



SUMMER 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 are working our way into the fund drive for the renovation and expansion of the Cass County Museum, I thought I would expand a little on what we are proposing, although I know most of you are already aware. The shed and farm building are both in poor condition and are out of compliance for ADA. They have served their purpose, and now because of their deterioration, they should be replaced, based on an engineering study. We are proposing to tear them down and build back with a two story building just east of the present museum. The challenge we have is that we believe there are remnants of the Cass Theater buried under the present sod, which would have to be removed before we can build. We have an estimate for that scenario. In addition to more storage, we need more modern and expanded display areas and a larger room for group gatherings. Both levels would be used for updated displays and would be accessible by elevator, another large expense. Additional room would also be available for recognizing pioneer families and their history. We are continuing to contact potential major donors as well as acquainting the communities about our goals. If you would like more information please contact Craig Buescher, our fundraising chairman, (402-469-8390), David Pankonin (402-234-2945) Foundation chair, Margo at the Museum, or me. Other members of the committee are Sandra Allgeier, Pat Meisinger, and Roger Behrns. All donors at all levels are being noted in our newsletter and will be in a notebook. A wall plaque will denote larger donations.

Roger Wehrbein, President

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



Memberships, Donations, Memorials and Building Fund Donations
Received between May 30 and July 8, 2024

Donors live in Nebraska unless otherwise noted.

Exhibits

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.

“Heart of the Harvest”

Remembering Past Festivals

July 30 through October 26

This year is the 93rd anniversary of the Plattsmouth Harvest Festival. We will look back to the Heart of the Harvest through photographs, documents and souvenirs.

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.

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.

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
INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES

Benefactor

Historic Downtown Plattsmouth
Association, new
Mel & Sharon Todd

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Christina Hotchkiss, new
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MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of
Betty Altschaffl Root

John Root, CA

In memory of John Knabe

Roger Wehrbein

DONATIONS TO
CCHS FOUNDATION

FOR THE
NEW BUILDING FUND
Cass Countians

In memory of Edward and
Flora Belle (Mead) Wehrbein

Jon & Susan Wehrbein Cassat
Nancy Wehrbein
William M. Wehrbein

In honor of the Bierl and Vinduska
Families

Mike & Marilyn Cahalane
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New Building Friend

in memory of Theodore Libershal
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in memory of Joe & Eleanor York
Barbara York Baker, WA

New Building Friend

in memory of Marilynn Meisinger,
Ruth Merklin, Jayne Ofe and

Della Sullivan and

in honor of Sandra Allgeier
Mary Berner

Special Events

ROCK BLUFFS SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE Sunday, July 21, 2024 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.



Admission is free, donations will be accepted to help with maintenance and repair of the building.

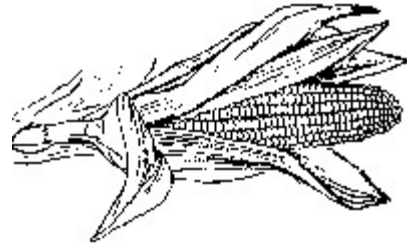
The one room brick school building is 154 years old. It opened as "Naomi Institute" in September, 1870.

CASS COUNTY FAIR August 7 - 10

We will have a booth in the Ag Hall at the Cass County Fair in Weeping Water.

Stop by for a visit and see the plans for our new building addition.

PLATTSMOUTH HARVEST FESTIVAL September 5-8



On Friday, September 6 and Saturday, September 7, the Museum will be open extended hours, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on Sunday, 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. The farm building, shed, cabin, caboose and pirogue will also be open.

ANNUAL PIE SALE ! September 6 and 7, 11:00 a.m. To 4:00 p.m.

Our Pie Sale during Harvest Festival is a major fund-raiser every year. Only whole pies will be sold.

MINI -BOOK SALE September 6 and 7

Some books have been donated that are duplicates of ones we already have in the collection. There are also a few that do not relate to Cass County history.

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)

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