



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

Report

Dear Friends and Family,

The museum did open on June 19th, and there have been a few visitors. We had 5 groups scheduled by the first of March and all of them have had to cancel. Needless to say it has been a very slow summer and there isn't much news for the newsletter, but we would like to share some of the things that go on behind the scene to keep the museum running smoothly and ready for visitors.

- * There is usually some touch up painting that needs to be done.
- * The benches were painted or stained and the frame for the sign was painted.
- * A few sugar beets are planted in the garden, so we have some to show visitors. Many have never seen one and don't know how important they were to the Colorado economy. They also provide a fun treat for the sheep and cows.
- * Hay is cut and baled three times each summer for feed for the cows.



We are grateful to the Larimer County Farm Bureau for a large donation which they made to the museum. It will help to cover some expenses this summer and enhance the experience for our visitors.





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For centuries people have covered their faces for different reasons. Bandannas or neckerchiefs were worn by cowboys and working men and were very useful. A few of them are:

- * If they were in a dust storm or a snow storm they could protect their face.
- * They could be used as a tourniquet or bandage if they were hurt, or to tie on a splint.
- * It was used as a washcloth or towel.
- * It was used to signal someone or as a trail marker.
- * You could tie the corners together and make a little basket with it to feed oats to your horse, or gather berries or eggs.

At this time we are continuing to plan for Pioneer Living Day on Sept. 26, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. The theme will be The Best of PLD celebrating some of our best presentations, artifacts and pioneer skills.

