

# News from Home

Tri-County Tourism Alliance Newsletter – March 2020

## Share Your Campmeeting Memories LEHR TABERNACLE CENTENNIAL 2021



Do you have memories of attending Campmeeting services in the Tabernacle at Lehr ND? The grounds go by the name of Prairie Bible Camp now, but the original mission of the camp is still the same as it was when it was founded by the Bismarck District of the Evangelical Church in 1921. The purpose as stated in the original constitution of the camp was "The fostering and dissemination of the Kingdom of God on the Bismarck District of the North Dakota Conference, for evangelism and to cultivate Biblical sanctification through teaching and example."

A centennial celebration of the campmeeting is being planned for June 18-20, 2021. Preliminary plans are to have evangelists from the past to participate or share video greetings if they are unable to attend. Gospel music has been a big part of all the meetings and will also be a big part of the centennial festivities with singspirations and music groups invited to participate as well as a time for some of the German songs that were a part of the heritage of the campmeetings.

The current board is planning on compiling a memory book of personal stories of what your special memories are of the camp. The memory book from the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary will be reprinted, and the new memories added to it. The committee would invite anyone who has special memories of the camp and campmeetings to share those memories before Sept. of 2020. It can be as long or short as you like, it is important to share your stories so that they will not be forgotten. If you have parents or grandparents that shared stories, please share those as well. As it says in Psalms 145:4 "One generation shall praise your works to another and shall declare Your mighty acts". As with all gatherings in German-Russian communities food is an important part of our gatherings and with that in mind the committee is also planning to put together a cookbook with some of the favorite recipes of the area that were either enjoyed as a part of the picnic lunches that were held on the grounds or else enjoyed in the dining hall. If you have a memory to share send it to Robert Erbele 6512 51<sup>st</sup> Ave SE Lehr, ND 58460. Recipes can be sent to Rosemary Hauff 7341 Highway 30 Lehr, ND 58460.

### Book Corner



If you've ever shared or heard stories about early school experiences in German-Russian Country, **Ready for School**, written and edited by Sue B. Balcom and published by the Tri-County Tourism Alliance can make those stories come to life. The 36-page soft cover book is a collection of memories and photos from German-Russian descendants in McIntosh, Logan and Emmons County, North Dakota. "I can see it still. My childhood school was set atop a hill, with the east and south sides of that hill making for wonderful sled riding in the winter." – Deloris (Ehman) Ulmer, Ashley, North Dakota. "English? How, if you talk German the whole time growing up, are you supposed to know English when you got there." - Donna (Hoffman) Eszlinger, Ashley, North Dakota.

Order your copy of Ready for School for \$25 plus shipping at <https://library.ndsu.edu/grhc>



# Alliance Resources and Projects

## BROADCASTS

In September, 2019, Prairie Public broadcast the television premiere of “Women Behind the Plow”, the 10<sup>th</sup> documentary of the award-winning Germans from Russia Series. The Tri-County Tourism Alliance published a catalog, “Women Behind the Plow” relating to the documentary. Both the catalog and documentary will become available later at the GRHC website. Check your public television schedules for possible rebroadcasts.

Prairie Public Television’s 2017 popular documentary, “Gutes Essen: Good Eating in German-Russian Country,” and the companion cookbook are now available for purchase. Go to [www.ndsu.edu/grhc](http://www.ndsu.edu/grhc) “Gutes Essen” is the 10th documentary of the award-winning Germans from Russia Series of Prairie Public Broadcasting – [www.prairiepublic.org](http://www.prairiepublic.org), Funding in part of the “Gutes Essen” documentary is from Tri-County Tourism Alliance (Emmons, Logan, McIntosh counties, south central North Dakota) – [www.germanrussiancountry.org](http://www.germanrussiancountry.org). The documentary is also frequently broadcasted on Prairie Public television.

## NEW PROJECTS

The Alliance continues to plan and develop new ways to attract visitors to German-Russian Country. During a recent Alliance meeting in Linton, two new committees were assigned to explore the following:

- 1) Develop and disseminate a request-for-proposal to identify potential artists interested in creating a large-scale art mural that can be applied to existing buildings or possibly even transported between communities for special events. If you know an artist who might be suitable, please send an e-mail to: [Carmen.Rath.Wald@ndsu.edu](mailto:Carmen.Rath.Wald@ndsu.edu).
- 2) A presentation by Shawn Brannan from Talking Trail ([www.talkingtrail.com](http://www.talkingtrail.com)) resulted in another committee to explore how the Tri-County Alliance can utilize a unique technology application to provide audio histories at designated points of interest in German-Russian Country. The smart-phone application has the ability to identify the nearest point of interest along with mapping instructions. Watch for more information as this project continues to move forward.



## Mark Your Calendar

Mar 1, 4-H Soup and Sandwich Lunch, Linton  
March-Memorial Day, Women Behind the Plow Photographic Exhibit, Grand Forks Public Library  
March 21, Strasburg Vendor Show  
March 28, Misfit contest between area fire departments, Strasburg  
April 11, Linton Chamber of Commerce Easter Egg Hunt, Linton  
May 3, Spring Fling Polka Party, Napoleon American Legion  
May 13-24, Journey to the Homeland tour to Germany and Ukraine  
May 23, Welk Homestead opens to the public  
June 6, Summer Fun Day, Wishek  
June 12, Emmons County Dairy & Ag day, Linton  
June 20, Hazelton Community Day (always 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in June)  
June 23, Kulm City Band 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration  
Jun 27-28, Beaver Valley Horse Club Rodeo, Strasburg  
July 4, 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, and Linton Lions Demolition Derby  
July 4, 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration, Strasburg  
July 9-12, Tri-County Fair, Wishek  
July 11, World’s Greatest Kuchen Contest, Tri-County Fairgrounds, Wishek  
July 22, Accordion Jam, Heritage Center, Bismarck  
July 23-25, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, German Russian Heritage Center, Bismarck

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