

# Kids learn about Native American history at show

The one-room schoolhouse, after serving many years in its original rural site, was moved to St. Francis in the 1970s. For a few years, it was known as the Little Red School House. It was then given to the Cheyenne County Historical Society before being moved to the Bird City Thresher Grounds in 1983.

It now stands, taking its honored place in history on the grounds, along with the Neville Church and the Sod House.

Country schoolhouses have a history. Many young women started teaching out of the eighth grade after a short period of normal training. Some of these early teachers have helped staff the schoolhouse during the shows.

Once again, this year, an early teacher will welcome visitors to the one-room schoolhouse.

In the past, documented historical programs and crafts have been directed toward the youth coming to the school. Christmas in July with decorations have been made along with a quilt block as the pioneer women did in a covered wagon on the trail. Historical plays from the American Girls series have been acted out and a Lewis and Clark expedition journal was made.

Children have traveled the Oregon Trail and made a covered wagon craft. Dramatizations by the youth included the Cheyenne Ceremonies of the Peace Pipe and the Four Winds as well as that of the early pioneers of Bird City.

This year, there will be a historical program about the Native American "Medicine Woman" and the young people will design a Native American headband and learn about the honored feather.

Parents as well as youth may be surprised at what they can learn about the area history.

The program will be presented each day at 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. in the schoolhouse on the grounds.



JACQUELYN KETZNER, MARTIN VELETA, Jade Ketzner, Joseph Augusta and Joslyn Ketzner are learning tribal drum messages from Rosemary Powell and Dorothy Mast who is dressed in costume at the schoolhouse at the Thresher grounds. It is one of the many Native American demonstrations they do during the Thresher show.

Time staff photo by Linda Schneider

## Behind the Scenes By Janet Carman

Sunday night, 40 enthusiastic singers joined voices, and the walls of Ye Olde Country church reverberated with the rich sound of hymns and patriotic music. Kate Jenkins, who organized this first Hymn Fest, opened the evening's event with a warm welcome and then introduced Althea Lebow, song leader, and Pastor Jeff Landers who accompanied on the old piano. The program was carefully planned to offer a variety of hymns, patriotic music and readings. Afterward, chatting over bowls of homemade ice cream, participants agreed that the experience of singing together in the old church had been wonderful. Mrs. Jenkins commented that this old church is a gem in our community. Events such as the Hymn Fest connect community members to the church, to each other and to the past. The Historical Society appreciates the leaders and all those who participated in making this first Hymn Fest such a memorable experience.

Several events are on the Historical Society calendar for fall. The board will meet on Tuesday, Aug. 12 at 2:30 p.m. at the museum. At 5 p.m. on Aug. 12, members of the Historical Society will meet for an Insider's Tour of the band shell. Then on Sunday, Sept. 14, Stan and Dee Dorsch will lead a Northeast Cemetery Tour. The public is welcome to join this tour. Following the

tour, the group can enjoy a meal at Heritage Corner Café in Bird City. Time and meeting place will be announced soon.

Upcoming events include a

Music Festival that is being planned for October. More information will be available about this special program in the coming weeks.

## McDonald News

**by Vera Kacirek**  
**August Calendar**  
No McDonald Area Development meeting in August  
Monday, Aug. 4-McDonald Senior Citizens Potluck and Meeting.  
Tuesday, Aug. 5-Primary Election Day, Cast your vote  
Aug. 5 and 6-Cheylin School Registration  
Wednesday, Aug. 13-McDonald Garden Club to Colby  
Monday, Aug. 18-Cheylin School, classes begin  
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Eleanor Swihart spent Tuesday and Wednesday in St. Francis as guests of Bruce and Shirley Swihart.  
Steve and Debbie Swihart, Melissa and Christina of Westminster,

ter, Colo., were Sunday visitors of Eleanor Swihart, and Steve preached the sermon at the Federated Church.  
Addie Swihart of St. Francis was a Sunday overnight guest of her grandmother, Eleanor Swihart.  
Karlyne Atchison and Amelia Banister were Sunday afternoon visitors of Marie Holzwarth in St. Francis.  
Kenny and Phyllis Wilkinson attended the benefit for Ivan and Mary Sramek on Sunday noon. They were visitors of Jim and Ruby Tracy at the Good Samaritan Home in Atwood, and then visited Laddie and Vera Kacirek.  
Kasey and Jennifer Sabatka and children were Sunday evening visitors of Laddie and Vera Kacirek.



MARCUS COLSON IS GAUGING the boiler of this steam engine to check for safety before it can be certified for insurance. All the steam engines must be certified before they are allowed in the parade at the Tri-State Thresher Show.

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**CHEYLIN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #103**  
**BIRD CITY**

**Enrollment for Cheylin students will be held**

**Tues., Aug. 5 • 2-7 p.m.**

**Wed., Aug. 6 • 9 a.m.-noon/1-3 p.m.**

**GRADES K-12 WILL ENROLL AT THE HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY IN BIRD CITY**

Kindergarten and new students will need to have their Certified Birth Certificate, Immunization Record, and Current Health Assessment when they register.

**ENROLLMENT FEES**

Book Rental (K-6) = \$20 Book Rental (7-12) = \$35

\*\*Family Limit of \$60 for Book Rental\*\*

Drivers Education=\$40 College Biology=\$10

Activity Fee (6-12)=\$15 Biology=\$10 Industrial Arts=\$15

Vo Ag Classes=\$30 Project Biology=\$10 Chemistry=\$10

Band (4-12)=\$10 Drafting=\$10 Physics=\$10

**Elementary Meal/Milk Tickets**

20 Day Breakfast = \$18 20 Day Lunch = \$34

**Middle/High School Meal Tickets**

20 Day Breakfast = \$20 20 Day Lunch = \$37

**Reduced Price Breakfast 30¢ Reduced Price Lunch 40¢**

Applications for free/reduced price meals will be available. Reduced price meals are the same for K-12 students. Applications are also available in Spanish.

**FIRST SCHOOL DAY - MONDAY, AUGUST 18**

Classes will begin at 8:15 a.m. and will be dismissed at 4:15 p.m. Kindergarten students will attend school on Tues., Wed. and Thurs. from 8:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

The first two weeks of school, kindergarten students will have class from 8:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. They will eat lunch at school. Kindergarten students will ride the buses in the morning to school with other students. Parents will need to pick up their child at the elementary school in McDonald at 12:30 p.m. and in Bird City at 12:15 p.m.

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**Born in St Francis and raised in Bird City**

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