

CHOTEAU ACANTHA

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Ben Mays on guitar, Tom Bledsoe on banjo, Rema Keen and Kim Cole, members of the Roadside Theater group, entertained residents and visitors at Skyline Lodge last week.

Roadside Theater: singing songs, spinning tales, weaving history

The Roadside Theater company, from Appalachia Kentucky and Virginia, did a week-long residency in Choteau, working with students at Choteau and Bynum elementary schools and community members to draw out the stories of the community.

Choteau seventh and eighth grade students performed stories told to them by their parents and grandparents on Sunday as curtain raisers for Roadside Theater's production of "Pretty Polly." The group's tour in

Choteau was sponsored by the Choteau Performing Arts League. PAL Vice President Ralph Paulus said about 155 people turned out for "Pretty Polly," the best turnout of any 1992-93 PAL event. The theater company left Monday for Havre, where they will work on the same type of program at Northern Montana College, Paulus said. He said the group's producer counted the experience in Choteau as one of their most successful residencies so far.