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Flag Butte - Dist. #18

Country School Legacy: Humanities on the Frontier

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COUNTRY SCHOOL LEGACY:

Humanities on the Frontier

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HISTORIC SITE FORM

State Nebraska County Dawes

Location (in miles & direction from nearest town) Four miles west
and eight miles south of Chadron, Nebraska

Is this the original location? No. Originally the building was one mile west

Name of building & origin of name Flag Butte School. School sits below a
landmark formation that pioneer members of the community placed a flag pole on
top of and annually raised a flag on July 4th. The local community
revived this tradition.

Name & number of the district Flag Butte. District 18 (district was reorgan-
ized in 1977 and part is now in Dist. 41 and part in Dist. 49)

Date built 1895 Years in use 81

Who built it? A contractor or the community? the community

Does it look like it came from a plan book or was it designed by
the community? probably designed by the community

1896: C. W. Jones (first teacher)

Names of former teachers: 1897: Gertrude Forwell, 1898: Mrs. M. E. Robinson,
1899: Lillian Manchester, 1900: Sola Younglove, 1902: Myrtle Manchester, 1903-
1904: Miss K. Lyons, 1904: Grace Fowler, 1905: Edna Hoevet, 1906: Alva Stumph
1908-9: Miss Ethel Forney, 1910: Miss Bessie Snow, 1911: Miss Stevenson,
1912: Myrtle Perry, 1913: Pearl Erickson, 1914: Mary Lemmons, 1915: Norma
McCullough, 1915: Ethel McEwen, 1916: Ruth Allen, 1917: Francis Breese
1918: Bernice Marchant, 1919: Albert L. Huber, 1920: Hazel Whitsel,

Names of former students (family names only):

1897: Devor, Goff, Johnson, Norton, Spracklen, Tobias
1934: Goodman, New, Grant, Norman, Carle, Lecher
1944: Hallsted, Smith, Runyan, Goff
1954: Hawthorne, Hallsted, Goff, Sternhagen, Smith
1960: Goff, Kneuppel, Runyan, Smith, Sternhagen, Clark
1965: Goff, Thompson, Smith
1971: Smith, Goff

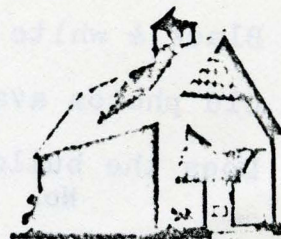
Name & address of person in charge of building:

Flag Butte Community Center, Inc.

c/o Bobbie Goff

Star Route 1, Chadron, Nebraska 69337

Who is the owner? Flag Butte Community Center, Inc.



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Architectural Features:

Size of building 18' x 34' plus a small porch or cloakroomNumber of Windows (four pane, six pane, etc.) four (four pane) on south side
Originally there were four on north side but they were closed to save energy.Number of doors (entrances) two (one constructed very recently)Number of classrooms oneBell tower or cupola noMaterials used (wood, brick, stone, etc.) wood (now sided with
sheet rock type of material)Type of roof asphalt shinglesOuthouses twoPlayground Equipment noColor of building & trim whiteCoal shed or stable stable is still there, coal shed is goneTeacherage noFlagpole yes

Other architectural features: Building has a porch, however this was added--not part of original design. Because the school was in use until recently, the building has been improved: floor was covered with linoleum, some storage space was built.

Anything left inside?

a few desks, recitation benches, teacher's desk, blackboards, cupboards, shelves.

Narrative Information: Did any special events happen at the school? What stories do people remember?

The school was site of community dances, box suppers, pie socials, and an annual Thanksgiving dinner for the community for many years.

Current condition & use: Good condition. The community has formed a corporation to preserve the school and holds a July 4th breakfast and flag raising ceremony on Flag Butte. In the fall the Farmer's Market is held to raise money to pay corporation expenses. This is very popular and draws many people.

District records available: yes x no where stored Dawes Co. Supt.
and Theodore Goff

Black & white photo taken: yes x no Old photos available: yes x no

Does the building have any state or national historic designation?
No.

Name & address of surveyor Sandra K. Scofield date 10/31/80