

Fun Stuff

Doc Middleton and his gang of “ponyboys” were a bigger threat to Loup County cattlemen than range wars, rustlers, or outlaws.

The first Hereford cattle were brought into the region by “Davie” James.

The Sawyer Ranch was the first ranch established in Loup County.

The Sawyer barn, one of the largest barns in the area, was built in the early days by Bethuel Switzer Sawyer at the western end of Loup County and is still standing today.

The first tavern in Loup County territory was the “Farmer’s Hotel” located at Sioux Creek.

Loup County is said to have gotten its name from the French word ‘Loup’ meaning ‘Wolf’, named by early French Trappers after the Wolf Pawnee band of Indians who ranged the area and called themselves the ‘Wolf People’. The Loup River also derived its name from the same origin.

Taylor won over Almeria by only two votes in the decisive election held in 1883 to determine the county seat.

The first accredited High School in Loup County was formed in 1922. The present High School building was built in 1922 and is still standing and in use today. The first class to graduate was the class of 1923.

Population of Taylor is 180, Taylor ‘Villagers’ now number over 120.

The ‘Villager’ Beekeeper is planted next to the house he built and lived in.

The popular Bootleg Brewery is located three miles off a two-lane highway on a gravel road and guests cross two autogates to arrive at the Brewery.

The Morgan Ranch Inc. in northern Loup County has raised Wagyu Cattle since 1992 and has one of the largest herds in America. The breed is known as the “Mercedes of the meat business” and cuts of meat can be purchased from the Morgan Ranch Inc. website.

The Calamus Lake has an awesome bald eagle migration in February/March and as a result have several active nests throughout the county in the spring/summer months.

Opportunities abound to see native wildflowers, butterflies, dragonflies, and other pollinators in a native prairie setting, as well as grassland birds. Nebraska's first (and largest) privately owned Important Bird Area is located in Loup County.

The Nebraska Sandhills are known for being the largest dune system in the western hemisphere and one of the largest grass-established dune regions in the world. Blowouts occur and are depressions in the topography caused by wind erosion. Vegetation associated with blowouts is distinctly different than vegetation associated with adjacent, noneroding areas. Blowouts are a striking feature of the Sandhills and they host specific open sands habitat plant and animal species.