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Three miles south of Valley City sits Sheyenne Riverbend Farm, a place that “takes you on a journey back in memory to what we would like to remember most - family, home, community, faith, and patriotism.” The owners, Pastor Bob and his late wife Marion Rieth, originally from the area but now living in Washington, bought the place in 1999. Bob remembers, “It was always the idea of having a place for our family to come back to, you know, our roots and our home.” He continued, “At that time we didn’t have any other idea of what we would do with it except that we would like to have

it as a kind of retreat for family.” After time to ponder, the couple decided to make it more than just a place for their family, but a place for many families to relax together and enjoy. At the time of purchase the 65 acre lot had only the house and the garage. After cleaning up the yard, the couple began constructing the event center, soon after moved in an old school house from ten miles away, and lastly moved in a local historic church.



Riverbend Farm is working on developing a monarch butterfly habitat to encourage growth to the butterfly population.

All of the old, well maintained structures have been completely refurbished to maintain the historic feel and also boast living quarters for guests to stay in. There is also a small campground area, a gazebo, a monarch habitat, and bee hives for making honey butter, which they sell. The farm offers a free to use internet room, with computers and printers provided, yard

games like Frisbee golf, a scenic view, and all buildings are heated and air conditioned. Riverbend Farms, named because it is surrounded by the river, maintains a versatile and comfortable atmosphere for guests from the surrounding community to spend time as a family. Many weddings, family reunions, receptions, graduations, conferences, retreats, and other gatherings have been held here and Mary Lee Robinson, the manager of the property, is excited to work with any kind of group. The event center and chapel can seat 150 people, but Riverbend Farms has hosted weddings up to over 400 people. They also coordinate a Fall Festival with the Fort Ransom Annual Fall Festival so people can stop by on their way to and from Fort Ransom. They are known for their Nana’s Honey Butter which can be purchased on the [Riverbend Farm website](#). Pricing for renting the space may vary depending on whether or not you wish to rent the entire space or just a portion of it. For more information contact Mary Lee Robinson at 845-1377 or 701-840-0194.