

Ten ladies traveled to Ash Hollow on Friday, June 15, where they enjoyed the taste of a chuck wagon supper and then the pageant show "Wandering Star."

"Wandering Star" is a true story of what it was like to travel from Independence, Mo. to Oregon in the 1840s. Whole families packed up moving to the west to looking for free land and a better life.

Life on the trail was a struggle, moving only a few miles each day, from Fort Kearny to Scottsbluff. They encountered many hardships—from lack of water to death by diseases and also crossing the rushing waters of the Platte. Those who tried to cross without a horse were soon swept away.

They stopped at Ash Hollow where the water was clean and clear and the trees offered shade from the constant heat and dust.

The Indians for the most part were friendly. They witnessed wild buffalo and other game to include rattle snakes. The settlers who made it to Oregon barely survived but when they heard of the California gold they packed up their families and headed south to pan for gold. Their struggles are a part of the pioneer spirit that lives on today in the country.

The music was outstanding as was the performance of the all-volunteer cast.

Hostesses for June were Marilyn Holscher, Lorraine Shellhorn, and Linda Newth.