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FRITZ HOEFER JEWELRY STORE 1878

This photograph by the Elarton Studio was taken in 1878. Eighteen seventy-eight. Artifacts like this, that survive to tell their story, are the reason the Plainsman Museum exists. We help people connect to and understand the life of the settlers and builders of the Great Plains through the artifacts and stories of the people of Hamilton County, Nebraska.

“There is nothing new in the world except the history you do not know.” - Harry S Truman

UPDATE ON THE BATES HOUSE ROOF Through the amazing support and generosity of individual donors and granting foundations, we were able to raise over \$130,000 specifically earmarked for necessary repairs to the General Delevan and Lana Bates House! Thank you so much for continuing to support the mission.

APRIL IS ART MONTH in the Plainsman Rotunda, as Aurora High School art students display their works. Bring the whole family as these young visionaries inform and inspire!

Annual Dinner and Auction Raises \$14,500 for the Plainsman's Future

Monday, February 5th, was a landmark evening for the museum. Two hundred people gathered to decorate, socialize, dine, socialize, bid, socialize and donate their money for a plethora of exciting items.

Twenty-five beautiful tables for eight filled the rotunda, each a work of art in decorating by generous volunteers, supporters and local businesses.

Friends and families strolled the Boardwalk, enjoying the history of Hamilton County while perusing the silent auction goodies made available by the generosity of our county people, businesses, and organizations.

A lively auction followed a scrumptious dinner (by Nitta's Bed & Breakfast and Catering) of brisket, cheesy potatoes, fresh green beans and cake to make the angels sing.

Each auction item was a highlight and Kelly Kliever and John Thomas called, cajoled and convinced bidders to take home a top notch selection of goodies for the benefit of the museum.

At the end of the night, the Plainsman Museum was so grateful to receive \$14,500 in funds raised, which will be put to use in 2018 to continue with renovations and updates to the exhibits, developing and enhancing the way we tell history at the Plainsman Museum.



WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING ABOUT THE PLAINSMAN

Worth a detour off of I-80, February 2018

"The Plainsman Museum is one of the finest small town museums that I have visited. The pride and care shows through from the very start as the guide starts off your self guided tour with an introduction and a brief informative tour of the murals located in the entryway. The collection includes a wide array of artifacts and a tour of early prairie main street. The collection is impressive. The out buildings including the agricultural machinery are not open during the winter so I am planning another trip in warmer weather to complete my visit. If you have children, make a day of it by visiting the Edgerton Explorit Center next door. It is a wonderful hands on learning experience in the science of how things work."

SNEAK PREVIEW

Our online calendar lets you keep details at your fingertips (plainsmanmuseum.org/calendar) — but here's your sneak preview of what's around the bend!

MARCH	New Exhibit: Schrandt & Miller Hardware Store
APRIL	Aurora High School Art Show
MAY	Go Big Give

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED: SCHRANDT & MILLER HARDWARE STORE RENOVATION

Another huge shout-out to the “A-Team” volunteers, and in particular Bob Cool, the mastermind of the renovation, for re-envisioning the hardware store, painting, hanging, finishing, displaying, fixing, building and fulfilling the mission of our museum to preserve and exhibit Hamilton County history. If you haven't stopped by to look at this splendid re-creation of the Schrandt & Miller Hardware store on our boardwalk, you are missing out on a real treat.

For more information, go to our website at plainsmanmuseum.org, click on “Blog” on the top menu of buttons, and look for the headline: “How to Hang Your Hardware”.



SUSTAINING THE MUSEUM THROUGH MEMBERSHIPS

Love the museum, but haven't become a member? Always wanted to give a membership as a gift to someone special? Now you can! From the comfort of your home, or with your smart phone, visit www.plainsmanmuseum.org, click on “Membership” in the main menu bar to pay with a credit card or PayPal. Rather write a check? No problem. Stop by or mail a check with “membership” in the memo to Plainsman Museum, 210 16th St., Aurora NE 68818. Money from memberships helps sustain daily operations - We couldn't do it without you!

SPRING WISH LIST

Here's an easy way to help - pick up one thing on our wish list next time you are at the store and drop it by. These smaller donations of actual items really add up!

- ▶ Paper towels
- ▶ Decaffeinated coffee (pods or ground)
- ▶ Reams of copy paper

MAY 3rd IS GO BIG GIVE - your online donations help us keep up with the cost of running a museum! Visit GoBigGive.org for details on this annual event.

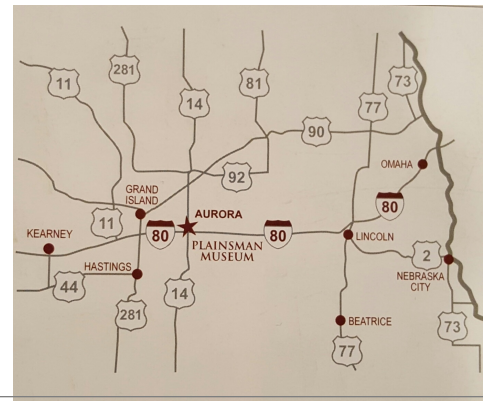
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