



LARRY FIKAN OF ATWOOD hooks up an old piece of equipment to be towed out of storage. Mr. Fikan is one of many volunteers working to get the Thresher show ready.

Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

Show begins on Thursday

By Karen Krien

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The Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher show begins today (Thursday) at the thresher show grounds. The show will wind down Sunday with church services at 9 and 9:30 a.m. at the old church on the show grounds. Barb Beougher, lay minister, is the speaker.

Today through Saturday will find the antique steam engines in action, threshing, plowing, corn shelling and wood sawing. The parade of cars and tractors will be held each day at 1:15 p.m. Earlier, the parade of old machinery and early-day harvest equipment is held at 10:45.

The new Thresher Queen's identity will be revealed and crowned. The 2006 Thresher Queen, Agnes Burk, will retire and her doll will be displayed with the other former queen dolls. The princess, Holly Keller, will be on hand throughout the show to throw in the first bundle of wheat to be threshed.

The old-fashioned literary will be held at 7 p.m. tonight in the country schoolhouse. Everyone is encouraged to bring poems and stories to share.

On Friday, the Highway 385 Band will be entertaining at 7 p.m. The McDonald Lions Club barbecue will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Saturday. The antique tractor pull will start at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Activities

The new activity this year is kite flying. Each day at 2:30 p.m., everyone, young and old, is encouraged to bring their kite to the grounds. There should be some great kite flying.

There are numerous other activities for the kids and adults. The kid's favorite is the tug-o'-war which starts at 1 p.m.

Visit the buildings

The Thresher show grounds has numerous buildings fill with interesting items from the past. Building Three has antique farm machinery; Building Seven is the car museum; Building Nine is the blacksmith show; The creamery is located in Building 10; Building 11 is the Bacon steam engine building; Building 12 holds the quilt display and printing press; and Building 14 is the Dorsch/Sawyer tractor museum.

New structures added to the grounds this year are the Brubaker and Wilkens buildings. People will want to be sure and check out the contents.

One of the buildings which offers lots of history and demonstrations is the Eggers Building. It is filled with historical crafts, early-day pioneer

Who is the Queen?

This year's Thresher Queen will be crowned at the Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher show at noon on Thursday, July 26, on the grounds. The Thresher Show will start on Wednesday and end Sunday.

The Thresher Queen is always a secret revealed at the crowning. This year's queen was born and raised in the surrounding area in 1925.

The queen's mother raised lots of turkeys, that is what they used to control grasshoppers. Her dad would spend several hours in the evenings telling stories about her grandpa.

"Grandpa drove the stagecoach from Independence, Mo., to Salt

rooms and exhibits. The caboose sits beside the building.

Dorothy Mast, Bird City, will demonstrate how to develop a memory book journal on Saturday at 10:30 a.m. Barbara Smith, Bird City, will be working in the beauty shop but, as of Tuesday, the times of the demonstrations were not known.

Swap meet

There will be a swap meet each day from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the east side of the grounds.

The new co-presidents, Clayton and Lori Janicke, have been working with the many volunteers who make the Thresher show a success each year.

For more information, contact the Janickes at 785-734-2667; or Ken Beougher, 785-734-2555.



Lake City, she said. "He didn't get married until after he retired from driving."

She said he was quite old before her dad was born which was in 1895.

All of the kids had their little jobs. Still, her parents took out time for a Sunday picnic with lots of fun and games.

"We had fun riding horses and we always went to church," she said. "Mother made sure we all learned to cook and do household jobs."

She remember the hard winters when snow was so deep it was hard to get around. Many times a blizzard would blow in quickly and her dad would hitch up his team and wagon with a tarp on top to come to get the kids at school which was only a mile from home.

"Guess this is all for now. So guess who I am," the mystery queen said.

Barbecue has different chefs

The Cheyenne County Fair barbecue will be held again this year on Saturday, Aug. 4. The change this year has the barbecue being prepared and served by the members of the Knights of Columbus from Bird City and St. Francis. Held before the demolition derby, the serving will be from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

The all-you-can-eat menu will include a barbecued beef sandwich, baked beans, potato chips and iced tea. Farm Credit will be serving watermelon with the meal.

Mike Antholz, Knights member,

said, with the help of the McDonald Lions Club, the meat will be prepared using a different recipe than in past years.

A free-will offering with a suggested donation of \$5 per person will be collected. Proceeds will be used by the Knights for community projects in both Bird City and St. Francis.

Last year, the Knights helped victims of the Bird City tornado and helped fund Jacob Riedel's Eagle Scout project. Mr. Antholz said the members are currently discussing a

possible scholarship for a needy student.

"We encourage everyone to attend the barbecue and help make an impact on Cheyenne County," Mr. Antholz said.

He also noted that many of the businesses have helped support the Knight's barbecue. Not able to come to the barbecue or would like to make an additional donation? Send to Knights of Columbus, in care of Mike Antholz, P.O. Box 852, St. Francis, 67756.

Fair parade getting close, this year is 'all about fun'

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The parade is only days away but there is still time to create a float! Those not wanting to build a float can have another entry. Ride a decorated bike. Dress like a clown and walk. Saddle up a horse. Or, dust off the antique vehicle in the shed.

"Every entry makes the parade bigger and better and, most of all, more fun," said Carla Lampe, Chamber member and one of the coordinators for the parade.

The Cheyenne County Fair Pa-

rade, set for Saturday, Aug. 4, in St. Francis will have the theme, "Winds of Change."

The parade is fun to be a part of or just fun to stand on the curb, watch the floats and see children running to pick up candy, Mrs. Lampe said.

Coordinated by the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce, the winning floats will be determined by three local judges. Criteria for judging floats include: 1) Unique theme creation; 2) creative use of material; and 3) originality.

There is a grand champion

overall winner and three divisions: Family; Organization/Church; and Commercial.

Every individual, family, business and organization is encouraged to make a float.

The cheerleaders and pom squads will be performing along with the Once Again Band and the St. Francis Singers.

The parade marshal will lead the parade. Look for the article about the 2007 marshal in next week's newspapers.

The parade is just weeks away but plenty of time to get a float ready to go. There is no pre-registration — just show up before the parade at the high school in St. Francis. The map showing the line up for divisions will be printed in the newspaper closer to Aug. 4.

For additional information, contact Mrs. Lampe at 785-332-2145 or Gloria Bracelin, Chamber secretary, at 785-332-2961.

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Karen and Alan Wright of Kingman were Thursday through Sunday visitors and helpers of LaVera Beringer.

Sylvia Queen was a Tuesday visitor of LaVera.



Kids rodeo action set for Wednesday

The Little Kids rodeo will be held on Wednesday evening of the fair. Back by popular demand is the white pony "Freddy" for the kids to sit on and get their picture taken!

Registration and pictures will all begin at 6 p.m. and the kids rodeo will start at 6:30 p.m. This year's events include the stick horse barrel race, flag race and goat tail untying. Those wanting to swing a rope can practice at the steer-head dummies.

Parents need to accompany their kids to get pictures taken because there is a fee for a 4- by 6-inch picture. The pictures will

be available on Saturday afternoon in the fair board office on the fair grounds.

Following the kids events, the Mutton Bustin' will take place for those kids who weigh 70 pounds or less and want to try riding a sheep.

The Catch-it-Pig contest will take place in front of the grandstand at 7:45 p.m. Then the adult Ranch Rodeo will begin at 8 p.m. Teams are still needed for this contest and people can contact Gary Cooper, 332-2904, if interested.

— Odd Facts —

- The mask used by Michael Myers in the original "Halloween" was actually a Captain Kirk mask painted white.
- Snails can sleep for 3 years without eating.
- Actor Tommy Lee Jones and vice-president Al Gore were freshman roommates at Harvard.
- The fingerprints of Koala bears are virtually indistinguishable from those of humans, so much so that they could be confused at a crime scene.

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