

⌘ Prairie plains Link ⌘

monthly newsletter of



February, 2007



Architect Lee Schriever removing columns that support the massive barn roof. We will salvage as much of the ceramic tile foundation as possible.



Feb. 6: Williams Midwest movers arrives to load the barn roof onto heavy steel beams.

WE DID IT!!!

TWO SUCCESSFUL LAUNCHES:

The Sands Barn made the trip
AND

our new web site is
up and running!

Further details
and more photos
of the barn move
can now be viewed at

www.prairieplains.org



Creeping through soybean and corn fields.

L. Davis



Feb. 8: On the open road, looking like some huge stealth aircraft.



Maneuvering all the tight spots in the Griffith farmyard; six inches is as good as a mile!



Through the trees . . . and starting a u-turn onto the prairie.



Feb. 9: Easing her onto the foundation.



Later, views of the barn (above) looking east from the river road and (right) looking west.



E. Ochsner



Mike Huebert was one of six volunteers - along with Mike and Bill - for the very chilly Cedar Attack on Feb. 10. The eight men worked for four hours, determined to create some clear views of the barn.

Approaching Event
Saturday, April 7
(tentative date - weather dependent)
9:00 a.m.
Burn at Bader Park



A gray morning on Feb. 24 was a great time for watching pintails, geese and bald eagles at Bader Park.

PLEASE SHARE OUR WEB SITE! The next thing we're launching is a membership campaign, and you can help by sending our web site to anyone who might take an interest in our mission. Thank you!

THANKS!
- to our Cedar Attack volunteers - Mike Huebert, Steve Anderson, Dale Carlson, Joe Ford, Gerry Steinauer and Brad Wells;
- to Cornerstone Bank for sponsoring our booth at the annual Home & Garden show; and
- to Espressions for food & drink during the barn moving experience.

Tribute to Rod Stover



We were saddened this month by the death of Rod Stover, 64, who among many other things has been a dedicated Prairie Plains member. Rod was originally from Poole, Nebraska (near Ravenna) and returned to the Kearney area after retiring several years ago. Last year he donated the lawn mower that was so helpful for trail mowing all summer; he was also looking forward to participating in Center construction activities. Rod enjoyed fishing, photography, genealogy, backyard wildlife (which in his case included Sandhill Cranes), singing bass in choirs and barbershop quartets, and taking his trained therapy dog Forman to area nursing homes.



He was known for his ornery sense of humor. Rod also enjoyed working on his web site, greenachers.net where he posted many photos, including a series on recent area ice storms. Rod's brother Kim Stover noted that it was Rod's style to make a quick departure - he died only three days after cancer was discovered. He will be missed.

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