

Fifteen ladies from Scarlet Chapeau dined at the Pink Poodle in North Platte on Aug. 9. One could order from the menu and the selection included breakfast to lunch.

The décor of the Pink Poodle was of the 50s with 50s music and pictures of famous movie stars, like Shirley Temple, Gary Grant, Roy Rogers, Ava Gardner and Frank Sinatra to name just a few.

After lunch the group toured Buffalo Bill's Ranch. They were given a guided tour of the home and saw many interesting artifices of that era.

Buffalo Bill Cody, as he was known, was born in 1846 and his family moved to Kansas in 1853 and were among the first settlers there.

Young Cody did many things, was an ox-team driver at the age of 11; later was a wagon master, joined the gold rush to Pike's Peak in 1859 then became a pony express rider—one of the youngest at age 14. On March 6, 1866 he married Louisa Frederici of St. Louis. Between 1867-68 he was employed by the Goddard brothers to provide buffalo meat for the workers on the Kansas Pacific Railroad, he was paid \$500 a month.

He later started touring and portraying scenes from the Sioux War where he was fighting the Indians. In 1877 he went into partnership with Frank and Luther North to establish a cattle ranch 65 miles north of North Platte on the Dismal river.

His purchase of a home and 160 acres in North Platte in 1878 was the foundation for his later 4,000 acre ranch. The Cody was built in 1886 for \$3,900. It is of Eastlake and Second Empire style with Italianate features and sits on the original grounds.

Cody and Louisa had four children, Arta, Kit, Orra, and Irma.

On the way back to Grant the Red Hatters stopped for ice cream. Hostesses for August were Nancy Hansen, Dolores Sexson, and Katie Woodhead. Their next meeting is in September.