

# Pioneer Bluffs

Center for Flint Hills Ranching Heritage



Spring 2021

Photos by Dave Leiker



## Butler County Brass

**Saturday, June 26 - 6:30 p.m.**

Would you like to enjoy some patriotic music in preparation for Independence Day?

The Butler County Brass will perform at Pioneer Bluffs on Saturday, June 26 at 6:30 p.m. for an outdoor concert on the lawn of this historic site.

Beverages will be available for purchase at the concert. You are welcome to use our chairs, or bring your own if you prefer.

The six musicians of the Butler County Brass are music educators who love what they do and enjoy sharing their talent. They are: Robert Gusé, Eric Pretz, Christine Moose, Rick Moose, John Templin, and Andrew Thiesen.

Reservations are requested but not required. Please RSVP to

[lynn@pioneerbluffs.org](mailto:lynn@pioneerbluffs.org) or on the Facebook event page.

Donations are appreciated and will support future programs.

Come early and explore the grounds, bring a picnic, or hike our new nature trail. We invite you to come experience some classic fun!



## Nature Trail Opens

We have a new nature trail you will appreciate! Whether hiking, bird watching, exploring, photography, observing nature or just reflection, you will find the trail a great addition to our grounds.

*"That feeling of being out in nature is even more immersive with the trail looping through thickets, burr oaks and along pocket meadows on a patch of land formed by a loop in Crocker Creek,"* said Dave Leiker, Board President and one of the trail designers. *"The trail makes that area much more accessible and fun to explore."*

Find the trail by following the path behind the log cabin to rocks that cross the creek. You may want to wear wading shoes or boots, depending on recent rains.

A grant from the Sadie Jones Fund of the Emporia Community Foundation, a designated grant from an anonymous donor, and 2020 ECF Match Day contributions have combined to create this trail.





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**Our mission is to preserve the ranching heritage of the Flint Hills.**

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## A Gallery of Kansas Ranches

Ranching is a life dependent on weather and hard work, sustained by spectacular landscapes. Photos and stories can be used to share this fascinating way of life.

We are adding a Gallery of Kansas Ranches to our website. You are invited to submit photos, past or present, for this unique online exhibit. We are looking for photos (and their story) that define ranch life – the hard-working crews, buildings with character, and spectacular landscapes.



*Three generations of Roglers;  
Mary Ann, Henry & Wayne*

This exhibit of Kansas ranches will premiere on July 24 as part of our National Day of the Cowboy virtual celebration.

Photos submitted should include a title, name of the ranch, and names of individuals featured in the photos. When the ranch was established, other stories, or background information are very welcome. More details on our website, or email Lynn with questions.



*Historic photo from our archives of Henry Rogler with Pioneer Bluffs in the background. (1950's)*



*Flint Hills cowboys (L to R) Jerry Kinsey, Wes Bailey, Josh Lilley, Glenn Collinge, Wayne Bailey, Ryan Arndt, Carl Baker, Milt Spade, Bobbie Godfrey. Photo by Dave Leiker (2010)*



*Foggy morning cattle drive with Ryan Arndt & crew north of Bazaar cattle pens. Photo by Dave Leiker.*

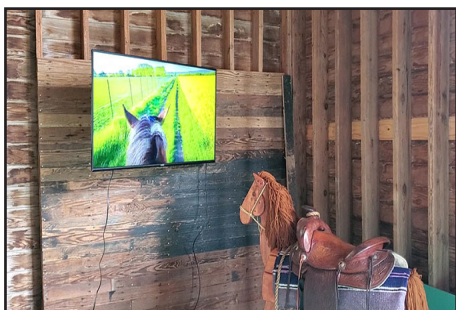


# Furthermore...

## WHAT ELSE IS NEW??

We continue to make improvements and are excited for you to return and see what's been happening, which includes:

- A children's area in the granary, featuring a play barn, toys that are authentic replica ranch equipment, a soft surface to play on, and virtual trail ride. Funded by grants from the Kaltenbacher Foundation and an anonymous donor.



- The Pat Sauble Memorial Chicken Exhibit in the chicken coop, with life-like chickens and sound.



- The loft of the granary, which houses historic artifacts and the grooms' room, now is sealed up and has heating and air.
- As always, our dedicated (*and much appreciated*) volunteers work earnestly to maintain this historic site each month.
- Coming soon – lights in the parking meadow.

If you are planning a visit to the area, contact Lynn to schedule a tour inside the buildings.

## VISIT IN PERSON

Our twelve-acre grounds are open every day during daylight hours. You are welcome to bring a picnic lunch or a book and enjoy this quiet place of refuge. (No worries if you plan to stay a while... there is an outhouse on site! :)

Explore our self-guided tour using a smartphone on QR codes placed around the property. You will discover history, background stories, and a bit of education about this and other ranches, and the generations of ranchers who shaped the Flint Hills.

## VISIT ONLINE

View our self-guided tour from anywhere at: [tour.pioneerbluffs.org](http://tour.pioneerbluffs.org).

## LEARN THROUGH E-NEWS

A monthly "Cattle Tales of the Flint Hills" E-Newsletter shares the tales – and tails – that shape the Flint Hills.

To sign up for E-News, please email [lynn@pioneerbluffs.org](mailto:lynn@pioneerbluffs.org).

## HONORING THE COWBOY

We will pay tribute to the cowhands of yesterday and today with a virtual celebration of the National Day of the Cowboy. On Saturday, July 24, watch your email inbox for a variety of music, cowboy poetry (including a 1991 festival hosted by Jim Hoy), photos and stories from Kansas ranches, and more!

### **Wanted – Prairie Talks!**

Do you know of someone with a story to tell? Contact Lynn with your suggestion.

## *The Board of Directors is pleased to announce...*

In recent months, Lynn has been honored with two separate awards, recognizing her achievements on behalf of Pioneer Bluffs and rural Kansas:

- The Kansas Sampler Foundation presents the We Kan award to 10 recipients each year who work to "preserve and sustain rural culture."
- "50 Kansans You Should Know" are identified annually by Ingram's, a business publication.

*"Congratulations, Lynn, on these well-deserved accomplishments. We're grateful for all of the work you do for Pioneer Bluffs!"*



*Marci Penner and Wendee Rowe of the Kansas Sampler Foundation surprise Lynn with a We Kan award.*

## **DETAILS COMING SOON**

### **September 11, 6:30 p.m.**

Bryan Knowles in concert, with Red Dirt Country music

**December**, the "paradocs" team of Dr. Tracey Graham, guest chef, and Steve "Doc" Graham, wine steward, will present a very special dinner in our 1908 home.

## **All possible because of volunteers and supporters like you!**

# Would you like to be a landowner?

With a tax-deductible contribution, you can own a piece of historical land at Pioneer Bluffs!

**Be a Seed Sower** for \$100-\$249  
You will receive a deed to one square foot of land.

**Be a Trail Blazer** for \$250 & above  
A sidewalk stone with your name or dedication will be placed on our pioneer trail.



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## Yes! I want to support Pioneer Bluffs!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Please use my contribution for:*

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**Seed Sower:** What name would like on the title of your deed? \_\_\_\_\_

**Trail Blazer:** How would you like the inscription on your stone to read? \_\_\_\_\_

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Enclosed is my tax-deductible gift:

- ☐ \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ \$100-\$249 = Seed Sower
- ☐ \$250-\$499 = Trail Blazer
- ☐ \$500-\$999 = Ranch Wrangler
- ☐ \$1,000 and above = Banner Sponsor

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