

# National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions.

## 1. Name of Property

Historic name Agricultural Society Building (Auditorium)

Other names/site number CC19-095

Name of related multiple property listing New Deal-era Resources in Nebraska Multiple Property Document  
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

## 2. Location

Street & Number 101 W. Eldora Avenue

City or town Weeping Water State Nebraska County Cass

Not for publication  Vicinity

## 3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:  national  statewide  local

Applicable National Register Criteria:  A  B  C  D

  
Signature of certifying official/Title:  
Nebraska State Historical Society

SHPO/Director

1/20/23  
Date

State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.

Signature of Commenting Official

Date

Title

State of Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

## 4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register.
- determined eligible for the National Register.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Keeper

Date of Action

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**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property** (Check as many boxes as apply)

- Private
- Public-local
- Public-state
- Public-federal

**Category of Property** (Check only **one** box)

- Building(s)
- District
- Site
- Structure
- Object

**Number of Resources within Property** (Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	Buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	Sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	Structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	Objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

**Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register** N/A

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions** (Enter categories from instructions.)

COMMERCE/TRADE; Organizational  
SOCIAL; Civic  
RECREATION AND CULTURE; Auditorium  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Current Functions** (Enter categories from instructions.)

POLITICS/GOVERNMENT; City Hall  
RECREATION AND CULTURE; Auditorium  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification** (Enter categories from instructions.)

MODERN MOVEMENT  
Moderne  
Streamlined Moderne  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Materials** (enter categories from instructions.)

Principal exterior materials of the property: Façade: Concrete

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**Summary Paragraph** (Briefly describe the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, type, style, method of construction, setting, size, and significant features. Indicate whether the property has historic integrity.)

The Cass County Agricultural Society Building (Auditorium) is located in eastern Nebraska south of the Platte River in a valley along the Weeping Water Creek in central Cass County. Weeping Water is a small community of 1,011 population (2020 U.S. Census). This area of Nebraska is defined by rolling hills and farmland punctuated by limestone deposits in the hillsides surrounding the community. This building is a two-story streamlined Moderne style, and located on the southwest corner of West Eldora Avenue and South East Street at the east end of the downtown commercial district in Weeping Water. It presents a one-story façade facing Eldora, but the grade of the landscape reveals a full two-story façade at the south elevation with distinct entrances to those spaces. The building was completed in 1939. The nomination consists of one contributing building.

**Narrative Description** (Describe the historic and current physical appearance and condition of the property. Describe contributing and noncontributing resources if applicable.)

**Setting**

This building punctuates the east end of East Eldora Avenue, the main commercial street. It is among other primarily masonry small-scale commercial buildings. Railroad tracks with associated grain elevators are just south of the building.

The one-story north facing main façade has smooth concrete walls painted in a two-tone neutral colored scheme that emphasizes the horizontal lines of the building. A beltcourse aligns with the tops of the windows and doors and has a triple groove feature which provides some texture across the entire building. The space above the beltcourse at the center bay has incised lettering that states “CASS COVNTY AGRICVTVRAL SOCIETY” Three entry doors are at this elevation with one to the east end, one-off-centered in the middle bay, and one toward the west end. Each of the east and west entries are slightly recessed and have projecting aluminum door hoods. “AVDITORIVM” is incised above the eastern most door in a recessed panel that projects above the cornice line. This entry has three wood doors each with a transom and five horizontally oriented panes of glass. Horizontally banded curved concrete corners transition to the exterior wall with a vertically banded round corner. Attached square planters are at either side of this door. This area of the building houses the city hall and a painted sign on the door marks its location. This was the historic main entry into the auditorium space.

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The center bay entrance was added in the late 1960s when the building ceased functioning as part of the fair and was sold for private use. Today it has paired glass doors with single panel doors on either side, creating a four-bay opening. The same five-horizontally oriented panes of glass are at each panel, though this is a new entry. Two windows cap the outer doors, acting like a transom feature. This entry provides the main accessible entry to the auditorium space via a shallow concrete ramp along the sloping grade with a simple metal railing.

The western most entrance on this façade retains paired doors with a transom. The same door configuration with five horizontally oriented panes and a two-pane transom above. This entry accesses the interior stair and has four concrete steps to an entry stoop with concrete wing walls and a simple metal rail. Surrounding the entry is vertically lined concrete that follows the projecting door hood. Emblazoned in the wall above is an eight-pointed star feature.

The horizontal banding, raised foundation, and door details are all painted a darker contrasting color from the main body of the building which emphasizes these design features as well as the streamlined nature of the building. Vertically banded rounded corners are also painted a contrasting color. Fenestration along this façade and across the building consists of single unit tall rectangular windows, each with five horizontally oriented glazing panels.

The west wall has only two windows which are at the north and south ends of the wall. The flyspace for the former auditorium stage is expressed at this elevation with a higher central bay to accommodate stage equipment. Attached scupper and ventilation ducting are along this secondary wall. The east wall has a single central bay defined by downspouts and scuppers. Between the downspouts are three windows. These two elevations illustrate the changing grade with lower-level windows.

The south elevation is a simple wall with windows across the second story and two entry areas accessing lower-level spaces which today include the Hopper Community Center, a meeting room, and the

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Weeping Water Public Library. Both areas are accessed by new paired glass doors with transom areas infilled to accommodate signage. Fenestration at the upper-level matches that across the building, while lower level fenestration between the two entrances are smaller units with four horizontally oriented glazing panels. There are ten windows across the upper level and eight smaller windows at the lower level.

### **Interior**

The main level entry vestibule retains its original wood and glass doors. It accesses the offices of Weeping Water City Hall with contemporary lay-in ceiling panels and carpeting. The former lobby for the auditorium currently serves as city council meeting space with city offices adjacent to it. Paired wood and glass swinging doors lead into the main auditorium space. The auditorium remains a large open room with curved wall corners at the interior entry doors, wood floors and fly space. The stage has been removed, and new lay-in ceiling panels added along with new fluorescent lighting. A serving kitchen space is at the southwest corner of the room.

The lower level houses the Weeping Water Public Library. This space has been modernized with carpeting, lay-in ceiling panels, fluorescent lighting, and interior decorating features to accommodate a computer room, shelving, and librarian spaces. The Hopper Community Center is at the southeast end of the lower level and is an open space, also with modern finishes, and a commercial kitchen.

### **Changes Over Time**

In 2009/10 a major building renovation was completed. The Weeping Water Community Building Foundation, a non-profit organization, purchased the building from the Nickels Trailer and Sales Company in 2006. Nickels purchased the building from the Cass County Agricultural Society in 1967 when the fair moved from downtown Weeping Water to a site on the outskirts of town. They altered the building by removing the stage as well as the main entry doors and converting that opening to overhead garage door for access for their equipment. They also removed two of the windows at the main façade and converted them into a second garage door entry with an overhead door and a person door adjacent. This has been returned to a pedestrian entrance with a historically sensitive set of entry doors added to the opening. It also provides the main accessible entrance to the city offices and auditorium space. By the early 2000s, the building was in disrepair with chipping paint and water damage, however exterior

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ornamental detail including planters remained intact. Major storm damage during a 2007 Spring storm tore a portion of the roof off and caused major water damage in the building. The auditorium floor had buckled and was moldy from water damage. Trusses and beams were replaced with new roofing membrane added to repair the building.

The Weeping Water Community Building Foundation raised funds and received grant money to renovate the building. They undertook the process to stabilize and repair the environmental damage, and restore the auditorium space. The city library and community hall were added as finished space at the lower level. The Foundation will maintain the building until it is debt free and then turn it over to the city of Weeping Water.

The auditorium space remains intact despite the removal of the stage in a way that the building communicates very clearly what it used to be. Contemporary finishes have been added for the city offices on both the first level and throughout the lower level.

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**8. Statement of Significance**

**Applicable National Register Criteria**

(Mark "X" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

**Criteria Considerations**

(Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** Removed from its original location.
- C** A birthplace or a grave.
- D** A cemetery.  
A reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- E** A commemorative property.
- F** Less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Social History

Recreation/Entertainment

**Period of Significance**

1939-1967

**Significant Dates**

1939- building constructed

1967- Fair location moved out of building

**Significant Person**

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above.)

N/A

**Cultural Affiliation**

N/A

**Architect/Builder**

Unknown

**Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph** (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance, applicable criteria, justification for the period of significance, and any applicable criteria considerations.)

Located at 101 West Eldora Avenue in Weeping Water, Cass County, Nebraska, the Agricultural Society Building (Auditorium) is locally significant in the category of entertainment/recreation and social history under Criterion A, and under Criterion C for its architecture. It was completed in 1938 for the Cass County Agricultural Society for use as an auditorium and meeting space. The building

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illustrates streamlined Moderne styling. The period of significance begins in 1939 when it was completed and extends through 1967 when the Agricultural Society removed the fair from downtown Weeping Water to land they purchased approximately three miles north of downtown. Soon after, the building was sold and converted to private business use.

**Narrative Statement of Significance** (Provide at least one paragraph for each area of significance.)

**Depression-era Resources**

Nebraska completed a statewide Multiple Property Document (MPD) titled New Deal-era Resources in Nebraska that was listed in 2018. This property is nominated under the MPD as an example of a WPA auditorium. Below is brief context taken from the MPD.

Nebraska felt the effects of the Great Depression following the 1929 stock market crash as farm prices dropped into 1930. In the early 1930s farm and commodities prices were at their lowest point in Nebraska history. As a predominantly agricultural state, the declining farm economy affected every area of Nebraska. Decreases in manufacturing, reduction of wages, and increased unemployment all contributed to a ripple effect in the state's declining economy. Drought, dust storms, and blighted crops from grasshopper infestations decimated many farmsteads.<sup>1</sup>

During the 1930s, the WPA built hundreds of projects statewide and during the 1936 drought over six thousand farmers were employed to construct dams for irrigation purposes, among other tasks. The WPA constructed public buildings, local parks, roads, bridges, and provided education classes. The

MPD documents that New Deal-era resources are significant under Criterion A in the area of Social History because each resource is a direct result of the federal government's efforts to promote the welfare of society, and most will be locally significant for their association with their locale.<sup>2</sup>

For a property to be nominated under the MPD it must be documented to have been funded or constructed by a New Deal-era program and must be a physical remnant of the New Deal-era. Properties must retain sufficient historic integrity from the New Deal-era period of significance to convey

<sup>1</sup> Amanda K. Loughlin and Jill Dolberg, "Depression-era Resources Multiple Property Document", *Kansas City, MO: Rosin Preservation, Lincoln, NE: Nebraska State Historical Society*, 2019, F7.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid. F 1



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significant association, with primary importance on design, materials, and workmanship. This building represents the property types associated with Recreation & Culture as an example of a civic auditorium—one of the largest group of New Deal related property types found in Nebraska. One hundred seventy-five known projects were completed in Nebraska between 1933 and 1943 and twenty-three are listed in the National Register. Weeping Water’s Agricultural Society Building is identified in Appendix H of the MPD as an example of Recreation and Culture property type.<sup>3</sup>

The Cass County Agricultural Society Building is significant under Criterion A for its association with leisure/recreation activities. While there were alterations that included removal of the stage within the auditorium space, the additional entrance added to the main elevation, and the modern finishes in the lower level, it does remain an excellent example of an auditorium property type in the art modern/streamlined modern style, which is very visible from its exterior because of the continued display of the smooth, curved, edges that run the exterior of the façade. The period of significance begins in 1938 upon its completion and extends through 1967 when the Cass County Fair moved to a rural setting outside of town and sold the building to a private business.

**Cass County Agricultural Society (County Fair)**

The town of Weeping Water was officially incorporated on December 19, 1870 although early settlers first began to move to the area in 1855. The town’s name was derived from the Native American word “Nigahoe” meaning rustlings water.<sup>4</sup> Cass County Agricultural Society was the organizer of the Cass County fair, and fair activities were held as early as 1857 in the early town of Rock Bluff which is no longer extant. However, it was well into the twentieth century when the county fair’s success with and popularity of 4-H Club activities and breeders of cattle, hogs, and sheep demanded more organized exhibit opportunities. Fair activities were organized and planned by the Cass County Agricultural Society. First officers were elected at a meeting of the Cass County Agricultural Association in September of 1920. (In 1928 the name was formally changed to the Cass County Agricultural Society) A fair was held that year in downtown Weeping Water. Streets were closed and animals like hogs and

<sup>3</sup> Ibid F 7.

<sup>4</sup> “Weeping Water, Cass County, Nebraska Municipal Records: 1870-1975,” History Nebraska, December 31, 1990, <https://history.nebraska.gov/sites/history.nebraska.gov/files/doc/Weeping%20Water%2C%20Cass%20County%20%5BRG315%5D.pdf>

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sheep were contained in a tent in the street, “between the drug store and the Methodist church.”<sup>5</sup> Other activities were held in the local livery barn and adjoining lots. Notable was that the fair was always held in downtown Weeping Water, rather than outside of town where most others held their fairs.

There were studies as early as 1922 to investigate acquiring land for a Cass County Fair, as the number of animals such as chickens, hogs, and cattle in downtown required regular monitoring. The 1921 fair showed a total of 54 head of cattle, 326 head of hogs, 314 chickens and it was noted that all exhibits were very good. Apparently monitoring and moving chicken coops was an intensive and problematic task during the fair, especially for downtown business owners. The fair grew every year and in the 1930s it was an important activity of the community that defrayed and bolstered the diminished morale of the Great Depression.<sup>6</sup>

As the fair grew, the Agricultural Society requested funds from the city to help defray expenses and looked to private bidders to construct a hog barn in 1932. This eased some of the discomfort of so many animals in the downtown setting. In 1935, they requested federal funds for a dedicated building, but the project was never executed. In 1937 a WPA grant for approximately \$40,000 was awarded to the Society for construction of a building they referenced as the auditorium. The Society contributed an additional \$10,000 for an approximately \$50,000 total budget for the new building.

During World War II the fair was reduced from four to three days because of a greater focus on the war effort. These were difficult years financially, though the Agricultural Society survived and continued to sponsor the county fair in downtown Weeping Water every year. The fair grew in popularity and became the seventh ranked fair in the state in 1953, but rumors abounded among the Society and county commissioners that the fair was strictly for the people of Weeping Water with the larger communities, like Plattsmouth to the south, not participating. However, there were more than 1,000 exhibitors at the 1952 fair with solid representation from around the county. Controversy between competing events and the county’s financial support was an issue. The Cass County Corn Carnival protested the county funding the fair, but it was determined the Corn Carnival was promotional and for profit, so did not

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<sup>5</sup> “Weeping Water Centennial Scrapbook, 1870-1970” copy of pamphlet. P 46. The area mentioned between the drug store and the Methodist Church is the same area where the auditorium is located. The Methodist Church is north across the street from the auditorium and is listed in the National Register.

<sup>6</sup> Ibid.

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qualify for public support. The Corn Carnival attempted to make inroads over the fair by acquiring events like 4-H baby beef cattle sales. Competition between the two groups fed the perception that the fair was not truly a county event.<sup>7</sup> This perception would continue over the next ten years. Dialog within the community began to focus around expanding the fair and removing it from downtown area. Most other counties sponsored their fair at distinct fairgrounds outside of town with dedicated buildings for animals, performing stages, pens, and entertainment areas. During a November 1965 meeting the Agricultural Society voted to purchase a tract of land north of Weeping Water with the intention of

moving the fair. The first fair was held in the new location in 1967.<sup>8</sup> The Agricultural Society raised funds and pursued grants to build the new county fairgrounds outside of town. This marks the end of the period of significance as the auditorium building was subsequently sold to Nickels Trailer Sales Company for their showroom and garage.

**Cass County Agricultural Society Building**

The building was completed in 1938 to much fanfare within the community. It had a large stage at the west end of the footprint with wood flooring throughout the open auditorium. The space could seat 500 people on folding chairs, as there was never built-in seating. It most notably was equipped with the latest “air coolers” which must have been a relief during the hot summer months and the outdoor fair activities. The Agricultural Society first envisioned a small scale building and requested an earlier grant of \$10,000 that never came to fruition. The Society re-grouped and in 1938 requested a \$51,000 grant towards construction of a new building. The site was downtown, but on a lot with unbroken sod that the Society purchased five years earlier.<sup>9</sup> The 52 x 118- foot building was constructed of reinforced concrete.

Weeping Water and Cass County were familiar with WPA projects, mostly because of their location near the Platte River and Weeping Water Creek. Many of the funds utilized for river related projects included docks, water control measures, street improvements needed from water damage, and sewer

<sup>7</sup> “Commissioners Reconsider Decision; Allot \$4,000 to Cass County Fair for 1953.” *Weeping Water Republican* (Weeping Water, Nebraska) July 23, 1953, 1.

<sup>8</sup> *Ibid.* 47.

<sup>9</sup> “Auditorium to Be Dedicated Saturday.” *Weeping Water Republican*, Civic Progress Edition. (Weeping Water, Nebraska) August 1, 1940, 1.

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improvements. Completion of the Agricultural Society building was an exciting and welcome event. A formal dedication was held in 1940 with a day long program where 5,000 attended the festivities. Celebrations included a softball game and programs in the auditorium including the Cass County Women's Chorus and political lectures from candidates that discussed national defense. W.A. Smith, the assistant state WPA administrator formally presented the building to Senator Fred L. Carsten who was a member of the society's board of directors. A dance in the evening was attended by 240 couples who were entertained by Ralph Slade's orchestra.<sup>10</sup>

Local dignitaries provided commentary on the building as well. R.D. Fitch, a former county engineer stated that, "I've seen a lot of WPA buildings in the state, but this is the best."<sup>11</sup> The building hosted Feeders Day programs, was the main County Fair building, the headquarters of the Farm Bureau, and hosted various county farm gatherings and community activities.<sup>12</sup> The building served the community as part of the fair until just after the fair moved to its present location outside of downtown Weeping Water in 1967. The following year, 1968, the former Agricultural Society building was sold to the Nickels Trailer Sales company. Though Nickels was a longtime resident in Weeping Water and had a travel trailer business in town, he formally incorporated the company in 1967 for the sale and maintenance of travel trailers and campers. They converted the building to their main offices, added overhead doors and used the auditorium space for storage, maintenance, and display of trailers. They occupied the building until after the turn of the twenty-first century.

<sup>10</sup> "5000 Here On Dedication Day." *Weeping Water Republican* (Weeping Water, Nebraska), August 8, 1940, 1.

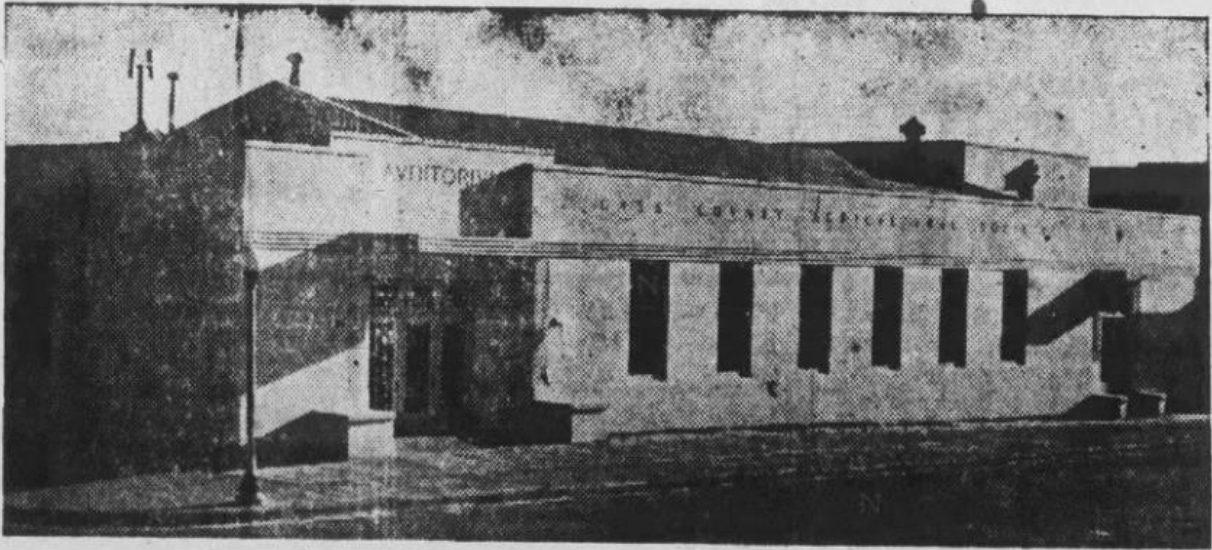
<sup>11</sup> "Fitch Warmly Praises County Fair Auditorium." *Weeping Water Republican* (Weeping Water, Nebraska) August 22, 1940, 1.

<sup>12</sup> "Center of Feeders Day Activity." *Weeping Water Republican* (Weeping Water, Nebraska), March 13, 1941, 1.

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# NEW AUDITORIUM TO BE DEDICATED SATURDAY.



The Cass County Agricultural Societies new auditorium, at Weeping Water will be dedicated Saturday, August 3rd. A fitting dedication program will be held that day beginning at 10:30 A. M. with a band concert by the Weeping Water band. Also featured on the morning will be an address by Col. G. E. Price of Lincoln. Featured on the

afternoon program will be the presentation of the Building by Representative of W. P. A. with the Response by Senator Fred L. Carsten. Other addresses will be given by the Honorable Henry C. Luckey of Lincoln and the Honorable Hugh A. Butler of Omaha. Music including vocal and instrumental numbers will also be a feature of the after-

noon program.

The evening program will include an address by E. H. Wescott, music, dancing, a soft ball game at 8:00 P. M. and will end up with a dance in the new Auditorium at 9:30 with Ralph Slade's Orchestra furnishing the music. Every citizen of Cass Co. is cordially invited to attend.

Figure 1; "New Auditorium to be Dedicated Saturday"<sup>13</sup>

<sup>13</sup> "New Auditorium to be Dedicated Saturday", *Elmwood Leader-Echo*, August 1, 1940, 1.

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*Weeping Water Centennial Scrapbook, 1870-1970*. 1970.

#### Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67 has been requested)
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #
- recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey #

#### Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
  - Other State agency
  - Federal agency
  - Local government
  - University
  - Other (Name of repository)
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Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): CC19-095

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**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of property Less than one USGS Quadrangle Weeping Water, Nebraska

(Use either the UTM system or latitude/longitude coordinates. Delete the other.)

**Latitude/Longitude Coordinates**

Datum if other than WGS84: \_\_\_\_\_

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| 1. | Latitude | <u>40.869752°</u> | Longitude | <u>-96.140427°</u> |
| 2. | Latitude | _____             | Longitude | _____              |
| 3. | Latitude | _____             | Longitude | _____              |
| 4. | Latitude | _____             | Longitude | _____              |

**OR**

**UTM References**

Datum (indicated on USGS map): \_\_\_\_\_

   NAD 1927 or    NAD 1983

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| 3. | Zone | _____ | Easting | _____ | Northing | _____ |
| 4. | Zone | _____ | Easting | _____ | Northing | _____ |

**Verbal Boundary Description** (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The Cass County Agricultural Society Building is located in the commercial district of Weeping Water, Nebraska at the southwest corner of West Eldora Avenue and South East Street. The legal description the site is WEEPING WATER OT N1/2 LOTS 1 & 2 BLK 71.

**Boundary Justification** (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The boundary identified for this nomination includes the building and the lot historically associated with the building.



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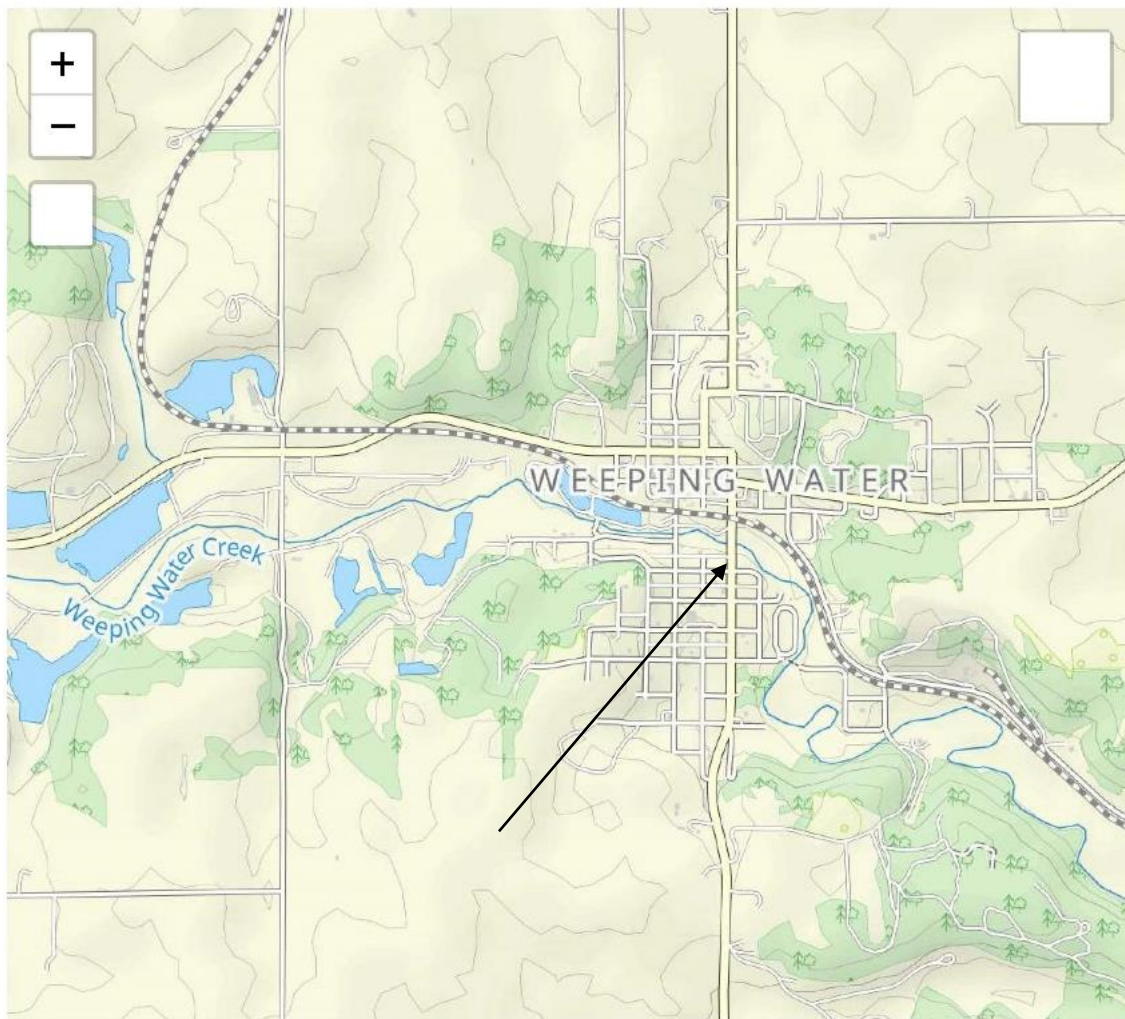
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**Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A USGS map or equivalent (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.





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**Photographs**

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels (minimum), 3000x2000 preferred, at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map. Each photograph must be numbered and that number must correspond to the photograph number on the photo log. For simplicity, the name of the photographer, photo date, etc. may be listed once on the photograph log and doesn't need to be labeled on every photograph.

**Photo Log**

Name of Property Agricultural Society Building (Auditorium)

City or Vicinity Weeping Water County Cass State Nebraska

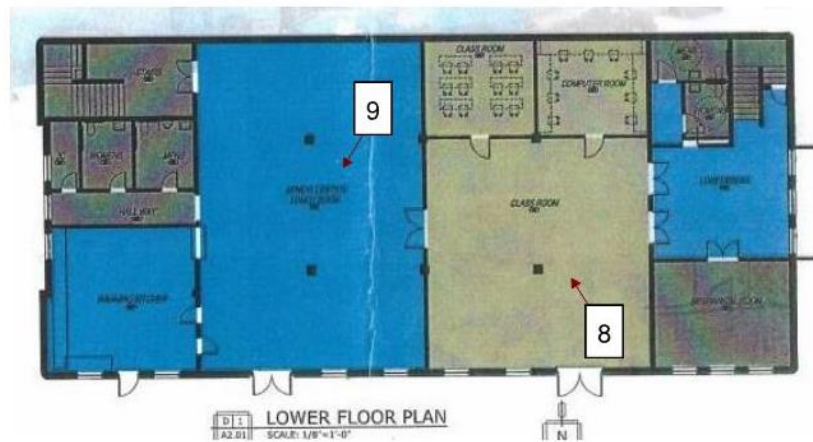
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1. *View of north elevation looking southwest*
2. *View of north elevation looking south*
3. *View of north and west elevations looking southeast*
4. *View of south and east elevations looking northwest*
5. *View of south elevation looking north*
6. *View of main floor auditorium space looking west*
7. *View of main floor auditorium space looking east*
8. *View of lower-level library space looking north*
9. *View of lower-level community room space looking south*
10. *View of main floor city hall entryway looking northwest*
11. *View of main floor city hall offices looking south*



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