

Author of Custer County-Based "A Sandhills Ballad" Interviewed on NET Radio

LINCOLN, Neb. (July 23, 2009) -- NET Radio's Jerry Johnston interviews Ladette Randolph this weekend about her first novel "A Sandhills Ballad," set in modern-day Custer County. The interview will air during "Weekend Edition" Saturday, July 25, at 8:30 a.m. CT, repeating Sunday, July 26, at 9:30 a.m. CT. It will also be available on NET Radio's Web site and as a podcast at netNebraska.org/radio.

Randolph's novel tells the story of a young woman who has to put her life together after an auto accident kills her husband and takes one of her legs. The book includes the difficulties of being a minister's wife, a love of the ranching life, and a controversy over a confinement feedlot. Randolph was the former Acquiring Editor for the University of Nebraska Press. She now edits the prestigious literary journal "Ploughshares."

One reviewer called the book "a poignantly written, lovely novel of the heartland that honors the best traditions of storytelling."

An audio link to the story will be on NET Radio's Web site (www.netNebraska.org/radio, click on "Arts and Humanities," then Nebraska Humanities Feature) the day of the broadcast. All that is needed to listen is access to the Internet.

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