



IT'S BOOGIE TIME in Rose Hengen's third and fourth grade music class. No, it is just the students practicing for the Cheylin Elementary Spring Concert May 19.

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## Cinco de Mayo celebration held in city park

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On Sunday, Bird City will be celebrating Cinco de Mayo's 147 years with an afternoon of family fun and authentic Mexican food. (See ad)

For all of its 233 years of independence from Great Britain, the United States has welcomed citizens from nations around the world to its coastal shores and national borders. And because of this, United States is called the melting pot of the world.

On May 5, Americans with Mexican ancestry will be celebrating Cinco de Mayo. This is a holiday that is not widely celebrated in Mexico, but in the United States and other countries it is a day for a celebration of Mexican heritage and pride.

Many confuse Cinco de Mayo with Mexico's Independence Day on Sept. 16, which is a national holiday. Both are battles of significance in the fact they were victorious. The smaller battle which took place on May 5, 1862, in the state of Puebla, Mexico, had the most unlikely outcome since the Mexican Army, under the leadership of Mexican General Ignacio Zara-



goza Seguín, was outnumbered by the French Army two to one. Furthermore, the well-equipped French Army had not lost a battle in 50 years.

For the United States, Cinco de Mayo is of special note for being the last time an army of foreign power has invaded the Americas. Today many large cities have their own unique ways of celebrating with emphasis on authentic Mexican food, beverages and entertainment.

## Cancer relay set in Sainty on June 5

The Cheyenne County Relay for Life annual cancer walk will be held from Friday evening, June 5, through the night until 7 a.m. the next morning.

Many activities surround this annual event, all designed to raise money and help for cancer patients, research and survivors of this dreaded disease.

Locks of Love, said Betty Loudon, committee member, is one way we can all help provide wigs for those patients who have lost their hair because of chemotherapy and radiation.

Anyone can donate their hair to be cut for the relay. Ten inches measured tip to tip is the minimum length needed for a hairpiece, and both men and women have donated to this worthy cause.

"Call Denise Andrist, 332-3393, at Girlfriends and Guys, for more information and to alert the committee that you will be available that night at the band shell," Mrs. Loudon said.

At least two quilts are being made to help raise funds for the cancer relay. One is to be made up of the quilt squares that last year's younger team members put together and the other quilt is being made and donated by The Common Thread Quilt Guild, which is made up of ladies from the county who get together for the enjoyment they receive from quilting.

"We always welcome theme baskets to be auctioned off in the band shell just before the luminaria service," Mrs. Loudon said. "If you or your company would like to donate a basket, please contact Betty Petersen at 785-332-8990, as these proceeds go directly to the American Cancer Society for research to find the cure for cancer.

Those who would like to purchase a luminaria in memory of family member or friend who has survived cancer, or in honor of one that did not survive, call Keely Lloyd, chairperson of the committee, at 332-2438.



SHARON HENDRICKS HELPS her kindergarten students celebrate their 100th day in class. It was a day of 100-day crowns and glasses. In addition, the students had to be quiet for 100 seconds!

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## Students enjoy 100th day

Last Thursday, Sharon Hendricks and her kindergarten students celebrated their 100th day in school at Cheylin Elementary school.

It was a day the students focused on the number 100. They made

a party trail mix by bringing 100 pieces of food from home, such as Chez-It, Bugles, Cheetos, chocolate chips, etc.

For activities, they made 100-day crowns and glasses, building de-

signs with 100 manipulatives (block shapes) and being quiet for 100 seconds!

Then they settled in and watched "102 Dalmatians" and ate their trail mix.

## Groups receive awards

On April 16, the Cheylin band and choir attended the State Music Festival for large groups in Colby. In addition, Cheylin traveled to Wichita to participate in the State Music Festival for solo and small ensembles.

Colby

The ratings for the performances were in five categories, 1-outstanding, 2-excellent, 3-average, 4-poor, and 5-ineffective performance.

The Cheylin band received an outstanding rating for their performance of "Them Bases" by Huffin and "Kentucky 1800" by Grundman.

The Cheylin choir sang, "Let the Praise Go 'Round" by Boyce and "Here I am Lord" by Schutte and received an excellent rating.

Rose Hengen, choir and band teacher, told both groups, "Be the best you can be, maybe not the best group performing, just the best you can be."

Wichita

"It was a long drive to Wichita, but well worth the trip," said Mrs. Hengen.

It was the same one through five rating scale as at the music festival for the large groups and Sydney Busse received an outstanding rating for her solo vocal.

Nikki Johnson, Max Hengen and Naomi Reeh each received an excellent rating for their solo vocals.

The ensembles were, Craig Busse, Max Hengen, Adrian Garcia, Hudson Louderbaugh, Jayden Cahoj, Jared Cahoj, Heath Antholz, Danny Frisbie, Roberto Ponce, Nikki Johnson, Sydney Busse, Teryn Carmichael, Debbie Banister, Tia Sager, Ana Ponce, Naomi Reeh and Whitney Churchwell.

The ensemble received an excellent rating from singing, "Up In Heaven" by Price. In addition, the second ensemble consisting of Hengen, Louderbaugh, Jayden Cahoj, Antholz, Frisbie, Johnson, Busse, Carmichael, Banister, Saber, Ponce, Reeh, Churchwell, received an excellent rating for singing, "Let the Praise Go 'Round."

"It was a good day and the students learned to focus on the overall performance and not just the music," said Mrs. Hengen. "I was very proud of everybody's efforts."