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On October 1st, 2006, the Washington County Historical Association will unveil the plaque which places the Frahm House on the National Register of Historic Places. The celebration will also be marked by the annual "Pie on the Porch" event, living history, and games.

Originally constructed in 1905, The Frahm House has been a landmark in Fort Calhoun since its completion. Mr. Fred Frahm constructed the home for his wife Sade Beales, as a wedding present. The only other owner of the home was their daughter Catharine, who then passed it on to the museum upon her death in

1994. Since that time, the WCHA has held several activities and events demonstrating the rich history of Fort Calhoun and the Frahm family.

The property not only holds the house, but also a cellar, carriage house, and a large, well shaded lot on the north side. A pipe from the homes roof which extends into the trees belongs to a cistern. The cistern is currently behind a large amount of brush and efforts are underway to clear the area for viewing. The homes' interior has managed to keep its original charm. Hard wood floors highlight the homes tall ceilings, while classical wooden entries add to the

charm of a home which has seen and adapted to over 100 years of history.

The Frahm House joins Fontanelle Town Hall as two of the current museum properties on the Historic Register. Both museum properties are open to the public by reservation, and other events are currently under consideration to hold at these locations. Just last year the Frahm House celebrated its 100th anniversary, and we hope you come to join us and celebrate its continued preservation under the National Register of Historic Places.



Ho For America!

The Washington County Historical Association is pleased to bring Jeff Kappeler to the Blair Library on October 26th at 5:00PM. Mr. Kappeler will lecture on the influence of Northern European Immigrants in the Midwest who entered the United States in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

The lecture also features several artifacts and other visuals which may be viewed after the lecture. The artifacts not only come from the museum, but Mr. Kappeler's personal collection as well. This talk is sponsored by the Historical Association as well as the Nebraska Humanities Council. There is no admis-

sion charge. Please join us to examine how Northern European customs influenced the Midwestern United States during its formative years.

If you have any questions about the lecture, please contact the museum via phone or e-mail. We look forward to seeing you there!

Native American Heritage Month

This November marks Native American Heritage month in the US. The month is meant to advance American Indian culture and explain the history of this continent's aboriginal peoples. The Washington County museum has activities arranged for the month so that citizens of the county can come and learn about the many cultures in the area and around the nation.

Our first event will take place on Friday, November 3rd at the Washington County Museum. Carolyn Fiscus, a member of the Ho-Chunk (Winnebago) Nation

will drum, sing, and talk about their traditions. The event will take place in the museum's North Gallery and is an excellent chance for children and adults alike to learn more about local American Indian cultures.

Our second event will be held at the Blair Public Library on the 10th of November. Tony Pasley will present research from findings on the Pawnee War. This little known conflict shaped Nebraska settlers

attitudes which contributed to the tribes' removal just a decade later.

Our final event scheduled for November is a Lecture series held at the Too Far North in Fort

Calhoun. Two other speakers will present their scholarship and stories about American Indian culture and history with a brief question section

for those in attendance. We look forward to seeing you at one or all three events!

November 3rd: Carolyn Fiscus at the Washington County Museum (4:00PM)

November 10th: Tony Pasley at the Blair Public Library (12:00PM)

November 17: Lecture Series at "Too Far North" in Fort Calhoun (7:30PM)

New Items at the Museum

Our Curator, Faith Norwood, would like to thank the following people for their donations to the museum over the past three months. Some of the donations are already on display, while others are undergoing processes to determine where they will be best used. Here is a list of those items:

*Ribbons from Woodmen of America. Donated by Mary Thirtle Alback.

*Toothpick holder collection, knick-knack shelf, painting, lamps, parasol, Victorian sewing box, doll, riding

boots, and pants. Donated by Pamela Gunlicks.

*Assorted Nebraska Law Books. Donated by Pamela Wilhelm.

*1970's Style Men's Hats. Donated by Marian Wilson.

*Piece of Slate from original courthouse roof, car booklet. Donated by Doug Cook.

*Horse Trough. Donated by Kay Trisdale.

*Books: *In All It's Fury; Nebraska Pioneer Reminiscence*, and magazines. Donated by Goldie Iverson.

*Hats and Dress Shoes. Do-

nated by Marilyn Jensen.

*Booklet: *The History of Ballyhagan and Richhill Meetings*. Donated by Kevin Howley & Blackburn Family Association.

*Assorted Calendars and Linens. Donated by Wanda York Miller.

Scrapbooks, photos, & poem by John L. McDonald. Donated by George Jipp & Long Creek Historical Association.

Thank you to all who have donated these months and in the past! Your contribution is greatly appreciated!

Preparations Underway for Annual Fundraiser

The Washington County Historical Association will hold its annual fundraiser beginning this September. Membership rates are listed below, and your generous donations help to keep the museum and other historical properties in the best condition possible.

Our Annual membership categories are slightly altered this year. This alteration allows for us to provide more categories to fit in every family or group budget. Becoming a member not only provides you the piece of mind knowing that you have helped save

history for future generations, but also members are also given a 10% discount at the museum gift store, and free drink bottles when they come to tour the facilities. We are more than happy to take you around the museum to see the various displays and artifacts that your donation helps care for.

Our Trailblazer Members hold a special place in the preservation of the organization. Your Trailblazer Membership allows the Association to advance not only the museum, but the Frahm House and Fontenelle Town hall. These Historic places need your

support in order to thrive . New this year, those who sign on for the Trailblazer Campaign can sign on for the Washington County Tour. This tour will take members around the county to see the various historic sites all while riding through the countryside in comfortable transportation.

We look forward to your support and if you have questions or need a membership form, please contact us by phone or e-mail at the museum.



Rates For The Membership Campaign

Annual Membership:

Family/Individual	\$25.00
Explorer	\$50.00
Pioneer	\$100.00
Settler	\$150.00
Merchant	\$200.00
Community	\$250.00

Trailblazer Member

Bronze Circle	\$300.00
Silver Circle	\$500.00
Gold Circle	\$750.00
Platinum Circle	\$1,000.00

The Washington County Historical Association is a 501-(c)3 organization. This means we are a non-profit committed to preserving the rich history of the county. In order to do this, we need your support to ensure our past remains safe and that knowledge continues for the next generation. Thank you for your support.

Lewis and Clark Did Come Back!

There is a correction concerning the Lewis and Clark story from the previous months newsletter which stated the Captains passed the Council Bluff and failed to stop. In fact, Both Captain Clark's journal along with that of Patrick Gass both state that the command did stop and walk up on the old site of their meeting with the Oto Indians. My thanks to Ms. Joni Lawver for investigating these sources and correcting the misinformation.

Omaha Artists Inc. Arrives October 1st!

Just a reminder, the Omaha Artists Inc. small image show will be at the museum beginning on October 1st until November 4th. There is a reception scheduled from 2-4PM on October 8th in which patrons will have the opportunity to meet the artists while enjoying refreshments!

100 Years Ago This Autumn: 1906

October 11: The San Francisco Public School Board Sparks a diplomatic crisis with Japan by ordering that Japanese students be taught in racially segregated schools.

November 3: S.O.S becomes an international distress signal

December 10: Theodore Roosevelt is awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his role in negotiating peace in the Russo-Japanese War (1905).

Source: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1906>

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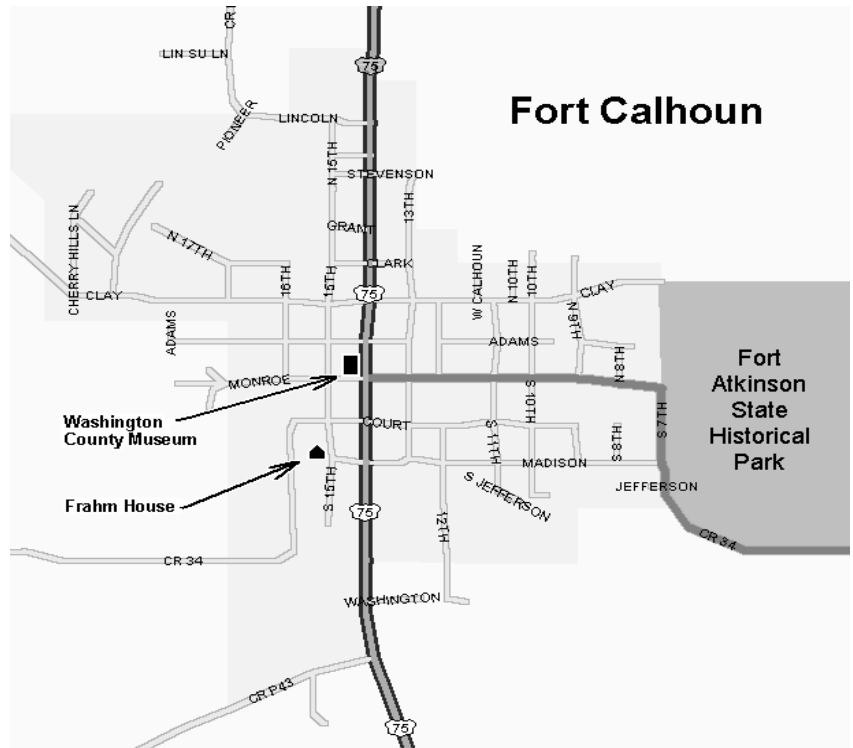


In order to preserve our natural resources for the future, we extend this service. If you wish to assist us, please contact the museum and we will place your name on our electronic e-mail list. Thank you!

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Association
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Return Service Requested

Here we are!!! Please stop in and see us. We are conveniently located on Highway 75 in Fort Calhoun, Nebraska. Just nine miles south of Blair, and north of Omaha, Fort Calhoun presents three of the historic sites in Washington County. If you come to the Museum, Fort Atkinson, or the Frahm House, we would be delighted to see you!



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