



Spring 2020
A periodic newsletter of the
Bee Family Centennial Farm Museum

Report

It has been an interesting winter and spring, with a long cold winter, and a spring confined to our homes. Studying history gives a perspective on events in our lives. John Bee went through a diphtheria epidemic in Iowa in 1878. He would visit the sick and even helped prepare bodies for burial. He didn't realize that he was bringing the disease home to his family. He lost a daughter as a result. In the blizzard of 1949 people were confined to their homes for weeks and many people and livestock died. But summer came and life continued.

The museum will not be opening until at least June and Spring on the Farm is also canceled because of the uncertainty of everything. Please check our website for specific opening news. On the positive side we have time while it is warm to do small maintenance jobs that usually get put off.

The models of the ice house and root cellar are ready for display when we open. The exhibit on some of the history and activities of the Larimer County Farm Bureau is also ready. It was fun learning about ice houses and doing the research for the exhibit model. Ice houses were usually built under a tree or trellis for shade, or built into a hill for better insulation. They were constructed as a building inside a building with about 1 ½ feet between the walls for straw, as insulation. A man could walk between them so the straw could be cleaned out. The floor was slanted so as the ice melted the water could drain.





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One baby calf arrived the end of March, and the other one came the morning of the spring snow on April 16th. Baby chicks arrived a day later and since it was cold and snowy they were kept in the house for a few days. Two baby lambs have been purchased and turkeys are ordered for the end of April. They will all be bigger by the time that we open but will still be fun for visitors to see.



Thank you again to all of our supporters for continuing with us through this time. Your faithfulness means a great deal. We would love for you to come visit and bring family and friends when restrictions are lifted.



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