



THE THRESHER SHOW is ran by many volunteers, young and old. David Burns, left, and ElsaCraig Burr knew what they were doing as they ran the Holt combine.

Show draws many despite hot temperatures

By Norma Martinez

normamartinez@wildblue.net The heat held out for the 58th Antique Engine and Thresher Show on Thursday until around from Ukrainia as coming from 4 in the afternoon, then the the farthest; the couple married heavy rain and hail hit. Things the longest was Lucille and were winding down at the time, Maynard Wright at 72 years, and but everyone was drenched the person who lived in a sod scurrying around to get things covered up and put away. After the storm, the temperatures and Don Helton from Pueblo, cooled things down about 10 degrees for Friday.

was when the outgoing queen, grandson, Lloyd Stover, to the had 15 turtles with numbers on Kathleen O'Neal, relinquished thresher show for the past 13 their backs for the children to her doll to Bonnie Burr for years. "He likes to drive the race. During the summer they

Elisa Haack as the youngest girl; 2-year-old Jamison Haack as the youngest boy; Oksana Arkhulik house was Mary Dorsch.

Waiting in the crowd was Pat Colo. Vivian Reade Lanham, her grandmother, was queen in and Derek Vandike entertained First main event for the show 1987. They had brought their the kids with turtle races. They

as the oldest women; 2-year-old Adams, Nathan Sowers, Cory Andrews and Ellie Sowers.

> Norma Garretson from Smith Center, and Donna Garretson from McCook, were on their way back from the cool Colorado mountains and stopped to check things out. They were sitting on a tractor trying to keep cool and adjusting from the cold mountain temps in Taylor Lake, Colo.

During lunch time and between events Jacob Brubaker

helped out in this booth were said "for emergencies."

The "Klepper Connection" served the best lemonade in town. Serving lemonade and cherry limeades, they have never raised the prices from \$1 since 1974.

Anita and Julie Wilkins started dressed in long dresses. Julia now Tristan Archer, and Ruben Razo. out selling Water Weenies at the owns the Parkhill Restaurant in Jane Brubaker was there as she Thresher Shows. These were Atwood. handmade water guns made out of tin. Kids loved them, but they married and have grandchildren. had to quit selling them after the Their children and grandchildren kids started getting into trouble come every year and help run getting the ladies' long dresses the stand as a three-generation wet. Back then most all of them business.

These two girls are now

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displaying in Building 8 with tractor and getting dirty," she exited.

After Queen O'Neil left, folks the queen was. Bev Higgins thought she had figured it out, but when they showed the queen parade. with another girl that threw her, thinking she was the new queen's sister, and Vonetta was an only child. The added girl born in Atwood. I was a city girl was Vonetta's cousin.

and Norman Dorsch introduced and changed my mind. Vernetta Haack as the 2011 Thresher Queen.

the past queen dolls, and saying said. "For years, he has saved "We'll see you around," as she the money he earned doing odd jobs. This year he was only a couple hundred dollars short, so were still trying to guess who his parents helped him out and he bought a 1941 John Deere tractor and was driving it in the

Frieda Black has lived 2.5 miles north of McDonald since lots of grass in the tank." she was 1-years-old, but was at heart, she said, and was not The secret was finally out at going to live in the country, but 1:15 when the fire truck came someone (Harvey) stole my heart

The Thresher Princess, Kaitlyn Figgins from St. Francis, was After Mrs. Haack gave her waiting for Gerald Wright to burritos, and beverages. All speech she gave out gifts to hook up his steam engine to proceeds from this booth went to 85-year-old Maynard Wright for the thresher so she can throw being the oldest man present; in the first bundle of wheat. Frieda Black from McDonald, Entertaining her were Middall 2011-2012. Other members who

collected them from north of Atwood, one was found in a Bird City yard, but most of them were found by Rob and Susan Jensen. The boys kept them in a big cattle tank until time for the show. Jacob assured everyone they were not abused, by saying,

"It might sound like cruelty, but they were fed very well, and had

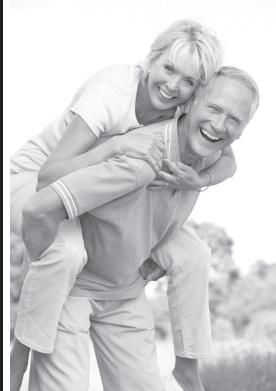
On Thursday Jacob and Darek held three races. Those who selected the winning turtles were Blaine Burns, Derek Vandike and Justin Michaels.

Jacob was a busy boy, as he also worked in the Golf Club booth selling, cinnamon rolls, breakfast help pay the Cheylin Golf Club expenses for this coming year



THRESHER PRINCESS, Kaitlin Figgins, threw the first wheat bundle into the thresher Herald staff photos by Norma Martinez each morning of the show.

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