

Summer 2014

A periodic Newsletter of the
Bee Family Centennial Farm Museum

The Farm Report



The Ball Game

Storm clouds gathered as the players prepared for the Vintage Base Ball Game. The crack of the bat, and the cheers of watchers took the game to the 5th inning when it began to rain. The game went on while spectators took shelter under umbrellas or in buildings. The game ended well with Wellington taking the victory this year as the hearty players defied the storm clouds and raindrops reenacting a favorite historic pastime on the farm.

We would like to thank the Wellington Mom's 'R' Us group for selling concessions and our faithful Wellington team for taking on the CVBBA team. A few family members joined the team this year since they were gathered for a family reunion. Jerry Ross sang and entertained the crowd before the game.



We had our annual float in the Wellington 4th of July Parade



Groups

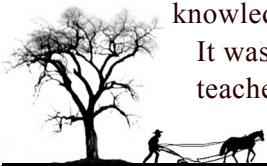
We had 96 children visit on July 15th. It was a big group, but it went well thanks to our good volunteers. July has been busy with a number of smaller groups. Sixteen different groups have visited or are scheduled to visit the farm this summer.



CFA Dinner

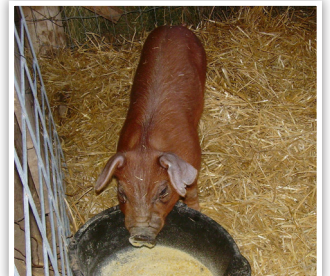
On June 25 over 110 teachers and host families attended the Summer Agricultural Institute dinner sponsored by the Colorado Foundation for Agricultural. Teachers attend a week of classes, tours of different Ag. facilities, and spend one day on a farm. They learned the many aspects of agriculture to take back to their classrooms and share this knowledge with their students.

It was a privilege to host the teachers and showcase the Bee Farm's history.



Animals

Big Red, our Durocs pig is growing and is a big hit with many of our visitors. The sheep this year are a Shetland cross. They are a Northern European breed of sheep that molt and have naturally short tails. There are over 200 kinds of sheep besides the Columbia, Suffolk and Hampshire that we usually see.





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Pioneer Living Day

Come on out for Pioneer Living Day on **September 27** from 10:00 to 4:00.

We are planning more demonstrations of Pioneer skills.

We are looking for Presenters! ...for the following areas.

- **Wood working** – demonstrate hand woodworking tools
- **Leather working** – show process of working with leather
- **Branding** – demonstrate the branding process and maybe have a hands-on activity for kids.
- **Blacksmith** – show the use of blacksmith tools
- **Horseshoing** – talk about the process
- **Soap making** – demonstrate the process
- **Making butter** – demonstrate the process
- **Bread making** – show the process
- **Cheese making** – show the process
- **Food preservation** – canning, freezing, drying, fermentation
- **Crochet** – demonstrate
- **Quilting** – demonstrate
- Sewing on a treadle sewing machine
- Dress up booth – supervise
- Old Fashioned Games for kids – three legged race, sack race – supervise

PRESENTING

Spinning and wool carding
Model draft horse
Miniature hay stacking equipment
Beet Farmers Wife – the sugar beet industry
Antique Tractors



Contact us if you or someone you know would like to be a presenter and participate in Pioneer Living Day at the Farm.

Two copies of Footprints in the Sugar by Candy Hamilton have been donated to the museum. We will be having a small silent auction to auction off these books at the Pioneer Living Day.