



## FALL NEWSLETTER

October, November, December, 2023

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

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Margo Prentiss, Curator

Linda Duncan, Registrar

#### 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....

*Hold the phones and stop the presses!!*

The Cass County Historical Society is making a major announcement. The board has decided (after thirty years) to move ahead with a major expansion and renovation of the buildings on the present site. The farm building and shed will be replaced by a large two story building. After much discussion and planning, we have decided to move ahead. We are and will be in the fund-raising mode for the next three years when we hope to have adequate funds to start construction (hopefully sooner). The plan is to solicit three-year pledges so that along with the one million dollars from the sale of farmland donated by Dr. Gilmore in 2000, we can provide the necessary \$4 million estimated for the project.

We believe it is time to move ahead with Dr. Gilmore's dream and we need to do it or give up. Recording and maintaining the history of Cass County is extremely important as we slowly transition to a more urban setting. This project will provide that space and up to date presentations.

All gifts are appreciated but large ones will be necessary to reach our goal. We hope to obtain strong support for our operating budget from our County Commissioners and our citizens from across the county which is much appreciated. We will also be seeking grants. Speakers will be available for programs if desired, just contact Margo.

*Roger Wehrbein, President*



Donations for the building fund should be made payable to the  
Cass County Historical Society Foundation.

**Memberships, Donations, and Memorials**  
**Received between June 30 and September 28, 2023**  
**Donors live in Nebraska unless otherwise noted.**

**Temporary Exhibits**

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

**Plattsmouth Harvest Festival**  
**August 22 – October 28**

Our annual exhibit about the history of the Harvest Festival, since its beginning in 1932. On display will be photos of some of the past kings and queens, parade entries, posters, programs, and souvenirs.

**Historic Cass County**  
**through January 27, 2024**

This exhibit of paintings, prints and photographs will highlight some historic places and people in the county.

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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”

**MEMBERSHIPS**

**Cornerstone Club**

**Sandstone**

DC's Waterhole  
Shane & Jenny Jensen

**INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES**

**Benefactor**

Larry & Elly Biederman

**Investor**

Marilynn Meisinger  
Paul & Susan Rice

**Century**

Ken & Joan Aylor  
Barbara York Baker, WA  
Spencer & Vivian Davis  
Glenn & Sharon Eager  
Frederick J. Eriksen  
Julia Gates, new  
Lanny Glup & Lori Good Baker

**Dan Hall**

Del & Glenda Hervey  
Mel Luetchens  
Dave & Sharon Lybarger  
Elizabeth Miller, FL  
Nathan & Ashley Mueller  
Walter J, Smith, TX  
Nancy Wehrbein

**Promoter**

Jim & Gerry Byrk  
Evan F. Holly  
Jean Sayles Jacobson  
Kirk & Glenda Linder  
Bill & Marilyn Rishel  
Grace Wiles Simard  
Fred & Diane Ulrich  
Emerson Wiles

**MEMBERSHIPS, continued**

**Booster**

Dale & Joan Clark  
Connie Deminski  
Carl & Linda Glup  
Joyce Heim  
Rick & JoAnn Murtha  
Betty Reichart  
Chuck & Sherry Talbitzer

**Friend**

John & Niki Campin  
Daniel & Lori Huebner  
Paul & Nancy McManis  
Paul & Susan Mullis, CA., gift, new  
John & Kathy Servidio, NY, gift, new  
Sharon Shelley  
Patricia Wagner  
James & Lois Witte

**MEMORIAL FUND**

**In memory of**

**Bill Babbitt**

Roxanne Heim  
Scott & Linda Sparks

**M and Tony Birkinshaw**

Mary Berner

**Bob Day**

Dave & Sharon Lybarger

**Deloris Gall**

Cheryl Grimshaw  
Fred & Pat Meisinger  
Dan & Marlys Wehrbein

**Duane Heim**

Scott & Linda Sparks

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**in memory of**

**Jerry Higgins**

Bill Knorr, Jr., MI  
H.Margo Prentiss

**Doris Hirz**

Fred & Pat Meisinger  
June Wagner

**James Mellick**

Gladys Jones

**Nancy Nutzman**

Gladys Jones

**Daisy Richards**

Gladys Jones

**Shirley Shotkoski**

Gladys Jones

**Clyde Thompson**

Doris Landon

**Norma Wiles**

Carl & Jayne Ofe

**Walt Williams**

Gladys Jones

**DONATIONS  
Reusable Bag Program**

Plattsmouth Hy-Vee

**GENEALOGY**

**DONATIONS**

Hector Wilbur, CA

**DONATION TO**

**ROCK BLUFFS SCHOOL**

**FUND**

**in memory of Walt Williams**

H.Margo Prentiss

**DONATION TO**

**HARVEST FESTIVAL PIE**

**SALE**

**IN MEMORY OF**

**LOIS TROOP BESTOR**

Kathleen Bestor, CA.

**DONATIONS TO**

**HARVEST FESTIVAL PIE**

**SALE IN LIEU OF BAKING**

**A PIE**

Roger Johnson

Betty Reichart

Jon & Dee Schuetz

**THANK YOU ALSO TO**

**THE 48 PEOPLE WHO**

**DONATED PIES**

The pie sale brought in \$2,020  
plus \$355 in donations.

**DONATION TO CABOOSE**

**FUND**

William Hayward, ILL

Some boards need to be replaced on our caboose and it needs a new coat of paint. Donations to the Caboose Fund are welcome to help with the expense.

**DONATIONS TO**

**TIMELINE EVENT**

Bill & Sandra Allgeier

Citizens State Bank

Dale & Joan Clark

Mouth of the Platte Inc.

Margo Prentiss

Paul & Susan Rice

Julie Schmale

Donald Shippy, IA

Charles C.Wood II, IA

**DONATIONS TO**

**CCHS FOUNDATION**

**FOR THE**

**NEW BUILDING FUND**

**Trailbrazers**

John & Pat Miller

Oxbow-Animal Health

**New Building Friends**

Thomas Carneal, MO

Gary & Deanna Filkins Deterding

Al & Barbara Dietrich

Frederick Eriksen

Susan Rice

Kirk & Glenda Roberts Linder  
in memory of Bob Day

PHS Alumni Association  
in honor of Sandra Allgeier,  
Alum of the Year

## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

### **BROWN BAG PROGRAMS**

**The brown bag programs start at 12:00 and usually last until 1:00  
No refreshments will be served but those attending are welcome to bring their  
lunch.**

**Tuesday, October 10: “Now is the Time!”** Board member, Sandra Allgeier, will give a power point presentation about our plans for a new building addition. She will show photos of our current crowded storage spaces, the need for more exhibition space, and show renderings of the proposed addition.

**Tuesday, October 24: “Nehawka History”** Susan Rice will give a powerpoint presentation about her hometown of Nehawka, Nebraska.

**Tuesday, November 14: “Connections: Plattsmouth, Nebraska, and St. Joseph, Missouri”** When Museum Curator, Margo Prentiss, first came to work at the museum she noticed names in Plattsmouth's history that also were important to her hometown history.

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### **ROCK BLUFFS SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**

**Sunday, October 15, 2023**

**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 153 years old.  
It opened as “Naomi Institute” in September, 1870.

### **TRICK OR TREAT ON MAIN Friday, October 27, 4:00 p.m.**

Our Log Cabin will be open and we will be giving out apples during  
Historic Downtown Plattsmouth's Halloween Celebration

### **TREE LIGHTING Saturday, December 2, 5:30 p.m.**

The blue spruce tree in our courtyard will once again light up for the holiday season.  
Caroling will begin at 5:15, followed by the tree lighting at 5:30. The museum, log  
cabin and caboose will be open until 8:00 p.m.

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
**Thursday, November 9, 2023**  
**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.

Jennifer Sommer will cater the dinner. The menu will be Meatloaf with Brown Gravy, Chicken Cordon Bleu, Cheesy Potatoes, Green Beans Almondine, Salad, Rolls and Butter Individual Cheesecakes. Cost of the meal is \$20.00.

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 Debby Greenblatt. The program is free and open to the public.

**“The Music and Poetry of McGinnis Churchill”**

McGinnis Churchill of Murray was a musician, song writer, poet and artist. His collection of 44 tunes includes waltzes, two steps and other dance tunes. Some are popular tunes of his day like the “Eliza Jane Two Step” Some may be original Churchill compositions which he dated from 1922 to 1945. Many fiddle players create similar collections so that they will always remember the tunes they love. Thanks to Churchill's knowledge of music notation, the rest of us have the opportunity to enjoy the tunes that he enjoyed and maybe find a tune or two that we want to continue to share with others.

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

The deadline for reservations and payment is 4:00 p.m. Saturday, November 4.

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ANNUAL MEETING RESERVATIONS  
NOVEMBER 9, 2023

Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_ dinners at \$20.00 each

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I will bring something for the silent auction.

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)

*Name* \_\_\_\_\_

*Address* \_\_\_\_\_

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

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