

Thresher show begins this week

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The Thresher show grounds have been showing a lot of activity since last week getting everything lined up and cleaned up for the 61st Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show this week.

Norm Dorsch and Ken Beougher, and several other volunteer workers, have been emptying the buildings of tractors and antique harvesting equipment and lining them up around the grounds for show. Once the buildings are cleared out, Rod Klepper and Willy Martinez are cleaning dust and dirt from the floors.

Last week and this week, Gerald Wright and his crew were at the show grounds playing in the grease and soot, getting the steam engines cleaned, tuned up and caliber tested. This is play time for Gerald, as he takes his vacation every year to work on the steam engines.

Gerald's workers from the past years are grown up and moving on to other areas of interest, making him short of help. On Monday Stan Wamhoff was working on his scale Russell steam engine for the kids to ride on. Gerald and Don Wright were working on the steam engines that will be lined up and driven in the parade each day. The steamers that will be ready to go are: the Rumley,

Advance Rumley, Avery Undermount Case 50 horse power, Case 65 horse power, Payton Russell and Gerald's Case 65.

Bonnie Burr's great nephew, Lloyd Stover, is the only trained youth worker returning for his fourth year to help with the steam engines. Connor and Harley McPherson are Gerald Wright's only youngsters in training for their first year. They were making fun out of cleaning up the grease spots on the Steam Engine Buildings floor on Monday. Being told by the former trainees the object of working on the steam engines is to see who can get the blackest, they couldn't quite understand why their mother told them they had to scrub themselves clean every evening just to get covered with soot and grease again the next day.

Workers are busy working on the new Wright Building. It will not be complete with the air-conditioning and whittler's porch for this year's show due to the rain and wind last month, but the walls and roof will at least be complete to provide a shady area.

The cooler weather, in the upper 60s-80s, made it easier for the workers to work and the predictions are for this type weather is to remain throughout the weekend. It should help to bring in a good crowd.



STAN WAMHOFF is working on his scale Russell steam engine to get ready for the Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show beginning this Thursday.
Herald staff photo by Norma Martinez

Thresher Schedule

Thursday July 31

- 10:00 Opening Ceremonies
- 10:15 Corn Shelling
- 10:45 Saw Mill Demonstration
- 11:15 Steam Engine demonstrations/races
- 12:30 Turtle races
- 1:00 Tug of War (Steam Engine vs. Kids)
- 1:15 Grand Introduction of Thresher Queen
- 1:45 Parade
- 2:45 Wheat Threshing
- 5:30 Meal at Legion Hall (Community Club)
- 6:00 Free concert: Heart City Heartwarmers

Friday Aug. 1

- 8:00 Tractor Convoy breakfast (Wheeler)
- 9:00 Tractor Convoy departs (Wheeler)
- 10:00 Opening Ceremonies
- 10:15 Corn Shelling
- 10:45 Saw Mill demonstration
- 11:15 Steam Engine demonstrations/races
- 1:00 Tug of War (Steam Engine vs. Kids)
- 1:15 Parade
- 2:15 Wheat harvesting/binding
- 2:45 Plowing
- 3:15 Wheat Threshing
- 3:45 Tractor Rodeo
- 5:00 Barbecue (Golf Team fundraiser)
- 6:30 Antique tractor pull
- 6:30 Kiddie pedal tractor pull
- 8 p.m. Steam Engine pull

Saturday Aug. 2

- 8:00 John Schaffner's Famous Chuck Wagon Breakfast
- Fun Run for all ages (1m, 2m and 5k courses)
- 10:00 Opening Ceremonies
- 10:15 Corn Shelling
- 10:45 Saw Mill demonstration
- 11:15 Steam Engine demonstrations/races
- 12:30 Turtle Races
- 1:00 Tug of War (Steam Engine vs. Kids)
- Horseshoe Tournament (Big Ed's)

- 1:15 Parade
- 2:00 Free Watermelon feed (Farm Credit)
- 2:15 Wheat binding
- 2:45 Wheat harvesting
- 3:15 Plowing
- 3:45 Wheat threshing
- 4:30 Lawn Tractor pull

Sunday Aug. 3

- 9:00 Country Church Service

Antique Engine & Thresher Show-July 31-Aug. 2

Sainty Sharks Swimmers compete



Members of the 2014 Sainty Sharks Swim Team are: Back row (l to r) - Cassie Cooks, Carter Matthies, Maggie Hingst, Avery Jensen, Makaila Matthies, Marci Workman, Cheyenne LaBarge, Breck Lohr, Matilynn Smull, Grace Landers; middle row: Emma Johnson, Kattie Wurm, Alexis Frink, Dawn Rice; front row: Cutter Neitzel, Allison Rice, Skye Feldman, Jace Landers, Jasper Hunt and Audrey Meyer.

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