



WINTER 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 we approach the end of our three year initial fund drive for the museum's renovation and expansion, I thought I would update you on our progress. We now stand at \$2,115,166.57. We intend to push hard the next few weeks, with a new assessment of our options on April 1. We are obviously going to be short of our \$4 million goal, but we will then consider our alternatives. We will do something.

At this point, I would ask you to consider what you can give in the closing push. We cannot proceed without the cash on hand. Money for the building fund comes through the Cass County Historical Society Foundation. The museum operating fund comes through memberships, county tax support and other donations. We still need strong membership support.

We very, very much appreciate those who have given and we thank you for your confidence in us.

We respectfully ask, if you have not given to this project, that you make your commitment by April 1st.

Craig Buescher (402-469-8390) is chairman of the Fund-raising committee. Give Craig or me a call if you have any questions.

Thanks again.

Roger Wehrbein

President

402-298-8209

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.

Exhibits & Events

Temporary Exhibits
in Davis Conference Room:
“America 250”

January 10- September 2026
In celebration of the U.S.

Semiquincentennial, we are exhibiting items from our collection that relate to the American Revolution, the Declaration of Independence and our Founding Fathers.

“Valentines”

January 6 – March 28, 2026

This exhibit includes Valentines from the 1880s to the 1960s

BROWN BAG PROGRAMS

12:00 noon to 1:00 pm
Tuesday, Feb.10

“Rosalie WyNot Bee Rogers Valentine”

This slide presentation was created by the previous Curator, Don Hill, in 1994. It is about the towns of Nebraska and how they got their names.

Tuesday, Feb.24

“History of 100 year old Funeral Home”

Keith Roby will give some history of the 100 year old funeral business at the present location. He will tell of items of interest discovered while excavating and also historical items stored in the attic of the garage on the property.

Tuesday, March 10

“The Fisheries of Nebraska”

Speaker: Robert Hrabik

Mr. Hrabik is author of the book The Fishes of Nebraska, about each of Nebraska's more than 100 fish species.

Tuesday, March 24

“Robert Kennedy and the 1968 Nebraska Primary”

Speaker: Dennis Crawford

Mr. Crawford has recently published a book about Robert Kennedy and the 1968 Nebraska primary. We will have on exhibit photos from our collection of Kennedy in Plattsmouth.

Memberships, Donations, and Memorials

Received between September 24,2025 and January 21,2026

Donors live in Nebraska unless otherwise noted.

MEMBERSHIPS

CORNERSTONE CLUB

Limestone

N & B Rentals
Betty Henry

Sandstone

Cornerstone Bank
Angie Jameson

Four-Thirty LLC

Julia Gates

Henry-Hobscheidt Motors

Jeff Henry

McKnight Family Dental

Dr. James McKnight

Pankonin's Inc
David Pankonin

INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES

Benefactor

Keith & Dianne Bystrom

Investor

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George & Arlene Eledge
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Bill & Marilyn Rishel
Nancy Wehrbein
Dr. William Wehrbein &
Diane Walkowiak

Promoter

Mary Berner

Larry & Eleanor Biederman

David Chebatoris
Dan & Cheryl Grimshaw
Evan Holly

Chris & Jackie Morehead
Stu & Susie Nielsen
John & Carol Schreiner
Frank & Joyce Swanson
Cody Volwiler & Family, gift
Virginia Wickham, MO

Booster

Sara Thimgan Begley, IA
Rae Cacioppo
Dale & Joan Clark

MEMBERSHIPS, continued

Booster

Cindy Drake
Alicia Garbers
Herb & Nancy Heil, CA
Ann McGee, new
Del & Diana Puls
Ann Knorr Snider
Chuck & Sherry Talbitzer
Barbara Toman
David Wehrbein, gift, new
Doug & Kari Wehrbein, gift, new

Friend

William Bailey, new
James & Stephanie Ball
Niki Campin
Sharon Cook Chamberlin, NM
Dan & Patty Cunningham gift
Linda Duncan
Terry & Julie Duncan, gift
Myrna R. Esluer
Fran Guthrie, OR, gift
Ruby Moss, gift
Minnie Mae Sayers

MEMORIAL FUND

in memory of

Bob Copple, Larry Henry,
Janice Schneider, Marlys Wehrbein,

Steve Wehrbein

Mary Berner

Jim Grotrian

Lsnnny Glup & Lori Good Baker
Roger Wehrbein

Jim Grotrian

from Family and Friends

Doris Landon

Missy Ofe and Family

Steve Wehrbein

Maxine Hild

Donation toward upkeep and repair of

Cabin, Caboose and Pirogue
in memory of Tony Curttright
Kola Ann Curttright

Donation to Cook Log Cabin

in memory of Richard Vogt
Mary-Margaret Cook, AZ

NEW BUILDING FUND

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**(Received between Sept.23,2025
and January 21,2026)**

A complete list of donors since the drive began in 2023 was in the Fall newsletter. Since then we have received the following donations:

\$25,000 final payment of pledge

John & Pat Miller

\$25,000

Citizens State Bank

\$15,000

James & Colleen Peterson
Dr. Charles & Beverly Stoehr

\$10,000

Roger Hild

\$10,000 final payment of pledge

Fred & Pat Meisinger

\$5.00

Roger & Linda Behrns

\$5,000 final payment of pledge

Leigh Jean Koizan & John Sullivan

\$5,113.62

Final payment of pledge
in memory of Jeanene Wehrbein
Roger Wehrbein

\$3,800

in memory of Gene Meier
Evelyn Meier

\$3,000 final payment of pledge
Bill & Sandra Allgeier

\$3,000

George Ebersole, ILL

\$3,000

in memory of Marlys Wehrbein
Daniel Wehrbein

\$1,000

John & Deborah Loper

DONATIONS, continued

\$500

Larry & Eleanor Biederman
Marjorie Grosshans Bock, CA
George Eledge
Alicia Garbers
Tim & Deb Vogt, NV

\$300

Roy L. Cook

\$300

In memory of Herb & Joey Elworth
Jim & Carol Elworth

\$250

Dr. James McKnight

\$100

Susan Dellinger
Minnie Mae Sayers

\$50

in memory of
Barbara Sullivan Roundsborg

Maxine Hild

\$50

Herbert & Nancy Heil, CA
Virginia Wickham, MO

\$25

Sharon Cook Chamberlin, NM

\$25. in memory of Edith Tesarek
Katherine Jo Solomon

ANNUAL MEETING RESULTS

The Annual Meeting was held on November 6 at the Murray Christian Church. Thirty-nine people were in attendance. Officers re-elected to one-year terms were Roger Wehrbein, President; Roger Behrns, Vice-President; Alicia Garbers, Treasurer and Pat Meisinger, Secretary. Board members elected to three year terms expiring in 2028 were George Eledge, Lanny Glup and Jim Peterson. A program, "Uncovering the Grayson Sisters' Escape from Nebraska Territory" was given by Gail Blankenau.

PIE SALE RESULTS

HARVEST FESTIVAL PIE SALE

Our pie sale during the Harvest Festival in September brought in \$1,422. Thank you to the following people who donated a total of 84 pies, 8 cupcakes, 2 apple dumplings and 2 loaves of zucchini bread.

Sandra Allgeier
Susanne Astley
Judy Attebery
Stephanie Ball
Linda Behrns
Mary Berner
Jeanie Brookhouser
Alice Miller Bryant
Rae Cacioppo
Marilyn Cahalane
Shelia Coen
Susan Dellinger
Loretta Draper
Arlene & George Eledge
Jim Elworth
Joanne Furlong
Alicia Garbers
Lanny Glup
Carol Gray
Lisa Grotrian
Maxine Hild
Kelli Isham
Patti Lambert
Pat Meisinger
Joann Murtha
Nancy Peters
Jim Peterson
Susan Rice
Bill Reinsch
Marilyn Rishel
Julie Schmale
Sharon Smith
Joyce Swanson
Jeanice Vinduska
Carol Wehrbein
Loris Wiles
and
Plattsmouth Senior Center

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 entitles you to Free Admission to Cass County Museum as well as the Countil Bluffs, Iowa, Museums: The Squirrel Cage Jail, Bregant House and RailWest Museum.

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 _____