminded of Isaac Pollard, Isaac Wiles, Addison Erwin Sheldon, Willard Waldo, Jerome Warner, Charles Warner, Charles Marshal, Ralph Raikes, Ted Doane, Parr Young, and Harry Knabe, to name just a few. (these were all past honorees of the Hall Of Agricultural Achievement or The Block And Bridal Club.)

Many early historic events occurred in Cass County and many local individuals were contributors. Because there are so many more, I hope we can expand and promote this list of pioneer families, with recognition in the future at our Museum. Another area of early county activities by several families was livestock feeding, particularly cattle. Because of our proximity to the Omaha Stockyards and the meat packing industry, we were a significant cattle production area. Many farms had cattle and Sunday night was a heavy shipping time to go to Omaha to hit the Monday market. Trucks would be lined up on L street as far west as 72nd street. As first hand memory fades about the 1940's 50's and 60's, we need to pass this history to our present and future citizens, which is really the goal of the CCHS. Another part of our culture that is now lost is the Saturday night shopping and social night. Towns' Main Streets across the county would be full and stores would be busy. Eggs and cream brought to town would pay for the groceries, and neighbors would visit into the night. Because most kids went to one room country schools, it was their chance to become acquainted also. "Backstopping" all this is the large numbers of pioneer (100 years) farm family ownership awards and the Legacy (150 years) award that are in Cass County. These awards are sponsored by the Aksarben Foundation and the Nebraska Farm Bureau. These awards honor farm families for their continuous years of farm ownership of at least 40 acres or more. They are presented annually at the Cass County Fair in August. You can find the application on the Aksarben Webb site. They are due April 15.

Roger Wehrbein, President

TEMPORARY EXHIBITS

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

History of Newspapers in Cass County April 4 – June 24, 2023

Since our last newspaper in Cass County, the Plattsmouth Journal, is no longer being published, we are having an exhibit about all the newspapers that used to be in the county.

Mark your calendars for our living history event
“A Walk through Time”

August 26-27

at the Rockhill Windmill Event Center, 5910 Ranch Road, Plattsmouth

Go to the “Special Events” page on our website to view a short video about last year's timeline event.

A full schedule will be in our Summer newsletter.

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

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 own lunches. No refreshments will be served.

Tuesday, April 25

“What's new at the Library?”

Speaker: Karen Mier, Library Director

Karen will talk about new programs at the Plattsmouth Public Library

Tuesday, May 9

“1850 Mormon Trail through Cass County”

Speaker: Harlan Seyfer

In 1850, the Latter Day Saints (Mormons) relocated their trail south of the Platte to commence at the first drainage valley below the Platte-Missouri Confluence, i.e. to present day Plattsmouth. Harlan discusses why the move was made, the route through Plattsmouth and across Cass County, and the decision to return to the better-known north side.

“UNCOVER THE UNEXPECTED”

Cass County Historical Society is one of 20 attractions, businesses, stores and shops in Cass and Sarpy Counties participating in “Uncover the Unexpected.” Participants will receive an entry form that will be stamped at a certain number of businesses. No purchase is necessary to receive a stamp. Prizes will be awarded at different levels. The program has been created by the Cass and Sarpy County Tourism Teams and will run from April 13 to July 31, 2023.

HyVee REUSABLE BAG PROGRAM

Cass County Historical Society has once again been selected to receive \$1 from every \$2.50 reusable red “My Heart” Bag sold at Plattsmouth HyVee during the months of March and April.

WANDER NEBRASKA

Our museum will be part of the Wander Nebraska program that starts on June 1 and continues all year. A list of all the sites will be on the 2023 WanderNebraska website. The program is sponsored by the Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation.

SPECIAL SUMMER HOURS

During June, July and August, the farm building and shed in the courtyard, and the cabin, caboose and pirogue at the end of Main Street will be open on Fridays and Saturdays from 12:00 to 4:00. Admission will be free. (Volunteers are needed to help host these buildings. If you are available, call the museum 402-296-4770)

The main building at 646 Main is open all year, Tuesday through Saturday from 12:00 to 4:00.

Memberships, Donations, and Memorials
Received between January 13 and April 3,2023
Donors live in Nebraska unless otherwise noted.

MEMBERSHIPS
CORNERSTONE CLUB

Granite

Citizens State Bank
Julie Schmale

Limestone

Mark Morehead Construction,
Mark & Jennifer Morehead, new

Tschirren Farms LLC
John & Karen Tschirren

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American Exchange Bank, new
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First State Bank Nebraska
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Great Plains Realty Auction Co.
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Brian P. Harvey Funeral Home
Brian P. Harvey

Shallow River Emporium, new
Misty Stine

Stock Seed Farms Inc.
David Stock

Witte Physical Therapy
Dan Witte

MEMBERSHIPS
INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES

Investor

Larry & Peggy Lawton
Don Rhoden

MEMBERSHIPS, continued
Century

Tom & Kathy Copmann, FL
Edward & Susan Dellinger, new
Lisa Metzger Grotrian, new
John & Bonnie Hurst, new

Leigh Jean Koinzan &
John Sullivan
Dr. Deb & John Loper
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Don Schlichtemeier, new
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Promotor

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Elizabeth Snodgrass
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Carol & Jerry Burgess, FL
Diana Capaldi, PA
Kola Curtright

Whitey & Leslie Glup
John & Jill Lokke
Terry & Georgia McCarl
Gene & Evelyn Meier
Tony Moreno, new
Carl & Jayne Ofe
Harlan & Bonnie Seyfer

June Wagner
Irene Warga
Deb Woster

MEMBERSHIPS, continued
Friend

Jim & Stephanie Ball
Virginia Hanke, RI
Maxine Hild
Barb Krejci, new
Maureen McGrath
Ellyn Meisinger
Lei Smith
Barbara Toman
Brian & Amanda Wagner, gift
William & Lisa Wagner, gift
Loris Wiles
Jacquelyn Zimmer

DONATION

Diana Capaldi, PA

Genealogy Donation

Janine Hanson, KS
Karen Hinton, OR

DONATION TO
CABOOSE FUND

In Memory of

Don Aylor

George & Arlene Eledge

DONATION TO
TIMELINE EVENT

Susanne Astley

MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of

Tammy Bailey

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Duane Koss

Doris Landon

Ron Moravec

Elizabeth Snodgrass

Patsy Sawyer

Paul & Nancy McManis

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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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