

THIRD GRADERS view the three corners on their tour through county and Beecher Island. Photo's courtesy of Kathy Rainbolt

# Third graders take history tour

On May 8, the St. Francis third grade students of Cindy Wiley and Kathy Rainbolt took a back road tour of Cheyenne County's history.

The first stop was "Three Corners" where the students ran around the three states and were again told about the markers which mark the grids for the state corners of Kansas, Colorado and Nebraska. The class was disappointed to see that the mailbox and notebook where visitors can register had been destroyed.

The class then passed the home where Mrs. Wiley was raised. Students were told that her grandparents lived there where they had farmed and ranched. Today, her father and mother live on the home place.

The Wray Museum was the next stop. There the class toured the museum and were told the story of Beecher Island. They viewed the diorama that Scott Chartier donated to the museum. The Smithsonian Institute also had an exhibit of the "Jones Miller Site." The students found the museum to be a very interesting stop and enjoyed touring the rest of the museum

Once again in the bus, they headed south to Beecher Island. Once Beecher Island was in sight, the bus stopped at Squaw Hill where students and teachers were able to view the entire battle sight. The students talked about what it may have been like standing there and seeing the battle being fought.

Roman Nose Ridge is where Roman Nose watched the battle before deciding to join in. It was in that battle that Roman Nose was killed as the Indians made the first charge against Forsyth and his men. The class walked down and around the ridge along the Arikaree River where the Indians charged. The boys and girls roasted hot dogs and marshmallows over an open fire — a treat to some as they had not had the opportunity to roast hot dogs and marshmallows over the fire. Before boarding the bus to return to St. Francis, the students enjoyed playing in the Arikaree River.



RYAN OWENS is viewing items in the Wray museum.

# **Emergency grazing approved**

tor, Farm Service Agency (FSA), announced recently that emergency grazing of certain Conservation Reserve Program acreage has been approved in 35 Kansas counties. Director Fuller said this action was very good news to livestock producers because severe drought conditions have depleted hay supplies, slowed the growth of pasture, and reduced the yield of hay in calendar year 2002. The approval was limited to grazing. Haying of Conservation Reserve Program land is not authorized at this time.

Kansas Farm Service Agency had submitted requests for emergency having and grazing for 40 counties. Barber, Cheyenne, Clark, Decatur, Edwards, Finney, Ford, Gove, Graham, Pawnee, Phillips, Rawlins, Rooks, Russell, Scott, Seward, Sheridan, Sherman, Smith, Stanton, Stevens, Thomas, Wallace and Wichita counties were approved. Director Fuller pledged to continue seeking relief for counties that were not approved: Comanche, Kiowa, Stafford, Ellsworth and Lincoln.

To be approved for emergency grazing due to drought conditions, Farm Service Agency County Committees must submit evidence that the county is suffering from a 40 percent or greater loss of normal hay and pasture production, and precipitation levels indicate an average of 40 percent or greater loss of normal precipitation for the four most recent months, plus the days in the current month before the date of request for emergency grazing.

Authorization for emergency grazing has been granted through August 31, provided the Farm Service Agency State Committee and the County Committee determines emergency grazing is still warranted in the county based on a monthly review of weather, pasture, and feed crop conditions. Participants will be notified if the State and Farm Service Agency County Committees determine that the emergency grazing authorization has ended.

Conservation Reserve Program participants in approved counties shall contact the Farm Service Agency local county office to determine if their reserve acreage is eligible for emergency graz-

ticipants must:

• request approval to graze eligible acreage after the county has received authorization for emergency grazing.

• obtain a modified conservation plan to include grazing requirements.

• leave at least 25 percent of each field 2002.

Bill R. Fuller, State Executive Direc- ing. Conservation Reserve Program par- or contiguous fields ungrazed for wildlife, or graze no more than 75 percent of the stocking rate as determined by Natural Resources Conservation Service.

 accept a 25 percent reduction in the annual rental payment made after October 1 for the acres actually grazed in

## Sixth graders move on to junior high

#### Holly Keller.

The St. Francis sixth graders were promoted to junior high in a special cluded: Ted Crabtree, Cassandra ceremony on Thursday evening in the Dankenbring, Kattie Ford, Keaton gym of the grade school.

By Karen Krien

The program was enjoyed and included music selections under the direction of Jean Ann Confer. Awards and recognitions were announced with Chance Hobrock receiving the Vocabulary Award. Justin Sherlock had perfect attendance.

Those receiving the Presidents' Academic Awards were Heather Hnizdil, Sara Miller, Ashton Knorr and ceremony.

Sixth graders being promoted in-Frewen, David Guthmiller, Jenice Hartman, Heather Hnizdil, Chance Hobrock, Katherine Jones, Holly Keller, Ashton Knorr, Dara Loyd, Katie Marin, Sara Miller, Lauren Shaw, Corbin Sherlock, Justin Sherlock, Gavin Smull, Jasmine Torrence, Teri Walters, R.L. Walz and John Weems.

A reception was held following the

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Martha Stothard, Edward and Betty Morris of Goodland visited Kathleen Stanley Friday afternoon.

Milton and Betty Lampe attended the Fort Hays Concert Choirs with Hays Symphony Brahms "Requiem" at the Beach/Schmidt Performing Arts Center on Sunday, May 5.

Kirk and Debbie Grizzell and Kyle, and Junior and Wanda Lee Grizzell, all of Macksville joined them to hear the concert and to celebrate the birthdays of Travis and Milton afterward by eating at the Professor and returning to Travis' apartment for cake and ice cream.

LaVera Beringer was a weekend guest of Larry and Brenda Beringer of and Betty Jean visited Rolling Hill Ref-Sharon Springs. She returned home on uge and enjoy dinner in Salina. Monday.

Wanita and Ed Kroeplin were Wednesday through Friday house guests of Billy and Karen Krien and their house guest Todd Krien of Celeste, Texas.

Marilyn Krien, Aurora, Colo., was a weekend guest of her parents Bill and Leone Krien.

Betty Jean Winston was a Friday through Sunday visitor of Dan and Cindy Winston, Jean and J.J. in Ellsworth.

Saturday morning Betty Jean accompanied Dan to McPherson where he ran in the Mac Classic 5K race sponsored by the Tri-Rivers Running Club. Out of 60 participants, he finished fifth overall and third in his class.

Later Saturday Dan, Cindy, Jean, J.J.

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### Club Clip -

### **Tuesday Club News**

The Tuesday Club met Tuesday evening May 14, at 7 p.m. in the courthouse park for a potluck picnic to end their year. There were 13 members and three guests present.

Hostesses, Carol Rogers, Dorothy Carpenter and Glorianne Milne furnished delicious sloppy joe sandwiches, chips and drinks. Other members brought salads and desserts, along with the recipe for their dish. The name of the outing was "Western Kansas Cooking" in keeping with the year's theme of "Beautiful Western Kansas."

The new president for the coming year, Mary Lee Frewen, held a short business meeting with roll call and introductions of the guests, who were then invited to become new members. The meeting adjourned by repeating the Club Collect.

Meetings will resume again in September.

