



## SPECIAL NEWSLETTER

JUNE, 2024

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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.*

### It's Summer! And a lot going on at Cass County Museum!

Saturday, June 15, 10:00 a.m. To 4:00 p.m.

#### LIVING HISTORY DAY

See details on page 3

Friday, June 21, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Open house and reception in our courtyard  
to show plans for the new building addition.

Sunday, July 21, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Annual Summer Open House at Rock Bluffs School,  
our one-room brick school house constructed in 1870.

#### Wander Nebraska

June through November 30

We are one of 193 museums, historical societies, libraries and state parks  
that have signed up to Wander Nebraska. Go to their website  
[WanderNebraska.com](http://WanderNebraska.com) to learn more about this statewide travel adventure  
program.

#### **Special Exhibits**

There is always something new to see in the museum! Exhibits are  
changed quarterly in our Davis Conference room and in the front display  
case.

#### The Plants of Lewis and Clark

April 23 through July 27

Photographs by Linda Barnard Duncan

In 1804, Lewis and Clark camped in what is now Cass County. For the  
Bicentennial of their visit in 2004, Linda Duncan gathered specimens and  
took photographs of plants that are native to Cass County and are  
mentioned in the journals of Lewis and Clark.

#### Beautiful Merritt Beach

April 30 through August 24

This annual exhibit of photographs and memorabilia from the popular  
recreation area that closed in 1989 always brings back many memories.

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#### **Special Summer Hours**

**From June through August, the farm building and shed in the  
courtyard and the cabin, caboose and pirogue at the end of Main  
Street will be open on Saturdays from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. The  
main museum building is open year around, Tuesday through  
Saturday, 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.**

**Memberships, Donations, and Memorials**  
**Received between April 1 and May 29, 2024**  
**Donors live in Nebraska unless otherwise noted.**

**MEMBERSHIPS**  
**CORNERSTONE CLUB**

**Sandstone**  
Edward Jones  
Brad Ksiazek

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**Promoter**  
Jim Elworth  
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Maureen McGrath  
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**DONATIONS**  
Susan Dellinger

**IN KIND DONATIONS**  
**Repair and upgrade to Oral**  
**History Computer**  
Bob Clancy  
Sandra Allgeier

**DONATION TO**  
**COOK LOG CABIN**  
Eric & Amy Evans

**MEMORIAL FUND**  
**In memory of**  
**Karen Austin**  
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**Della Sullivan**  
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**DONATIONS TO**  
**CCHS FOUNDATION**  
**FOR THE**  
**NEW BUILDING FUND**  
**Cass Countians**  
**in memory of Lyle Lawton and**  
**William Rex Young**  
Lyle & Peggy Lawton

**in memory of Douglas Duey**  
Plattsmouth Community Foundation

**New Building Friends**  
Jerry & Margaret Ann Blackwell  
Craig & Marjorie Buescher  
Paul & Janet McCartney  
Gayle Meeske  
Todd & Barb Smisek

**In memory of Jayne Ofe**  
Diane Berlett

**In memory of Kevin Quinn**  
Judy Attebery

**In honor of Sandra Allgeier,**  
**Citizen of the Year**  
Plattsmouth Community Foundation

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Is the date **highlighted** on your address label? If so, it means your membership is due. **Your renewal before the end of our Fiscal Year, June 30, will help us end the year on a positive note.** Please fill out the form on the back and mail with your check to the museum. There is also PayPal option. To use PayPal, visit our website [www.casscountynemuseum.org](http://www.casscountynemuseum.org) and go to the page "Make a Donation"

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**Volunteer Opportunities**

Volunteers are needed on Saturdays to help host the farm buildings and the cabin/caboose area. Also, thinking ahead to September, we need people to donate pies for our annual pie sale during the harvest festival.

Call the museum if you can help.



**CASS COUNTY MUSEUM**  
646 MAIN STREET  
PLATTSMOUTH, NE.  
**LIVING HISTORY DAY!**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2024**  
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
FREE ADMISSION; DONATIONS ACCEPTED

**In the Museum at 646 Main Street**

**SPINNING**

by Jill Lokke of Brownville

**QUILTING**

by Sandra Allgeier of Plattsmouth



**ORGAN PLAYING**

Carol Wehrbein will be playing our  
1893 Packard Reed Organ

**In the Davis Conference Room:  
ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN**  
Making a RAG DOLL, rolling a CANDLE,  
playing "STAKE A HOMESTEAD" and  
"LEWIS AND CLARK BINGO" and  
learning about Cass County History with a  
COLORING BOOK.

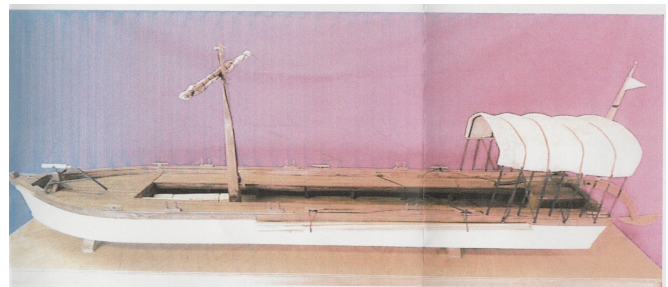
**The Farm Building and Shed in the Courtyard  
will also be open.**

**At the end of Main Street**



**Joseph and Mary Cook Log Cabin,  
Burlington Caboose,  
and replica of Lewis and Clark Pirogue  
open for tours.**

**At 10:30, there will be a dedication of the  
new Lewis and Clark markers**  
Harlan Seyfer will speak about the markers that  
replace those destroyed in the flood of 2019.



**Lewis and Clark re-enactors, Mike Bowman  
and Dale Clark (and his dog Sailor), will be  
camped by the Pirogue. Both will tell you about  
their travels on the Lewis and Clark Trail.**

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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