



Hello,

As we wind down our current building fund drive, I want to recognize and thank Craig Buescher, our fundraising chairman. He formerly worked for the University of Nebraska Foundation and lives on Middle Island in South Bend. He has been serving free gratis and we very much appreciate that. Thank you, Craig. I encourage all of you to respond to his message below. And again a big “thank you” to all who have given.

Roger Wehrbein, President

*To Members and Friends of Cass County Historical Society:*

*As chairman of the Cass County Historical Society Fundraising committee, I have some exciting news to share with you.*

*As you know we have been fundraising for the Cass County Museum addition for nearly three years. With support from many of you, we have been successful at raising about 2.4 million of our 4 million dollar goal. Thank you to all of you who have helped us thus far. We hope to make some decisions in the next couple of months on what we are able to build with the dollars we have raised thus far.*

*But we have just received some exciting news that will help us with our fundraising effort. We have received a \$70,000 challenge that will be matched if we can raise \$70,000 by **April 1st**. In other words, every donation that we receive in the next 30 days will be matched dollar for dollar up to the total of \$70,000. This is a great opportunity to make an initial donation or add to your current donation that will double the impact on our fundraising efforts.*

*As we have been saying all along throughout our fundraising campaign, we will be building something depending on the money we have available. We hope that you consider making a donation to help us reach the \$70,000 challenge and thus allow us to increase our fundraising efforts by \$140,000.*

*Feel free to call me or Margo at the Museum if you have any questions.*

Craig Buescher  
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South Bend, NE 68058  
Cell [402-469-8390](tel:402-469-8390)

The complete list of donors to the campaign so far is on the following pages.

CASS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOUNDATION  
 PLEDGES AND DONATIONS TO NEW BUILDING FUND  
 JULY 1, 2023 – MARCH 3, 2026

**TRAILBLAZERS**

**(\$200,000)**  
 Grant from  
 The Sherwood Foundation

**(\$150,000)**  
 John & Pat Miller  
 Oxbow-Animal Health

**PIONEERS**

**(\$70,000)**  
 Anonymous Matching Grant  
 (If matched by April 1)

**(\$50,000)**  
 Pankonin's Inc  
 Dave & Paul Pankonin

**HOMESTEADERS**

**(\$30,000)**  
 Roger & Linda Behrns

In memory of Henry & Vivian Hild  
 and Raymond & Ruby Lancaster  
 Roger Hild

In memory of Hugo & Dora Meisinger  
 & son Bob  
 H.Fred & Pat Meisinger

In memory of Maynard & Ruth Ramge  
 & Royal & Clara Smith  
 Roy & Sharon Smith Revocable Trust  
 Sharon Smith

**(\$25,000)**  
 Citizens State Bank

Grant from Ash Grove Charitable Foundation  
 Mark Meads, President

Melvin & Sharon Todd

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Checks for the New Building Campaign  
 should be made payable to:

**Cass County Historical Society Foundation**

**CASS COUNTIANS**

**(\$19,310)**

Family Gift in honor of the  
 Bierl & Vinduska families

Dan & Amy Cahalane, WI  
 David & Sarah Cahalane, WI  
 Jack Cahalane WI

Mike & Marilyn Cahalane  
 Jean Chleborad, IA

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 Robert & Martha Chleborad, IA

Don & Carolyn Vinduska Chleborad, IA  
 Kevin & Anna Cahalane Folker, WI

Angela J. Frederick  
 Alicia Garbers

J.T. Hudson  
 Jamie & Tina Hudson

Johnathan Hudson  
 Timothy & Jessica Lucches

Brian & Janet Mark, KS  
 Curtis & Holly McKnight, AZ

Lucas & Erin McKnight  
 Thomas & Evelyn McKnight

Ann & Brian Moylan  
 Joshua Vinduska, IL

Lynn & Jeanice Vinduska

**(\$16,562.85)**

Paul and Susan Rice

**(\$15,377.94)**

In memory of Jeanene Wehrbein  
 Roger Wehrbein

**(\$15,000)**

Family gift from the  
 Ralph P. & Maxine H. Hild Family

Maxine Hild  
 Cheryl D. Hobbie

Debra N. Hild, FL  
 David J. Hild

Daryl R. Hild, CO  
 Michael A. Hild, MN

Jeffrey P. Hild, CO

**(\$15,000)**

Craig & Marjorie Buescher  
 Leigh Jean Koizan  
 & John Sullivan

Mark E. Leibman  
 Dave & Mary Nielsen

Duane & Eileen Murdoch Family  
 James & Colleen Peterson

Dr. Charles & Beverly Stoehr

In memory of Lyle Lawton & William Rex  
 Young

Larry & Peggy Lawton

In memory of Doug Duey

Plattsmouth Community Foundation

**CASS COUNTIANS, continued**

**(\$15,000)**

In memory of

Edward & Flora Belle Wehrbein

Susan Wehrbein Cassat  
 Nancy Wehrbein

William Wehrbein

and in celebration of the Aug 20th  
 birthdays of Dr. George Gilmore,

Nancy Wehrbein, Susan Wehrbein Cassat &  
 Lauren Christel Cassat

**NEW BUILDING FRIENDS**

**(\$10,000)**

Bill & Sandra Allgeier

**(\$8,673)**

Halmes Inc

Nick Halmes III

**(\$6,000)**

Ted & Carol Wehrbein

**(\$5,000)**

Gayle Meeske

H.Margo Prentiss

Violet Sparks

Scott & Linda Sparks

Steve & Marlene Wehrbein

**(\$5,000)**

In memory of Fred & Gladys Buell

Frances Buell

**(\$4,500)**

George D. Ebersole, IL.

**(\$3,800)**

In memory of Gene Meier

Evelyn Meier

**(\$3,000)**

Mel Luetchens

In memory of Vivian Hild

Roger Hild

In memory of the Bergmanns

Ken & Joan Aylor and Family

In memory of Marlys Wehrbein

Daniel Wehrbein

**(\$2,500)**

In memory of Merle R. Buell

Merle & Phyllis Buell & their family, Ken &

Julie Buell, Mark & Sondra Buell, Carolyn &

Brian Geschke

In honor of Rudolph & Eleanor Iverson

Jon & Carolyn Iverson, MO

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**NEW BUILDING FRIENDS, continued**  
**(\$2,400)**

In memory of Shrader & Ruthe Rhoden  
 Dr. Don Rhoden

**(\$2,000)**  
 Bill & Susanne Astley  
 Diane Berlett  
 Larry & Eleanor Biederman

**(\$1,960 total donations)**  
In memory of Paul McManis  
 Gerry & Kathy Ballot, MN  
 Roger & Linda Behrns  
 Greg & Linda Bookey, MN  
 Vicki Buckman, AR  
 Dr. Elizabeth Ann Cochran  
 Kathy Cople  
 Joyce & Jim Croteau, MN  
 Shari Deloski  
 Jean Deason, MN  
 Julie & Ed Diem  
 Cindy Fankhauser & Family  
 Linda Flynn  
 Jill Matches & Goldie  
 Larry & Maureen Gulizia  
 Herbert & Nancy Heil, CA  
 Jean Heim  
 Sybil Henderson  
 Roy & Shelly Hudson  
 Jerilyn & Dan Huesby, MN  
 Marilyn Kerans  
 Bonnie Klinefelter & Family, MN  
 Bill & Cheryl Knutson  
 Louisville Excercise Club  
 Bob & Carol McManis, IA  
 Jim & Diane Mayfield  
 Fred & Pat Meisinger  
 Verna & Steve Meisinger  
 Keith Mosley  
 Betty Navrkal & Robert  
 Dave & Lori Pankonin  
 H.Margo Prentiss  
 Reha Family  
 Ron & Judi Renner  
 Paul & Susan Rice  
 Steve Sherman  
 Scott Shoemaker  
 Mike & Barb Slattery  
 John & Marilyn Steuck, MN  
 Linda & Tom Swanson  
 Shirley Usher, MN  
 John Wolf

**NEW BUILDING FRIENDS, continued**  
**(\$1,825 total donations)**

**In memory of Della Sullivan:**  
 James & Stephanie Ball  
 Julie Bear  
 Michael & Marilyn Cahalane  
 Jay & Michelle Edwards  
 Dan & Cheryl Grimshaw  
 Carol Gray  
 Richard & Catherine Hagge  
 Albert & Kim Kaffenberger  
 Brad & Traci Krauth  
 Dave & Sharon Lybarger  
 Fred & Pat Meisinger  
 Richard & JoAnn Murtha  
 David & Mary Nielsen  
 Gary & Theresa Nie  
 David & Lori Pankonin  
 Gary & Ann Plank  
 H.Margo Prentiss  
 Richard & Lisa Propst  
 Randall & Candace Rehmeier  
 Paul & Susan Rice  
 Sharon Smith  
 Tom Sullivan  
 Irene Warga  
 Roger Wehrbein  
 Ted & Carol Wehrbein

**(\$1,500)**  
 George Eledge  
 Paul & Nancy McManis

In memory of Kevin Quinn  
 Judy Attebery

In memory of Nolan C. Glup  
 Lanny Glup

**(\$1,275)**  
 Alfred & Barbara Dietrich

**(\$1,000)**  
 Phyllis Buell  
 James & Geraldine Byrk  
 Keith & Dianne Bystrom  
 Brad & Colleen Ksiazek &  
 Logan & Liam Ksiazek  
 John & Deborah Loper  
 Ellyn Meisinger  
 Todd & Barb Smisek

**NEW BUILDING FRIENDS, continued**  
**(\$1,000)**

In memory of Emma Gakemeier Bertrand  
 Kevin P. Bertrand, CA

In memory of Bill & Margaret Knorr.  
Roy & Clara Knorr.  
Paul & Lorene Heineman  
 Bill Knorr, Jr, MI

In memory of George Miller  
 Elizabeth Miller, FL  
 Meg Zarybnicky

In memory of  
George & Liesetta Wolfe Sayles.  
Robert & Genevieve Hayes.  
Dr. George & Jean Hayes Sayles  
 Jean Sayles-Jacobson

In honor of Sandra Allgeier.  
Citizen of the Year:  
 Plattsmouth Community Foundation

**(\$900)**  
In memory of  
Herb & Joey Elworth  
 Jim & Carol Elworth

**(\$715)**  
 PHS Class of 1971

**(\$700)**  
 Steve Cole

**(\$600)**  
 Diana Capaldi, PA

**(\$550)**  
 Tim & Deb Vogt, NV

**(\$500)**  
 Marjorie Grosshans Bock  
 Edward & Susan Dellinger  
 James A. McKnight, DDS  
 Paul & Susan Mullis, CA  
 Ronald W. Nolte  
 Jerry & Mary Reinholt  
 Stephen & Velora Riese

**(\$500)**  
Donation for Postage  
 Dave & Lori Pankonin

**(\$500)**  
In memory of Joe & Eleanor York  
 Barbara York Baker, WA

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**(\$500)**

In memory of Bill & Jean Howland  
Bill Knorr, Jr. MI

In memory of Harold, Lillian, Barbara  
and Jimmie Alkire  
Bill Knorr, Jr. MI

**(\$400)**

Doug & Ryan Meisinger

Donation toward Matching Grant

Jim & Carol Elworth

**(\$300)**

Roy L. Cook

**(\$250)**

Plattsmouth Alumni Assoc.  
in honor of Sandra Allgeier  
Kathleen Bestor, CA  
Thomas Carneal, MO  
Fleming Family Foundation,  
Randy Fleming  
William H. Starkjohn  
James & Linda Stock

In memory of

Dr. Lowell Stephens "Steve" DeVoe  
Bill Knorr, Jr. MI

In Honor of Roger Wehrbein  
Kalby & Traci Wehrbein

In memory of Wm. Wetenkamp  
Thomas Carneal, MO

**(\$225)**

In memory of Millard Carnes  
Janice Carnes  
Carol Gray  
Dave & Sharon Lybarger

**(\$200)**

Stephen & Vivian Davis  
Gary & Deanna Deterding  
Frederick Eriksen  
Del & Glenda Hervey  
Paul & Janet McCartney  
Jacquelyn Zimmer

In memory of Bill & Mena Toman  
Tom Sullivan

**(\$150)**

Maureen E. McGrath

**NEW BUILDING FRIENDS, continued**

**(\$120)**

John & Jill Lokke

**(\$100)**

Merle & Joyce Backemeyer  
Jerry & Margaret Ann Blackwell  
Robert Clancey, Sr  
Susan Dellinger  
Carl & Linda Glup  
Judith A. Hild  
Charles & Kathy Jordan  
Paul & Patty Lambert  
Dave & Sharon Lybarger  
Dale & Nancy Nutzman  
Joan Wehrbein Patocka  
Patrick & Tammy Reiff  
Minnie Mae Sayers  
Kurk & Kris Shrader  
Dale Sharp  
Pat Umland  
Virginia Wickham, MO

In memory of Vernetta Gochenour

Jerry & Carol Burgess, FL

In memory of Maynard Ramage

Larry Vallery, IA

**(\$75.00)**

In Memory of Diane Berlett,  
Patrice "Teedee" Peterson, and  
Dale Sharp  
Lanny Glup

**(\$50.00)**

in memory of  
Barbara Sullivan Rounsberg  
Maxine Hild

**NEW BUILDING FRIENDS**

**(\$10 - \$99)**

Sara Thimgan Begley, IA  
Scott Caauwe  
Sharon Cook Chamberlin, NM  
Lou Ann Cherry  
Cindy Drake  
John & Shirley Fey  
Frederick J. Geiler  
Herbert & Nancy Heil, CA  
Bill Knorr, Jr. MI  
Elbie & Darlene Lamb  
Garry & Rebecca Martin  
Stuart & Susan Nielsen  
Nancy Peters  
John Robertson Pollett, CO  
Baillie Schuh  
John & Shirley Titsworth, IA  
Suzanne Wilson

**NEW BUILDING FRIENDS**

**(\$10 - \$99)**

In Memory of Diane Berlett  
Janice Carnes  
Fred & Pat Meisinger  
Roger Wehrbein

In memory of Bob Day  
Kirk & Glenda Linder

In memory of Edward Dellinger  
Fred & Pat Meisinger

In memory of  
Lyle Engelkemier  
PHS Class of 1963  
Fred & Pat Meisinger

in memory of Dottie Engle  
Dave and Sharon Lybarger

In memory of Nora Eyster  
Fred & Pat Meisinger

In memory of Eldonna Forrest  
Mary Berner

In memory of Buster Baxter, Bill Faris and  
Norman Manley  
Dave & Sharon Lybarger

In memory of Doris Landon  
Dave & Sharon Lybarger  
Fred & Pat Meisinger

In memory of Theodore Libershal  
David Libershal, MD

In memory of Jayne Ofe  
Diane Berlett

In memory of Marilyn Meisinger  
Ruth Merklin, Carl Ofe, Jayne Ofe,  
Della Sullivan  
& in honor of Sandra Allgeier  
Mary Berner

In memory of Edith Tesarek  
Katherine Jo Solomon

In memory of Jeanette Timmermann  
Michael & Marilyn Cahalane