



**ON THE BLEACHERS** at the Decatur County Last Indian Raid Museum, Brynna Addleman-Gillund (above) sat and talked with another girl. Out front, one of the Koshare Indian Dancers (left) showed some of his moves on the brick streets.

## Crowd celebrates museum anniversary with events all day

There were people everywhere Saturday as the Decatur County Last Indian Raid museum staff and board held the 50th Anniversary celebration for the annual Mini Sapa Day.

The day was packed with a pancake feed, entertainment of all kinds, vendors, displays, lunch, free admission to the museum and much more.

Curator Sharleen Wurm said she wished there was some way of really knowing how many people came through the museum that day, guessing there was close to 1,000 or more.

She said she tried to keep track of how many plates were used at the meals.

For breakfast, said Mrs. Wurm, she knows they served 265 people. At lunch though, she said, she lost track of the plate count at around 500. It seemed like the line that stretched out the front doors of the Bohemian Hall and west towards Main Street, just kept growing and growing.

Both meals were served by donation, left up to the person eating on how much to give. Mrs. Wurm said she has no idea how much money was donated during the celebration. The treasurer, Dick Carman, handled all of that, so she said she will find out at the upcoming board meeting.



**CHRISTIEMORRIS** played her flute with the band.

The museum grounds were pretty much packed all day long.

There were so many highlights of the celebration, said Mrs. Wurm, including the parade which was just marvelous, the Koshare Indian Dancers, the bull buffalo, which people seemed to love, the melodrama, the musical entertainment and just everything. It was all great, she said.

Two of the exhibitors, Steve and Sue Erwin, from Cambridge, Neb., who had the tepee said they were

busy all day.

Mrs. Wurm said she has given some thought to how the day could have been better, but short of having two lines for lunch, which she wasn't sure how that could have done, things went great.

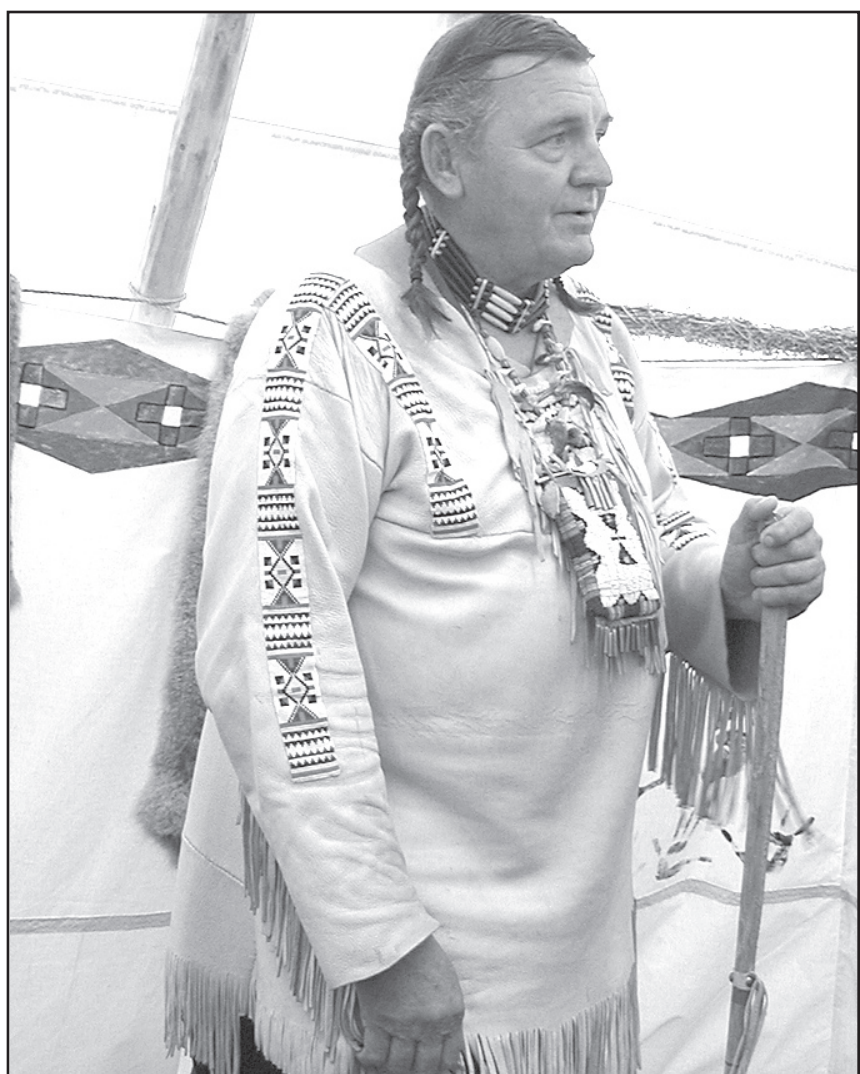
There were lots of great comments about the volunteers who sat in each of the buildings, giving a little information about the contents. The alumni section was really busy all day long as was the Addleman School House and Sod House, said Mrs. Wurm.

The museum board and staff have been planning the anniversary celebration since January, she said, although they really hit it hard after the car show in June.

Mrs. Wurm said she has no idea how they are going to thank everyone who helped with the day.

"So thanks to everyone for their support and for participating in the 50th Anniversary," said Mrs. Wurm. "I just appreciate everything everyone did."

Next up for the museum is the Christmas tree tour planned for Sunday, Dec. 7. The Teens for Christ group will be setting up the trees for organizations and people to decorate. Anyone who wants to decorate a tree can contact the museum at 475-2712.



**INSIDE HIS TEPEE**, vendor Steve Erwin (above) from Cambridge, Neb., talked to a group of people. At the Bohemian Hall, Jim Buchholz, Arian Arnold, Jan Bainter and Rob McFee (right) put on a melodrama for a packed house Saturday afternoon. Kay Marcuson (below) and another volunteer sat in the kitchen in the museum.



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