

**As an Iowa Farm Girl Thinks:  
Growing Up on an Iowa Century Farm and the Similarities to Laura Ingalls Wilder  
Herbert Hoover Presidential Library-Museum**

West Branch, Iowa - On June 11 at 11:00 a.m. Julie Frances Miller will speak at the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library-Museum. Her talk, *As an Iowa Farm Girl Thinks*, focuses on Iowa Century Farms.

Miller will share her family's history of pioneering in the state of Iowa, the love and the bond to the land you have when owning a Century Farm, and the chores, hard work, and fun times of growing up on a farm. She will also entertain the audience by playing a few selections on the piano.

Many of these characteristics are strikingly similar to the Laura Ingalls Wilder family. Miller's love of all things Laura Ingalls Wilder is reflected in her presentation. She takes great pleasure in sparking people's interest in Laura Ingalls Wilder. *As an Iowa Farm Girl Thinks* compares life on an Iowa Century Farm to the stories of Laura Ingalls Wilder.

Julie Frances Miller gives presentations in libraries and schools in central Iowa, facilitates activities for children at the Laura festival in Burr Oak, Iowa, and is the coordinator for the Wayside Cabin activities for the Laura Days festival in Pepin, Wisconsin. This past summer, Julie was honored to give her presentation at "LauraPalooza", which is a research and fan-based conference for adults about Laura Ingalls Wilder. She is a piano teacher and elementary substitute teacher, and now resides with her husband and seven-year-old son in Polk City, Iowa.

Guided Prairie walks will be conducted by Hoover National Park rangers at 10:00 a.m and 12:30 p.m. The ranger will meet the visitors in the Museum lobby. During the walk the park ranger will discuss how and why the National Park Service is reconstructing this endangered habitat as part of the landscape commemorating Herbert Hoover's life. The walk is less than a mile and lasts about 60 minutes. Bring water, dress for the weather, and wear comfortable walking shoes. Hats, sunscreen, sunglasses, and insect repellent are also recommended.

The Hoover Museum is located in West Branch, Iowa, ¼ mile off of Interstate 80. For more information please call 319-643-5301 or visit the website: [www.hoover.archives.gov](http://www.hoover.archives.gov).

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