



**WINTER NEWSLETTER**  
**JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH 2025**  
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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....

Hello:

I thought I would discuss a little bit more about our plans for the Museum renovation and expansion. In addition to the typical permanent and rotating displays, we are planning to have an expanded pioneer family section where individual family histories can be presented. Obviously people are the main factor in making history and Cass County is rich in "historic" pioneer families. Many came to Nebraska via Wisconsin and Illinois. I have often wondered if many knew or know how their history is intertwined from the past. Did they come together, did they meet here, did they move on west, did they go back home? Hopefully in displays of family histories on the panels in the museum, people will discover new connections and relationships from the past. We presently have a wide array of family histories, both written and oral. The new renovation will have much more material and access. Presently we have many, many one hundred and one hundred-fifty year old farms in the county. As I see it, this information is ripe for dissemination and needs to be recognized. Why not add your legacy? The proposal is to display the historic presentation on 18x24 inch panels viewable on stands or booklet form. Several families have already committed to this format. Why not add your legacy? We should be proud and thankful for our heritage, why not add your legacy?

*Roger Wehrbein, President*

If anyone is available to assume the duties of Volunteer Coordinator, please call the museum 402-296-4770. The duties include getting receptionists to work on Saturdays and volunteers for special events such as hosting the log cabin, caboose and farm buildings in the summer and baking pies for our annual pie sale in September.

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**Time to renew??**

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.

**Memberships, Donations, and Memorials**  
**Received between November 27, 2024 and January 15, 2025**

**Donors live in Nebraska unless otherwise noted.**

**Exhibits**

**“Recent Acquisitions”**

January through March 29, 2025

“New” items are always being brought into the museum. On display in the Conference Room are just a few of the objects that have been donated in the past two years.

**“Valentines”**

January through March 29

On view in the front display case is a mini-exhibit of Valentines from the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century and early 20<sup>th</sup> Century.

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**Mark your Calendars:**

**LIVING HISTORY DAY**

**Saturday, April 26, 10 am to 4 pm**

The day will include a May Basket Workshop for children, rag doll making, board games, a quilter, a spinner, Lewis & Clark re-enactor and more!

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**Brown Bag Programs**

The programs are from 12:00 to 1:00 and are free and open to the public.

Tuesday, February 11

“Great Plains Black History Museum”  
Speaker: Eric Ewing, Exec Director

Tuesday, February 25

“One Room Schools of Cass County”  
Speaker: Margo Prentiss

Tuesday, March 11

“A ‘Magical’ Hobby: The Plattsmouth Amateur Radio Club Celebrates 30 Years”

Speaker: Roger Behrns

Tuesday, March 25

“Women’s Suffragists”  
Speakers: Sandra Allgeier and Pat Meisinger

**DONATION**

**for Harvest Festival Pie Sale**

Dee Schuetz

**CORNERSTONE CLUB**

**SANDSTONE**

Pankonin's Inc  
David Pankonin

**MEMBERSHIPS**

**INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES**

**Century**

Bill & Susanne Astley  
H.Margo Prentiss  
Jerry & Mary Reinholt

**Promoter**

Joyce Heim  
Janet Moore, CA  
Vincent & Melladee Perry, MO  
Ted & Carol Wehrbein

**Booster**

Whitey & Leslie Glup  
Sheryl Oviatt  
James Pollard, CA  
Deborah Woster

**Friend**

Dan & Patty Cunningham, gift  
Linda A. Duncan  
Terry & Julie Duncan, gift  
Myrna Esluer  
Fran Guthrie. OR, gift  
Donald E. Jacobson, IA  
Ruby Moss, gift

**Comments from Third Graders**

We have received letters from a few of the Third Graders who visited in September. Here are some of their comments:

“We all had fun at the Cass County Museum. I loved the horses in the basement. They were cool.”

“The (log) house was really cool! How did they live in there? I liked the shop, the little area with the old toys and the kitchen.”

“Your museum is so fun! It was like I was in a different time period!”

**MEMORIAL FUND**

**In memory of**

**Diane Berlett**

William & Sandra Allgeier  
Judy Attebery

Roger & Linda Behrns

Cornerstone Bank, Angie Jameson

Cathy Day

Jim Elworth

Larry & Missy Ofe Fleck

Jeanette Ford

Barbara & William Helwig

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Michele Jenkins

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**Larry Nelsen**

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**Marjorie Payton**

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**Patrice “Teedee” Elworth Peterson**

Mark Felker



## New Building Fund

Donations for the New Building Campaign should be made payable to Cass County Historical Society Foundation and mailed or delivered to the Museum at 646 Main Street, Plattsmouth.

Members of the Fund Raising Committee are: Craig Buescher, Sandra Allgeier, Roger Behrns, Pat Meisinger, Dave Pankonin, Roger Wehrbein and John Winkler.

### DONOR CATEGORIES FOR NEW BUILDING PROJECT

Memorial (\$1 million)	Wagon Master (\$100,000 and up)
Fur Trader (\$500,000 and up)	Pioneer(\$50,000 and up)
Explorer (\$250,000 and up)	Homesteader (\$25,000 and up)
Trailblazer (\$150,000 and up)	Cass Countian (\$15,000 and up)
New Building Friends (\$10 and up)	

### New Building Fund

#### Donations received between November 30, 2024 and January 15, 2025

#### **Homesteader \$30,000**

Roy & Sharon Smith Revocable Trust  
in memory of Maynard & Ruth Ramage  
and Royal & Clara Smith

#### **Cass Countians**

Dave & Mary Nielsen

#### **New Building Friends \$5,000**

Steve & Marlene Wehrbein

#### **New Building Friend \$250**

**In memory of William S.  
Wetenkamp**  
Thomas W. Carneal, MO

#### **Cass Countians**

**Additions to the Family Gift in  
honor of the Bierl & Vinduska  
families**  
**(The Family Gift totals \$19,610)**  
**\$2,500**

Evelyn & Thomas McKnight  
**\$1,100**

Dan & Amy Cahalane, WI  
**\$1,000**

Lynn & Jeanice Vinduska  
**\$100.00**

Lucas, Erin,  
Rory, & Liam McKnight, OH  
**\$10.00 to \$99.00**

Jessica & Timothy Lucchesi,MO

#### **\$1,000**

Bill & Susanne Astley  
James & Geraldine Byrk  
Keith & Dianne Bystrom

#### **In Memory of George P. Miller**

Elizabeth Miller,FL  
Meg Zarybniky

#### **\$500**

George Eledge  
Jerry & Mary Reinholt

#### **\$250**

#### **In honor of Roger Wehrbein**

Kolby & Traci Wehrbein

#### **New Building Friends \$10 - \$100**

John & Shirley Fey

#### **In Memory of Diane Berlett**

Janice Carnes  
Fred & Pat Meisinger  
Roger Wehrbein

#### **In memory of Paul McManis**

Louisville Exercise Group  
Herbert & Nancy Heil, CA  
H.Margo Prentiss

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)**

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