



FALL NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER, 2026

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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...

Greetings:

Have you ever thought how nice it would be to explore your family genealogy? Would you like to explore early Cass County? Would you like to see farm machinery from the past? Well, take heart, we are on the verge of more expansive displays and accessibility in our expansive future facilities.

Not only will we have more room for artifacts, we will have more room for expanded genealogy research and community services. After all, Cass County was settled by people (your ancestors) not machinery or tools.

As we look forward to expanded facilities, I hope you ask your friends to consider joining as a member. Our support comes from our membership.

Bring them to our Annual Meeting on November 5 which will be held at the Plattsmouth High School. See details about the meeting on page 3.

Hope to see you there!

Roger Wehrbein President



Plattsmouth Third Graders visited the museum, log cabin and caboose during September.

Memberships, Donations, and Memorials
Received between July 22 and October 5, 2026

Donors live in Nebraska unless otherwise noted.

Exhibits & Events

Temporary Exhibits
in Davis Conference Room:

**“Harvest Festival History”
Celebrating American Harvest,
Hope and Freedom**

September 1 – October 31, 2026

This exhibit of photographs and memorabilia going back to the start of the festival in 1932 follows this year's theme of Harvest, Hope, and Freedom.

“Football in Cass County”

November 3, 2026 – January 2, 2027

This exhibit includes photos of the 1923 Avoca High School team, the 1920s American Legion teams and Plattsmouth High School teams from the 1920s to the 1970s.

Front Display Case:

“Happy Halloween, Happy

Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas!”

September 29, 2026 – January 2, 2027

This display includes a selection of holiday postcards from the scrapbook of Jennie Johnson Cole, dated 1908 to 1912.

EVENTS:

ROCK BLUFFS SCHOOL

FALL OPEN HOUSE &

HOT DOG ROAST

Sunday, October 18, 2026

2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

HALLOWEEN ON MAIN

Friday October 30, 2026

4:00 p.m.

We will be giving out apples at our Log Cabin.

At the museum, we will be giving out a special historic treat that was put together by our late Registrar, Linda Barnard Duncan.

MEMBERSHIPS
CORNERSTONE CLUB

Sandstone

Eager Siding Company
Glenn & Sharon Eager

DC's Waterhole
Denise Zych

INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES

Investor

Julie Bear & Robert Beebe
Spencer & Vivian Davis
Jim Peterson

Century

Ken Aylor
Barbara Baker, WA
George & Arlene Eledge
Lanny Glup & Lori Good-Baker
Dan Hall
Bill Knorr Jr, MI
Eric & Joan Lindquist, new
Mel Luetchens
Elizabeth Miller, FL
John & Pat Miller
Nathan & Ashley Mueller
Bruce & Mary Nolte, MN
Don B. Rhoden
Betty Reichart
Steve & Lori Thompson Sloup, MO

Promoter

Jodean Meisinger Gesell, new
Carl & Linda Glup
Jeff Hegstrom, CO, new
William R. Metzger, new, gift

Booster

Tom & Cindy Dougherty
Daniel Wehrbein

Friend

Carol Gray
Patricia Wagner
Cynthia Wilcox

DONATIONS

Paul Carlsen, NY
Cindy Clemmons-Echard, OH
Alexander Free, WA
Anders Hedman, Sweden
Sue Hulsebus, WA
Don Rhodan
Ronald & Jerilynn Meadows, NV
Stuart & Susan Nielsen

DONATIONS TO PIE SALE
IN LIEU OF BAKING A PIE

Judy Attebery, Al & Barb Dietrich
Janet Konkler, Mary Ann Toman
June Wagner

MEMORIAL FUND

in memory of

Linda Barnard Duncan

Marlene Hennings Bartell
John Lokke

Cherie Gorman

Larry & Missy Ofe Fleck
Lisa Grotrian

Jim Grotrian

Linda Jost

John Meeske

Del & Diana Puls

Marilyn Weber

Larry & Missy Ofe Fleck

Marlys Wehrbein

Daniel Wehrbein

HARVEST FESTIVAL PIE DONORS

Thank you to all who donated pies.

The pies brought in \$1,280

Sandra Allgeier
Susanne Astley
Stephanie Ball
Linda Behrns
Jeanie Brookhouser
Marilyn Cahalane
Shelia Coen
Susan Dellinger
Loretta Draper
Jim Elworth
Joanne Furlong
Alicia Garbers
Lanny Glup
Carol Gray
Lisa Grotrian
Joyce Heim
Maxine Hild
Kelli Isham
Patti Lambert
Pat Meisinger
Joann Murtha
Susan Rice
Bill Reinsch
Marilyn Rishel
Julie Schmale
Brenda Shafer
Sharon Smith
Joyce Swanson
Carol Wehrbein
Loris Wiles
Plattsmouth Senior Center

EVENTS, ANNUAL MEETING, NEW BUILDING FUND

BROWN BAG PROGRAMS

The programs start at 12:00 and are usually over by 1:00. No refreshments are served but those attending are welcome to bring their lunches.

Tuesday: October 13
"Genealogy Resources at Cass County Museum"
Speaker: Margo Prentiss

Tuesday, October 27
"Your Fire Department"
Speaker: Bob Heckman
Mr. Heckman has been a member of the Plattsmouth Volunteer Fire Department since 2010.

Tuesday, November 10
"Happy Paws"
Speaker: Carol Tilson
Mrs. Tilson will talk about the non-profit animal rescue organization that serves Cass, Sarpy and Douglas Counties.

EVENTS: NIGHT OF 1,000 SANTAS Friday, December 4

Toys for Tots will be collected at 329 Main Street from 5 to 8:00 p.m. The museum will be open until 8:00.

TREE LIGHTING

Saturday, December 5
5:00 p.m.

During "Victorian Christmas on Main" we will light up the Blue Spruce Tree in our Courtyard. The museum, log cabin and caboose will be open until 8:00 p.m.

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 it with your check to the museum.

ANNUAL MEETING Thursday, November 5 Plattsmouth High School Career Technical Education Building (CTE)

6:00 Social Hour & Silent Auction
6:30 Dinner; 7:15 Business Mtg,
8:00 Program

This year's meeting will be held at Plattsmouth High School in the CTE building (Career Technical Education). Enter door #62. The meal will be catered by their Culinary Department. The menu will be baked chicken in a sauce, mashed potatoes and gravy, special green beans, roll, and cheesecake.

Cost of the meal is \$25.00.

At 7:15, there will be a short business meeting and election of officers and board members.

At 8:00 Rob Bozell will give a powerpoint program about Cass County and Missouri River Archaeology. You are welcome to bring artifacts and he will try to identify them.

For reservations, fill out the form: and bring to the museum or mail to Cass County Museum, 646 Main Street Plattsmouth, NE.68048. The deadline for reservations is Thursday October 29.

DONORS TO NEW BUILDING FUND Received since July 22

\$1,000.00

In memory of

Glen & Frances Carneal

Thomas W. Carneal, MO
Samuel E & Sandra Carneal, MO
Randall & Diane Dudik, MO
Lloyd "Buck" Graham, GA

\$500.00

In memory of Kevin Quinn

Judy Attebery

In honor of Leigh Jean Koinzan, Citizen of the Year

Plattsmouth Community Foundation

\$25.00

In memory of John Meeske

Ted & Carol Wehrbein

ANNUAL MEETING RESERVATIONS November 5, 2026

Enclosed is _____ for _____
dinners at \$25.00 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

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 _____