



## WINTER NEWSLETTER

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

### CASS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOUNDATION

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#### MUSEUM STAFF

**Margo Prentiss**, Curator

**Linda Duncan**, Registrar

### *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 1<sup>st</sup>.

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*

#### 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.*

#### 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**

Andrea Randall, MN

### **Century**

Bill & Susanne Astley  
Kathleen Bestor, CA  
Mike & Marilyn Cahalane  
George & Arlene Eledge  
Butch & Dobey Haws  
H. Margo Prentiss  
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 Thimman 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. Esler  
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 Grottrian

Lsnny Glup & Lori Good Baker  
Roger Wehrbein

Jim Grottrian

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 Curtright  
Kola Ann Curtright

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

\$5,000  
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**

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