

Prairie museum to have dance, barbecue to pay for restrooms

Not everyone gets to brag about attending a dance called "Party for the Potties," but the opportunity to do so will be available to all on Saturday, Sept. 28.



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• Around the Museum

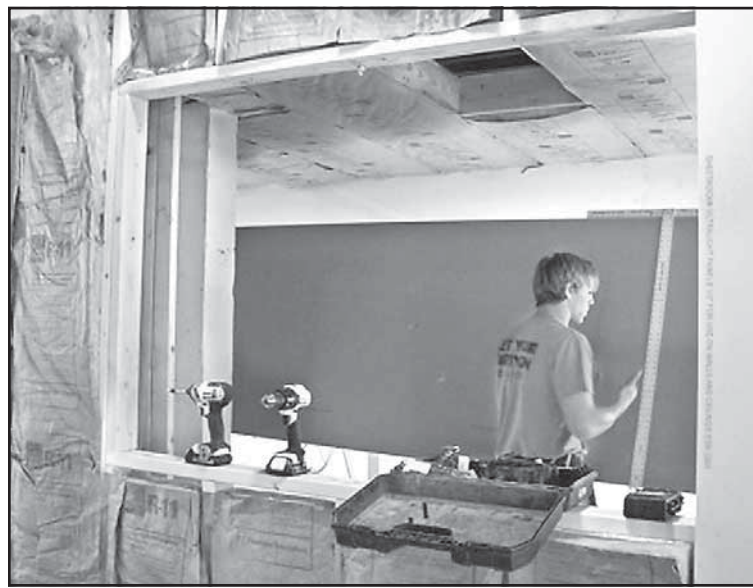
On that date, the Prairie Museum will be holding a barbecue and barn dance to celebrate and help pay for the new bathrooms and kitchen that are currently being installed in the Cooper Barn. The barbecue will start at 6 p.m.; local favorites the Mama's Boys will play beginning at 8 p.m., followed by Texas chart-topper the Bart Crow Band at 10 p.m. Twenty dollars will get you a tasty barbecue and some great entertainment, and we encourage everyone to join in the fun.

The focus this summer has very much been on the barn. In July, the sewer line was installed, the kitchen area enlarged, drywalled and painted along with the bathrooms. New stairs to the loft were built and the handicapped-accessible chairlift installed. The smaller decorative light strings upstairs were replaced with better quality lights, one bulb at a time, by our favorite handyman, Larry Dilts.

Some wiring remains to be completed, water lines run, sinks and toilets installed and voila! a barn ready for any event.

We have also been working feverishly on completing the revised and updated version of our agriculture exhibit. Many of the pens have been removed in preparation for reorganizing artifacts, and we've been working on the text and photos for the new exhibit titled "High and Dry: Agriculture in Western Kansas." Our goal is to have most of this completed by Saturday Sept. 28 so it can be enjoyed by our party-goers.

We have been incorporating quotes from people involved in agriculture out here from settlement times through about the 1950s. From that time on, we have far fewer personal accounts from which to draw, which is unfortunate since farming has gone through so many changes over



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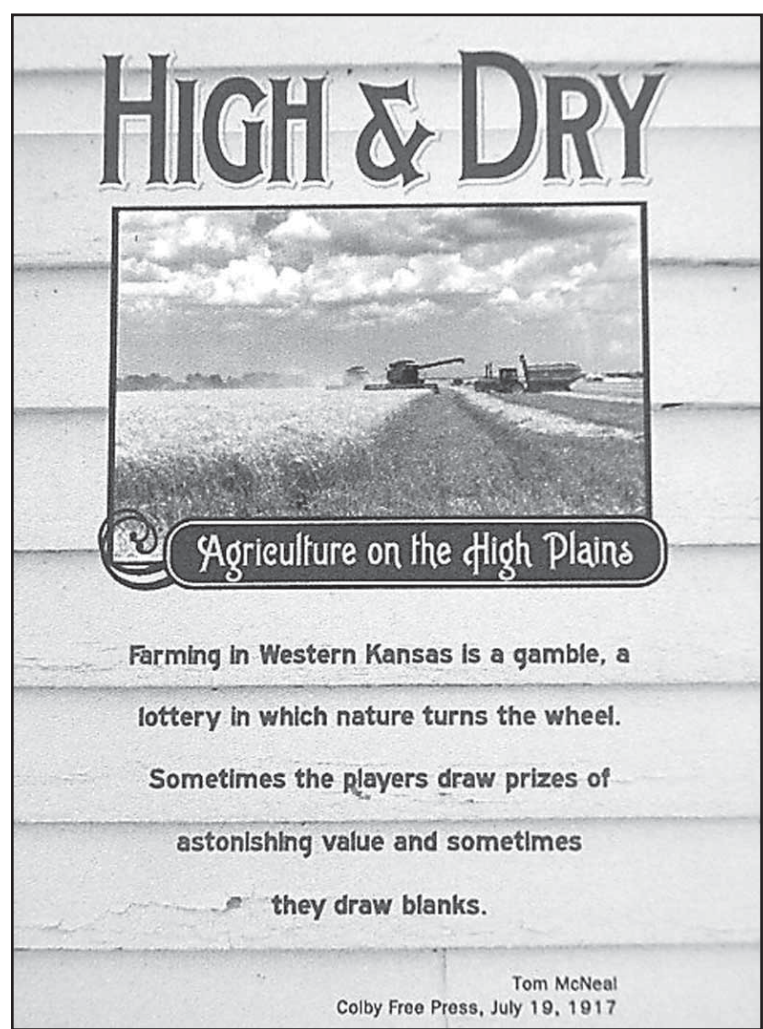
A new kitchen and bathrooms came closer to completion with volunteer help (above) last month in the Cooper Barn. The new agriculture exhibit, scheduled to open by Saturday, Sept. 28, is introduced by this panel (right).

the last half of the 20th century and beyond. We would love to hear stories from those of you who have lived through this time and experienced the changes in farming techniques, technologies, programs, booms and busts. Photographs would also be very welcome.

Art by Colby Community Col-

lege students is currently on display in the Garvey Education Room. Be sure and take a look at their sculptures, watercolors, sketches and mixed media works, on display through August.

Beginning the last week of August through September, we will have the Kansas Community Action Program's important exhibit,



"Poverty A to Z" in the gallery. This multimedia exhibit will give viewers a look at the problem of poverty in the U.S. We are hoping to also hold a companion simulation activity in which participants will experience daily life as someone living in poverty.

be sure to mark Saturday, Sept. 28, on your calendar and plan on partying for the potties! Call 460-4590 for information.

Ann Miner is the Education Director at the Prairie Museum of Art and History.

Come out and check out the progress in the Cooper Barn. And

Grazing under drought conditions will be the focus of ranching field day

Grazing land management in drought conditions will be one of the featured topics at the Kansas Livestock Association and Kansas State University Ranch Management Field Day on Thursday at the Fairleigh Ranch near Scott City, which includes at commercial cow-calf herd, a yearling feeder grazing enterprise and is used to start calves in the fall.

Robert Gillen, a range management specialist, will talk about grazing and stocking decisions ranchers should consider during

extended dry periods. Gillen is director of K-State's Western Kansas Agricultural Research Centers and previously served as a range scientist with the U.S. Agricultural Research Service.

K-State Beef Specialist Justin Waggoner will discuss the benefits of early weaning during drought conditions, summarizing K-State research conducted over the past several years on the performance of early-weaned beef calves and how this practice may fit into many cow-calf operations.

Another topic will focus on the future of the lesser prairie chicken. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is determining if the lesser prairie chicken should be added to the federal list of endangered and threatened wildlife. Field Supervisor Heather Whitlaw will discuss this project and explain voluntary

efforts taking place to prevent the need for a federal listing.

Justin Smith, deputy animal health commissioner for the state Department of Agriculture's Division of Animal Health, will give an overview of the recently proposed trichomoniasis regulation that would require testing of

bulls changing ownership within Kansas and new restrictions for importing open cows.

The day will begin with registration at 3:30 p.m. and conclude with a free beef dinner at 6:30 p.m.

The ranch is northwest of Scott City. From Oakley, go 23 miles

south on U.S. 83. At the Fairleigh Ranch sign, go west 4.5 miles, then south 5.8 miles to the Fairleigh Ranch headquarters sign. From the sign, follow the road east two miles. Signs will be posted.

For information, go to www.kla.org or call the association's office at (785) 273-5115.

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Rebeka L. Weber, MD, a native of Claflin, Kansas, obtained her medical degree from the University of Kansas School of Medicine, Kansas City, Kansas, and her undergraduate degree in biology from Kansas State University in Manhattan where she graduated cum laude.

She completed residencies in obstetrics and gynecology at Exempla Saint Joseph Hospital, in Denver, Colorado, and in minimally invasive gynecologic surgery at the Endo-Surgery Institute, Cincinnati, Ohio.

As an undergraduate, she was named a Howard Hughes Medical Institute Research Scholar and a June Hull Sherrid Basic Cancer Research Center Scholar, among other student

honors. She is a member of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology, the American Medical Women's Association, and the American Medical Association.

Dr. Weber has published research in peer review publications and presented at national conferences.

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