

Many activities planned for show

The Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show is coming up on Thursday, July 31, lasting until Saturday, Aug. 2. There will be many activities held during the four days but one of the highlights is the announcement of the Thresher Queen, which is kept a secret until Thursday of the show.

The 2008 Thresher Queen moved to Cheyenne County when she was 6 months old. She speaks of the following memories:

"The area had large areas of native grass," she said. "Six of our near neighbor's homes were sod houses."

The Queen and her family lived a long distance from town in those days. However, a post office and cream station were in a joining county. A nearby country school and church were incentives to settle here.

"We had more than one trail road and sometimes crossed a neighbor's prairie land to get to town in our Model-T Ford car,"

she said. "There was considerable open range with no fences."

Workhorses, cattle, hogs and chickens helped provide income for the family. She remembers helping her mother raise 300 chickens a year. They were hatched under settin' hens, not in an incubator.

She remembers sod being broken with a horse and plow, a steam engine and oil-pull tractor and plow.

"I remember the thresher machines with their headers and horses with harnesses," she said. "Kinfolk came to visit and see the action. With 21 people in our home, my aunt baked bread daily."

At threshing time, the cooks in cook shacks came to the family home to buy milk, cream and eggs. A neighbor, who lived 5 miles away, moved a cook shack across the road from their home to live in while he broke a large field of sod to farm, and it sat



2008 Thresher Queen

there several years.

The cook shack had a large block cook stove in the north end and glass windows in the kitchen area. There were only screens with fold down shutters or shades the length of the side. There were fold-down tables and benches on each side of cook shack with an aisle in middle and washstand on small porch at south end.

Can you guess who the Thresher Queen is? Look for more of her story in the coming weeks.

Beecher Island News

By Bessie Dent



There were 66 at Sunday school. Jacque Ekberg had the special number and Perry Allen gave his birthday offering

Mr. and Mrs. Al Lewis of Grand Junction came Saturday to spend a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Strangways. Mr. and Mrs. Roger Wieser joined them for Sunday dinner to help Bill

celebrate his birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Osmus met Andy Osmus in Denver at Denver International Airport Tuesday. All were guests of Matt and Molly Osmus. Mr. and Mrs. Tempy Bowman and family joined them Friday evening and Saturday for swimming and "hanging out." All returned home Sunday.

Food program looking for new coordinator

Prairie Land Food is seeking someone to sponsor the program in St. Francis. July will be the final opportunity to order unless another organization or person steps forward to continue the program that provides quality meats, fruits and vegetables at a nominal price with the volunteer service that benefits the community.

Anyone interested may contact Lee Nichols, 785-332-3581 for further information about how the program operates. If the program ceases locally, orders may be placed by phone, internet online or through the Goodland site. Products would have to be picked up in Goodland.

The increasing cost of gas makes this program even more beneficial to the community. It is not government financed and so there are no income guidelines. The primary requirement is volunteer service to benefit individuals or the community. The organization is non-profit and so orders for others can be made and the contribution is tax deductible.

The July deadline for ordering is Monday, July 14. Food pick-up day is from 12:30 to 1 p.m. on Saturday, July 26 at the First Baptist Church.

The July products are Corn King sliced turkey breast, sweet Italian sausage, Tyson chicken breast tenders, flame broiled meatballs, boneless pork tenderloins, tray pak chicken drums, plus six to eight different items, fresh fruits and vegetables.

Meat only packages and fruit and veggie packages are also available.

July specials include Shrimp, Pizza Party III and The Little Griller.

No information's available

Over the weekend, there was activity which involved law officers. However, no information was available for the newspaper. Hopefully, there will be details for next week's paper.

— Karen Krien, publisher

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Serviceman's address
 Those friends or neighbors wishing to write to Tim Gohl should address correspondence to him as follows:
 Gohl, Timothy J. SPC 3175 MP Co. KFOR10
 TF Guardian
 Camp Bondsteel
 APO AE 09340

Death notice
 Natalie Bursch died on June 29. Cards will reach her husband, Royce and family at 3480 Rd 18, Campo, CO 81029.

Woman is 102 years old
 Anna Brewer, St. Francis, will be 102 years old on July 12. Her children will be holding an open house in honor of her on Saturday, July 12, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the St. Francis Senior Center, 322 W. Washington. Those unable to attend can send her cards at 624 E. 4th Street, St. Francis, KS 67756.

90th birthday
 Arrilla Zimbelman is turning 90. She is coming home to celebrate her birthday and would like to see all of her friends and relatives.

Arrilla's children welcome everyone to an open house at 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 12, at the United Methodist Church, 512 S. Scott in St. Francis.

No gifts please.

Hospitalized
 Scott "Hoagie" Carmichael has been moved from the hospital to a rehabilitation facility to begin physical therapy. Rob Schiltz, superintendent, on Indian News, reported that, as of Sunday, Mr. Carmichael was doing better and is anxious to come home. The family reports that he is gaining slowly but steadily however, they ask that visits be limited and short. He is unable to receive phone calls, but cards will reach Scott at Colorado Acute Hospital, 1601 No. Lowell Blvd., Room 319, Denver, CO 80204.

Mr. Schiltz said he will keep updates, as known, of Scott's progress on Indian News, 332-8111.

Football camp
 It's time for football camp for boys entering the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh grade! It will be instructed by Tim Lambert and sponsored by the St. Francis Recreation Commission.

Equipment check-out will be Saturday, July 26, from 8 to 10 a.m. at the St. Francis Community High School. The camp dates are Monday, July 28, through, Saturday, Aug. 2, from 8 to 9:30 a.m.

Questions can be directed to Mr. Lambert at 785-332-3237. There will be a fee.

Fair board meeting changed
 The July meeting of the Cheyenne County Fair Board will be held at 8 p.m. on July 17 instead of the date announced earlier.

Pressure lid testing

Weather			
Date	High	Low	Prec.
July 1	101	65	
July 2	91	56	2.04
July 3	80	57	
July 4	94	52	
July 5	101	71	
July 6	94	56	.22
July 7	86	57	.06

Bulletin Board

There will be pressure lid testing at the Cheyenne County Extension Office from Monday, July 14, through Friday, July 25. The number for the Extension office is (785) 332-3171.

New members for Job's Daughters
 Those interested in joining Job's Daughters are welcome to attend a bowling party at Cheyenne Bowl on Tuesday, July 15, from 5 to 7 p.m.

For more information, contact Kristi Guthmiller at 785-332-2448.

Commissioners
 The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. Tuesday, July 15, in the commissioner's room at the courthouse.

AARP
 The AARP Fourth of July potluck will be at 6 p.m. tonight (Thursday), at the senior center. Meat and drink will be provided.

Carnival volunteers
 Volunteers needed to help with carnival cleanup and painting before the fair. Meet with others at the fairgrounds each Thursday at 7 p.m.

Volunteers are also needed to help with games and rides during the fair, Aug. 6-9. Get your name on the list by calling DeEtta Knorr, 785-332-2551.

Board of Education
 The regular meeting of the St. Francis Board of Education is set for 8 p.m. tonight (Thursday) in the high school library.

Veterans Affairs
 Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, will be in St. Francis at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, July 17, at the county clerk's office. People may also contact the Veteran's Affairs office in Colby any Monday, Wednesday, or Friday at 785-462-3572.

Area group works to bring together local candidates

By Casey McCormick
 scmcormick@nwkanas.com
 Members of a local community leadership group are organizing an event which will bring candidates for the upcoming election together. The meeting will be held on Monday, July 28, at the St. Francis Community High School Auditorium.

About 50 members make up the community builders, a grassroots organization, that has been growing over the last two years. Members have participated in the six-week leadership class that has been developed by Kansas Health Foundation.

At a recent alumni gathering the group decided to put together an

event which would allow the local people running for office to gather with the community.

Different models are being studied for the format which will work best for this area.

The event will include candidates for the contested positions for county treasurer, sheriff and district judge for the Aug. 5 primary. Also any write-in candidates and unopposed officials will be present.

For more information contact Tom Keller (785-332-2145) or Clay Zimbelman (785-332-3219). Watch *The St. Francis Herald* and *Bird City Times* for news on the event.

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Larry Beringer was an overnight guest of LaVera Beringer on Sunday, June 29. Sylvia Queen was a Tuesday visitor.

Leigh Legere and son Miles of Overland Park were Thursday and Friday overnight guests of Betty Jean Winston.

Betty Jean Winston and Doris Stuhmiller of Denver attended a baby shower for their granddaughter, Vickie Kern in Wichita on Sunday, June 29. They spent Saturday night in Ellsworth with the Dan Winston family.

Happy 60th Birthday, Sue Ella.
 Love your family

SHOWTIME: 8:00 p.m. 1 hr. 50 min.

Get Smart
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