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Eclipse In The Sandhills Through Song



COURTESY PHOTO

Pictured above, l-r: Alice Lutes and Geneva Connell, have been busy making plans for the "Sandhills Through Songs" for the 2017 Eclipse in the Sandhills event at Tryon.

Tryon's "Eclipse in the Sandhills" group is still busy planning for the August 21, 2017 Total Solar Eclipse.

Alice Lutes and Geneva Connell have been planning a "Sandhills through Song" program for two years. The two have been finding music that tells about this land, the struggles, the "Homestead Days," and the Kinkaid Days. People who settled here struggled against drought, grasshoppers, illness, tragedies, and still they persisted.

Their homes were made of sod. Sometimes these sod houses were bug infested, and occasionally home for mice and snakes, but they were warm in winter and cool in summer.

Schools and churches were very important, and they followed the settlers. The people made the best

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of what they had - singing with joy, and sometimes with sadness, but still singing.

Alice and Geneva will be narrating between songs sung by local singers, accompanied by a local band who have put this history into music.

Bring your lawn chairs to Tryon's Miller Park, Sunday, August 20, at 7:00 p.m. Be ready to tap your feet, reminisce, and learn new things about this land.

Aunt Bea's Senior Meals Lunch Menu

Monday, August 7 - Polish sausage, scalloped potatoes and green beans

Tuesday, August 8 - Grilled chicken breast, mashed potatoes and corn

Wednesday, August 9 - Barbecue beef sandwich, baked beans and French fries

Thursday, August 10 - Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes and peas

Annual Priest-Worden Reunion Held July 9

The annual Priest-Worden reunion was held Sunday, July 9, 2017, at the Senior Center in North Platte. There were 61 relatives and guests present.

At 11:30 a.m. a time of group singing was held by those who came early, followed by a devotion given by Dave Neal. A bountiful carry-in dinner was enjoyed by all. Lots of visiting, cards and games, more music and singing filled the afternoon.

The oldest relative in attendance was Phyllis Priest and the youngest was Emma Priest, both of North Platte.

Two births, no marriages and one death were reported for the year. Births were: son, Ethan James born Sept 15, 2016, to Eric and Nichole (Neal) Mumm and a daughter, Emma Violet born March 23, 2017, to Austin and Lisa Priest. Both of these babies are great-grand children of the late Hugh and Louelva Priest.

The death was Alice (Priest) Bassett, 95, Janu-

Miller-Harvey Family Reunion August 6

The annual Miller-Harvey family reunion will be held Sunday, August 6, at the picnic shelter in Cody Park near the concession stand in North Platte.

Family and friends are invited to join in for a basket dinner at 12:30 p.m. Look for the banner.

ary 30, 2017, of Colorado Springs, Colo., formerly of Tryon.

Those attending were Ken Bassett, Sandra Kirkpatrick, Clancy Nasland, Phyllis Priest, Larry and Sherry Dawson, Lukas McNeil, Thomas McNeil, Alanna Weir, Kalina, Draven, Patti and Levii, Pat and Wanda Simonson, Aaron, Sean and Ashlyn Simonson, Rita Thieman, Janice Huber, Dana, JJ and Sammy Boyce, Colton Gaede, Jared Hinz, Bob & Denise Peterson, Kent and Jennifer Priest, Austin, Lisa and Emma Priest, Dave and Linda Neal, Terry and Evelyn Pettit, Steve and Sharon Neal, Ron, Amy, Brooklyn and McKinley Wolfskill, Dallas and Judy Neal, Nichole, Hannah, Emma and Ethan Mumm, Kristen Riley, Andrea Neal, Wyatt, Julie and Kathryn Smith, John, Laura, Jay, Luke and Bella Kaspar, Beth Kramer, and Mike and Karla Janecek.

The North Platte Senior Center rent of \$50.00 was paid by Bob and Denise Peterson and a collection of \$90.00 was taken up for next year.

Arensdorf Family Picnic August 6

The annual Arensdorf family picnic will be held Sunday, August 6, north of the tennis courts in Cody Park in North Platte.

Bring a covered dish. Dinner will be served at noon.

The Arensdorf family cookbooks will be available for \$5.00



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Good Luck To All Of Our Area 4-H'ers!

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Over The Hills

By J.R. Trumbull



Quote: "A thousand words will not leave so deep an impression as one good deed."

I wrote this poem nearly 10 years ago for a friend who got ran over by his ATV. Fortunately he was just bruised and sore. A couple of young guys up in my area of the hills haven't been so fortunate with their steel steed encounters. Mechanized dirt bikes and UTV's are just as unpredictable and ornery as 4-wheelers. Prayers continue that these guys heal up without too many lasting side effects from their encounters.

The GREAT ECLIPSE is rapidly approaching with division as to whether it is so great or not. I bought a bunch of NO TRESPASSING signs and plan to have them up. I'm not too thrilled with being in crowds anymore so have plans to stay home and do my thing by myself. Hopefully no one pulls their vehicle off into

tall, dry grass and parks it with the motor running or do something else to spark a wildfire. Yes, most ranchers are very concerned about the possibility of fire. Call me anti-social if you want, but I can't get too excited about the possible influx

of a multitude of people who have no idea about rangeland courtesy and proper rangeland behavior.

"Common sense is the knack of seeing things as they are, and doing things as they ought to be done." - Harriet Beecher Stowe

FOUR WHEELIN'

4 wheelers are ornery critters, They fly when you think they won't. I know they spend off time scheming. If you think they're inanimate - DON'T!

They plot and plan for weak moments When your mind is dwelling elsewhere Then they buck you off and run over you- Sort of rubbing it in—"So there!"

They were engineered without horse sense. Brainless being designed by man. You have to be smarter than they are If you are their abuse to withstand!

So, approach these beasts with caution, Don't underestimate their wrath, Keep watch on terrain and the throttle And never, ever get in one's path!

J.R. Trumbull 25 Sept. 2007

Dedicated to all ATV, UTV, and other motorized steel steed victims



August 9 - 12, 2017

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9 • 9:00 A.M.

Clean-Up Day & Tent Set Up All 4-H families are encouraged to help

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10

4-H Static Exhibit & Interview Judging Interviewing is optional, but encouraged.....9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. 4-H & Open Class Entries Fair Building.....10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. 4-H Modeling & Interview Judging (Not open to public) Open Class Judging.....11:00 a.m. Style Show.....2:00 p.m. Enter Rabbits, Enter Poultry.....4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11

4-H Horse Show.....8:00 a.m. Rabbit & Companion Animal Show @ Tent Companion Animals.....3:00 p.m. Rabbits.....3:30 p.m. Poultry.....4:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

Weigh Market Animals.....7:00 a.m. 4-H Livestock Show.....8:30 a.m. Swine Showmanship • Swine • PeeWee Swine 4-H Bucket Calves • PeeWee Bucket Calves • Beef Showmanship Dairy Showmanship • Dairy • Stocker-Feeder Heifers Stocker-Feeder Steers • Breeding Beef Market Beef Heifer • Market Beef Steers • Sheep Showmanship Sheep • PeeWee Sheep • Goat Showmanship • Goats PeeWee Goats All Poultry & Rabbit Entry Pick Up.....2:00 p.m. Kid's Games: Turtle Races & Other Games With Prizes Sponsored by 4-H Council.....2:00 p.m. Round Robin Showmanship @ Livestock Ring.....3:00 p.m. 4-H Livestock Sale.....5:00 p.m. Barbecue & Ice Cream Social.....6:30 p.m. Gospel Group - Homeward Bound.....7:30 p.m.