

# Cheyenne County Museum stocked with many displays

By Karen Krien

The Cheyenne County Museum, located on U.S. 36, St. Francis, is probably one of the best museums in the area. It is stocked with a variety of historical items, collections and books but what many people appear to like the best are the "rooms."

The rooms are displays of former county businesses, doctor and dentist offices, post office, and rooms depicting another era. There are sections which show old machinery and equipment, saddles and other such items.

People, local and travelers, often spend hours just looking at what the museum offers. School children take field trips to the museum and marvel at how "it used to be."

"The museum has had people coming from as far away as China and Spain and people are always amazed at everything we have," said Margaret Bucholtz, president of the Cheyenne County Historical Society.

What is even more amazing is the fact that the Cheyenne County Museum is run on a "shoestring" budget. The county commissioners appropriate \$3,500 to \$4,000 a year. In the beginning, the museum received a half of a mill.

Money is also raised by selling books, through donations and memorials, and with membership dues. They have received a grant or two but most grants require matching funds which the museum does not have.

In recent years, the museum had a curator who worked part-time. Having Marge Fossett as curator was nice because the museum was always open when she was there. But, because there was not enough money, the museum doesn't have a curator and hours are not always regular.

Today, the museum is kept open throughout the year and on special occasions with volunteers. It is the volunteers who clean and do the upkeep on the museum and the Ye Ole Country Church; and volunteers who set up the displays.

Tobe Zweygardt volunteers his time to give tours in the county. There have been other tours such as the cemetery tour and the Kidder Massacre. Each year the volunteers, who are also generally members of the Historical Society, hold a special Flag Day ceremony.

The mission of the museum is to research and record historical events in the county as well as those reports of businesses and individuals. They often do research for people who are looking for genealogy information.



School room displayed at Cheyenne County Museum.

## Election of officers planned for Nov. 14

Elections of the Cheyenne County Historical Society are scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 14, at the museum on U.S. 36. Any member of the Society can cast their vote. People can join on Nov. 14 and still vote. If members are unable to go to the regular meeting which begins at 5 p.m., they can vote during the day as the museum will be open.

Officers are an important part of the Society and are necessary to the operation of the Cheyenne County Museum.

Those up for election are: president - Stan Carman; vice president - Margaret Bucholtz; secretary - Dee Dorsch; treasurer - Clarence Iliff. One board member will be elected. Run-

ning are Milton Lampe and Lucille Rossbach.

If there is someone who would like to run for office, or know of someone who would like to be an officer, contact Elmer Kellner or Margaret Bucholtz.

When the elections are held on Tuesday, there will also be an opportunity for nominations from the floor.

The meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month. Even if members cannot attend the meetings, they can still pay their dues and it can be their way of supporting the museum.

For more information, contact Mrs. Bucholtz at 785-332-2040.



TOBE ZWYGARDT'S CREATIVE WORK is on display at the Grassroots Art Center in Lucas until Dec. 3. His work will be part of a Smithsonian Institution "Between Fences" traveling display.

## St. Francis man displays work; is selected for honor

Tobe Zweygardt, St. Francis, has one of the companion exhibits on display at the Grassroots Art Center in Lucas from Oct. 20 through Dec. 3. His work will be part of the Smithsonian Institution's traveling exhibit, "Between Fences."

Mr. Zweygardt is also the St. Francis City Council's Spotighting the Positive award recipient, selected for the honor in October. He was recognized for the many things he does for St. Francis including conducting many tours to the historic sites in Cheyenne County as well as erecting historic landmarks and often putting the county "on the map" with the positive things he does.

Mr. Zweygardt, a grassroots, self-taught artist, can best be described as friendly, energetic, creative, generous and a life-long community volunteer. His love of history is evident in the facts that he relates about north-west Kansas people of the plains, Native American Indians and the geological formations "The Breaks."

Photographs in the exhibit portray Tobe's large outdoor multi-sculpture memorial diorama to

the 192 Cheyenne Indians who survived the Sand Creek Massacre. The sculptures are located 2 miles northwest of St. Francis on K-27. Between Mr. Zweygardt's fences are a life-size metal tepee, rabbit and prairie dog, along with signage and buffalo. Beyond the fence and high on a hill, a metal Indian on horseback appears to be keeping watch over the valley. The Cheyenne Indian nation holds Mr. Zweygardt in high regard for creating this memorial to Native Americans.

A variety of examples of Tobe's metal art on exhibit at the art center includes cactus, cowboy, palm tree, saddle, dolphin, yucca, a ship, free-form sculptures and the "Cycle of Life."

Since childhood, Mr. Zweygardt has created with bits and pieces of objects. He remembers creating a tractor out of a clock as a youngster.

Throughout his lifetime, his favorite mediums have been barbed and smooth wire, scrap metal, square nails and railroad spikes. He has created over 400 metal windmills which he has either given as gifts or sold to individuals. Some of his windmills are

now located in Sweden, Africa, England, Germany, Canada and, of course, many states in the U.S.

At 90-years-old, Tobe says, "I'm not creating large metal sculptures any more — they are just too heavy!"

His father Jacob Zweygardt, was a creative blacksmith and now Tobe's son Melvin, who lives at Prairie City, Ore., carries on this talent, gift and legacy of sculpting in metal.

The Kansas Humanities Council is co-sponsor for the exhibit from the Museum on Main Street program.

Hours at the Grassroots Art Center are Monday, Thursday, Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Sunday, 1 to 4 p.m.

Check the web page [www.grassrootsart.net](http://www.grassrootsart.net) for the "Between Fences," additional exhibits and schedule of events, or call 785-525-6118.

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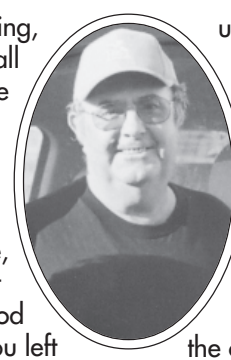
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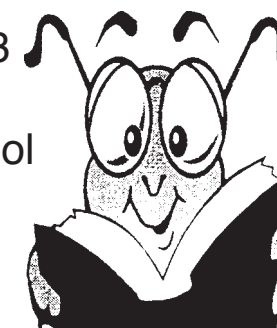
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