

School kids to enroll

Summer activities are coming to an end and it is time to think about school.

Cheylin students will enroll for the new year on Tuesday and Wednesday at the high school library in Bird City. Times will be from 2 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday and from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 3 p.m. on Wednesday.

Preschool students, kindergarten students and new students will need to have their certified birth certificates, immunization record and current health assessment when

they register.

The first day of school will be Wednesday, Aug. 18 at 8:15 a.m. and will be dismissed at 4:15 p.m. Kindergarten students will attend school on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. however, the first two weeks of school will find kindergarteners dismissed at 12:15. Preschool children will attend school from 8:15 to 11:30 a.m.

For more information, contact school staff at 734-2341 or 734-2351.

Primary election results published

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The primary election was held Tuesday and there was a good turnout in the Cheyenne County polls. Terry Miller, clerk, reported 43 percent voted in the county.

There were two local candidates running. Ernie Ketzner, Democrat, was running unopposed for commissioner in the 1st District. Ward Cassidy, Republican, was running against incumbent John Faber for state representative of the 120th District.

The 120th includes the counties of Cheyenne, Rawlins, Decatur, Norton and Phillips. Mr. Cassidy won the primary, 2,369 to 1,877. In Cheyenne County, the vote was Cassidy, 450; Faber, 295; in Rawlins County, Cassidy, 468; Faber, 410; Decatur County, Cassidy, 298; Faber, 244 (Decatur was still counting advanced votes); Norton County, Cassidy, 580; Faber, 412; and Phillips County, Cassidy, 573; Faber, 516. Robert Strevey, Democrat, had a total of 363 votes.

"I'm thrilled to think that I won and without a lot of money," Ward Cassidy said. I've said it before and I'm saying it now, I'm going to fight hard for the 120th and stand up for Northwest Kansas.

I'm going to start tomorrow working toward the general election. I need to raise some money. I have a whole list of issues I will be studying so when I walk into the Capitol, I will be prepared.

I couldn't have won without the support and votes of the people, he said. And, I hope those who didn't vote for me in the primary will vote for me in the general election.

Mr. Faber said that he had always said if Ward wins I would support him and that's the way it stands.

Other county results included:

U.S. Senator

Robert Conroy (D) - 7
David Haley (D) - 2
Lisa Johnston (D) - 18
Tom Little (R) - 35
Robert Londerholm (R) - 5
Jerry Moran (R) - 495
Charles Schollenberger (D) - 10
Tod Tiaht (R) - 192
Patrick Wiesner (D) - 12

U.S. Representative, 1st Dist.

Jim Barnett (R) - 133
Sue Boldra (R) - 65
Marck Cobb (R) - 6
Tim Huelskamp (R) - 433
Alan Jilka (D) - 44
Tracey Mann (R) - 80
Rob Wasinger (R) - 25

Governor/Lieutenant Governor

Heffington/Holick (R) - 104
Brownback/JColyer (R) - 609
Holland/Kultala (D) - 47

Secretary of State

Chris Biggs (D) - 39
J.R. Claeys (R) - 224
Elizabeth Ensley (R) - 94
Kris Kobach (R) - 295
Chris Steineger (D) - 11

Attorney General

Ralph DeZago (R) - 194
Derek Schmidt (R) - 366
Steve Six (D) - 45

State Treasurer

Ron Estes (R) - 532
Denis McKinney (D) - 50

Commissioner of Insurance

David Powell (R) - 249
Sandy Praeger (R) - 381

State Board of Education

Sally Cauble (R) - 515

Commissioner 1st District

Ernie Ketzner (D) - 9

2010 Queen named at show

The 2010 Tri-State Engine and Thresher Show Queen was named on Thursday at the thresher grounds in Bird City. Kathleen Faber Smith O'Neal, daughter of John and Artie Smith Faber, was honored with the title.

Each year residents are given clues to the queen's identity in the Bird City Times prior to the crowning, so the announcement is a surprise to some but not to others.

Hal Sager had the honor of introducing the queen and giving a brief synopsis of her history with the thresher show.

Kathleen was born at the family home near Campbell, Neb. When she was about 3 years old she, her parents and her older brother Jack Faber moved to a farm in rural Rawlins County owned by Artie's relatives.

Kathleen attended school at Pleasant View District 56, in Rawlins County, through the eighth grade. Then she attended high school in Colby. Much of that time she boarded with the Irving and Minnie Belle Imhoff family.

After high school she married and remained in Colby. She is mother to: Mike Smith, Nancy Arendt, LJ O'Neal, Heidi Haffner, and John O'Neal. She has eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Kathleen's dad, John Faber, participated in the show when it first began on the Kite farm. His Townsend tractor has been

recognized for never missing a show. It is now shown by her nephew Johnny Faber and his family.

Kathleen first brought her youngest son John B, to the show more than 30 years ago. She sold Watkins products in the Number One building while John became one of Gerald Wright's engine boys. The blacker John could get, the happier he was. Kathleen never seemed to mind having all that coal dust in their little camper. As John's enthusiasm grew, more of her family became involved.

After John's death in 1996, his brothers acquired the 1908 Nichols and Shepard Steam Engine. It was restored by her sons, LJ O'Neal and the late Mike Smith. Their children Matt Smith of Tonganoxie, Marcy Smith Neff of Alva, Okla., and Lacy O'Neal of Colby are involved in operating it.

Kathleen says the harvest time she remembers didn't involve anyone dressed very fancy. The women worked hard and provided meals to the men and the harvest help. They had hired men who came from Texas who would sleep on a straw mattress and shower in the wash house... if the wind blew enough to run the windmill to fill the tank.

"I'm sorry if you thought of a Thresher Queen as someone all duded up fancy," said the new queen.

Queen Kathleen gave the



THE BIG STEAM Engines entertain the crowd during the Antique Engine and Thresher Show.

Times staff photo by Norma Martinez

Thresher show draws good crowd

The 2010 Antique Engine Thresher show was a big success. This years attendance was up from last years, some came from as far as Ala., Calif., Iowa, and Okla. Many of them were former residents from the area have returned for many years and very enthusiastic in spite of the heat.

The 1922 Holt Columbine

that hasn't run for the last two years, was up and running in the parade. Many Steam engines were fired up and letting off smoke as they paraded and gave the youngsters rides. The children had lots of excitement as they played Tug-o-war with the Small Steam Engine. Many brought their pet turtles for the

Turtle Races. In the Old School House, had fun learning how to build Teepees, and enjoyed eating watermelon.

The steam engines, tractors, and caterpillar, were all up and running well for the Antique Tractor Pull. Only one broke down when he ran out of gas.

The Barbecue hosted by the

McDonald Lions Club was a sellout, as well as the taco salad dinner hosted by the Community Club Friday Nite club.

Sunday church service was a packed service. Services were conducted by Will McCartney from the Farmdale Baptist Church in Louisville Ky.

Amatuer variety show scheduled for Friday night

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New entertainment at this year's Cheyenne County Fair is the Amateur Variety Show starting at 8 p.m. on Friday in front of the grandstand.

It will be an evening filled with music and dancing and includes individuals and groups ranging from 8 to 88 years of age.

The entertainment is a joint effort between the fair board and the St. Francis Music Club with Ruth Milliken taking the lead. At first, it looked like there were not going to be many entries but as the time for the show grew closer, the entries started coming in.

We have 15 entries, Mrs. Milliken said. Entries range from air bands, rock bands, dancers, guitar solos, singers, group singers.... the list just keep on going.

The first prize winner(s) will receive \$150; second place, \$100; and third place, \$50.

However, Mrs. Milliken said, everyone will be a winner as those participating will receive tickets for rides and games on the Amusement Authority.

The judges for the evening

are Bruce Weiland, Longmont, Colo., Greg Haligan and Ramona Cramer, both from Burlington. Matt and Mila Bandel will be announcing the numbers.

While the judges are making their decisions, the St. Francis Community Chorus, under the direction of Neala Carmichael, will be entertaining with four numbers: a medley of "Blowin' In The Wind" and "America," "Soon Very Soon," and "You're a Grand Ole Flag." The chorus has faithfully practiced every Sunday afternoon and will be well worth waiting to hear.

The fair board members have been talking about getting the stage ready for the performers for several months but waited until this week to really get down to remodeling it. Mrs. Milliken said she had a call from Jared Douthit on Monday and he said there will be a stage for the performers.

"This will be a fun show," Mrs. Milliken said. "I have been really pleased with the cooperative effort of the fair board, Music Club and the talented people. And the fair board is hoping to see a great deal of local support for this local talent show."



Kathleen Faber Smith O'Neal, daughter of John and Artie Smith Faber, was named Queen.

"I really didn't do much of these things because I was one of the kids," she said.

"Thank you for the honor given to me to share what a queen really is like.

"God bless and keep you all." She ended by saying "I wave this dish towel, the signal used to say, the food is ready, or you need to come to the house."