

Thresher show starts Thursday



LARRY HENRY, left, makes the final adjustments on the Rumley plow as Tom Sawyer, Ken Beougher and Norm Dorsch look on.

Times staff photo by Peggy Horinek

Thresher Queen crowned at show

The 2002 Thresher Queen will be crowned on Thursday, the opening day of the Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show in Bird City. The crowning will take place on the showgrounds. Last year's queen, Meta Dankenbring will also be recognized at the show.

Looking at the picture of the queen when she was a girl, has anyone identified her?

This year's queen said that during her grade school years when she was ciphering with her fellow students, she would always get the answer first.

During the summer, she took piano lessons. She did not like to practice her lessons or learn how to embroidery. She loved the outdoors so would rather help her dad, play "Anti Over" with her dog, and jump rope.

One sport her family enjoyed was playing ball. They had just enough to make a ball team. They played by the grove of tall cottonwood trees.

Horseback riding was fun. They didn't have trim riding horses, but in stead, rode one of her dad's work horses. The one she was riding was wide and she couldn't get her legs around him. And, of course, they rode bareback.

High school journalism was one of her favorite subjects. After leaving the country school, freshmen were having a hard time adjusting to city students. They all knew each other and if you were shy it took awhile to get adjusted.

She attended high school, participating in drama club, girl's glee club, mixed chorus and was on the newspaper staff. A Ford coup was her mode of transportation.

She graduated as an A student. She worked for an insurance association and was active in her local church youth organization. She married and they enjoyed their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



2002 Thresher Queen

The identity of the Thresher Queen will be made known on July 24. Attend the show to see who she is and, while there, enjoy the many displays, demonstrations and the good food. For more information on the Thresher Show which lasts through July 28 at the showgrounds east of Bird City, see related article located elsewhere in this issue.

Sounds of steam engine whistles will be heard

By Peggy Horinek

The 49th Annual Antique Engine and Thresher Show will begin on Thursday, July 25, and run through Sunday, July 28. Spectators and residents will soon be hearing the sounds of the steam engine whistles.

It is always an experience to see the methods of farming and agriculture used by our forefathers, from the plowing, early harvest equipment to the threshing of grain. There are also steam engine races, the pyramid stunt and a daily parade of antique steam engines and tractors. Antique automobiles are also part of the daily parade.

Other attractions that you won't want to miss are: the Sod House, you'll be surprised at the coolness when you step inside the door; the Car Museum with beautifully restored cars, trucks, pickups, motor-

cycle, a gas pump, signs, and a license plate collection; the Print Shop which holds one of the last exhibits of a hot lead Linotype displayed in Kansas. Be sure to go by and watch it in action. In the Blacksmith Shop, it is fascinating to watch how pieces of iron and metal are formed. Other attractions are the Eggers Building with rooms of yesteryear and various demonstrations throughout the day; the Quilt Shop, Country Schoolhouse and the Country Church.

Thursday, the 2001 Thresher Queen, Meta Dankenbring will be recognized and the 2002 Thresher Queen will be revealed. The 2002 Thresher Princess, Cheyenne County Junior Miss, will be introduced.

On Wednesday evening at 6 p.m. a community potluck meal will be held with entertainment by "The Leftovers."

Schoolhouse activities

The Cheyenne County Historical Society will be presenting a historical story hour in the Country Schoolhouse each day during the Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. All ages are welcome and preschool children should be accompanied by an adult.

There will be a craft hour from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. They will be making an "In Times Past" quilt

An old-fashioned literary will be at the Country Schoolhouse at 7 p.m. on Thursday. The Antique Tractor Pull is on Friday evening at 6:30 p.m. Be sure to attend the McDonald Lions Club Barbecue on Saturday evening from 5

block wall decoration. Fabric scissors are required and all other material will be furnished. Adult youth, age 12 and over, are welcome to attend. Mothers and grandmothers are also invited.

Free passes will be extended only to children that enroll on a daily basis. Passes can be picked up at the schoolhouse. The craft teacher will be Dorothy Mast.

to 7 p.m. with special entertainment at 7 p.m. by Ann Zimmerman Eggers.

The Country Kitchen will be open each day with food prepared and served by the ecumenical churchwomen of Bird City.

Rumley plow pulled with steam or gas

By Peggy Horinek

The Rumley plow, patented in 1906, is an eight bottom breaking plow. It has undergone many hours of labor but is now ready for the 2002 Thresher Show. The plow was originally pulled with a steam or gas powered engine. It required a lot of power to be pulled.

Danny Crist of Quinter loaned the plow to the Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Association with the help of Tom Sawyer.

Norm Dorsch, Ken Beougher and Jim Wilkins tore the plow down and

brought it to Bird City. Norm, Ken, and Larry Henry worked long and hard to put it back together. After being put back together, Norm and Ken painted it.

The association tries to have something new each year. The officers of the association are: Ken Beougher, president; Al Kirmer, vice president; Ned and Deb Smith, secretaries; Stan Dorsch, treasurer; Norman Dorsch, Larry Henry, Wayne Sawyer, Gary Brubaker and Steve Buss, director.

Commissioners concerned about budget, set work day

By Karen Krien

The county's budget was discussed when the Cheyenne County Commissioners met Monday morning. The commissioners were concerned about the raise of around 9 mills in the budget but it was noted that the reasons for the raise were the hospital bond which accounted for 8 of the 9 mills and the noxious weed department.

Commissioner Tim Raile asked how the county got by without raising taxes, when they

had raised salaries and some department budgets and the valuation was down. It was pointed out that there was cash carryover which made the difference.

Jack Eldridge, county auditor, was concerned about the noxious weed department and suggested increasing the landfill fees. For the last three years, it has not been necessary to budget funds for the noxious weed department because the employment had been cut to half but now that fund was going to need some money.

The commissioners were concerned about raising landfill rates because it might discourage people from using the site for dumping. The auditor said that there was less money coming into the landfill and the commissioners figured that was probably due to the serious effort in recycling.

A budget work session was set for Wednesday and the commissioners will try to work out the details so the budget can be printed in August.

Commissioner Raile had been approached about local people purchasing the hospital bonds. He had visited with a commissioner from Colorado where the commissioners were able to reserve bonds to be sold to local buyers but Chuck Curfman, representative with Cooper Malone McClain, had said Kansas laws were different. If anyone is interested in purchasing the bonds, they should contact Mr. Curfman at 316-685-5777 for more information.

See BUDGET on Page 5

Commissioner roundup

At the meeting on July 15, the Cheyenne County Commissioners:

- Talked about the purchasing of laptop computers with 911 Funds for the St. Francis law enforcement. See Page 2

- Heard about the mitigation plans which the emergency manager will draw up. See Page 6.

Register to vote on or before July 22

All people who wish to vote in the primary election need to be sure they have registered on or before July 22, the day when the registration books close.

County election officer Terry Miller reported that the books will close at the end of the working day or at 5 p.m. and they will remain closed until Aug. 7, the day following the primary election.

Those wishing to register may do so at the county clerk's office in the courthouse or at the city clerk's office in St. Francis or, in Bird City, they can register at the First National Bank (formerly the Security State Bank).

A citizen of the United States who is 18 years or older or will be 18 before the election may register to vote. When a

voter has been registered according to law, his or her registration will continue to be valid until the voter changes their name by marriage, divorce or legal proceedings or moves.

People may apply in person or by mail to Mr. Miller to be registered. Application forms will be provided upon request. The applications shall be signed by the applicant under penalty of perjury.

Advanced voting

Advanced voting will begin on July 23 in the clerk's office at the courthouse. Those who know they are not going to be able to vote on Aug. 6 or would just like to make their mark early can do so in that office anywhere from July 23 to Aug. 5.

Weather

The weather in northwest Kansas continues to be hot, dry and windy with little prospect of rain on the horizon. Corn, milo and pastures are burning up. The cattle are being sold because there is little to feed them without buying feed. One farmer was heard to say that he had never seen anything like this weather -- that it was discouraging and frustrating.

Date	High	Low Prec.
July 10	93	70
July 11	86	62
July 12	85	56
July 13	88	51
July 14	91	57
July 15	93	63
July 16		62

60 grain producers meet in city

Interest shown in investing in area ethanol plant

By Karen Krien

About 60 interested grain producers met at the Legion hall in Bird City on Thursday to hear about the Western Plains Energy's proposed ethanol plant. Members of the board including Ken Krien, Bird City, talked about the different areas of the proposed plant and how participating producers could invest.

Western Plains Energy was formed in July 2001 to build and operate a 30-million gallon ethanol production facility. The plant will be located on 53 acres east of Oakley in Campus. The western Kansas site was selected because there was

enough grain, there was access to Ethanol and distilled grain markets, good transportation and available water, and natural gas and electricity.

Mr. Krien reported on the risks of investments in the plant which included: loss of inventory, cost of corn, loss of market for the distilled grains, water restrictions, unexpected conservation and environmental issues, the loss of markets for ethanol and operation costs, just to name some.

Ben Dickman of Grinnell, board member talked about the legal structuring of the plant and the classes of equity ownership. The ownership was available to producers in Kansas and Colorado only. In Class A, each unit cost \$5,000 and there was a minimum ownership of \$10,000. There would be no delivery

requirements and a freight allowance option. Class B units were \$5,000 and there was a minimum of seven units per investor. There were C and D Classes.

After the units are sold, there will no longer be any units sold unless they are bought from an individual owner. Financing is available and the board thought it was a good plan for investors.

A series of meetings were scheduled throughout the week. For more information, contact one of the board members: Jeff Torluemke, Hoxie, (president and chief executive officer); Dick Sterrett, Quinter (vice president and chief executive officer); Ben Dickman, Grinnell; Ron Blaesi, Sharon Springs; Dave Mann, Quinter; Brian Baalman, Hoxie; Gary Johnson, Oakley; Ken Krien, Bird City; and Bob Casper, Wichita.

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AUGUST 6, 2002

STATE OF KANSAS, CHEYENNE COUNTY, ss Office of the County Clerk, St. Francis as required by K.S.A. 25-209, notice is hereby given that there will be a primary election held in Cheyenne County, Kansas, August 6, 2002.

VOTING HOURS AND VOTING PLACES

The polls will be open from 7:00 A.M. until 7 P.M. at the several polling places in Cheyenne County, Kansas, to-wit: Benkelman Township-Basement of Courthouse; Bird City Township-Bird City American Legion Hall; Calhoun Township-Courthouse Basement; Cleveland Run Township-Basement of Courthouse; Jaqua Township-Basement of Courthouse; Orlando Township-Basement of Courthouse; Wano I Township-Peace Lutheran Church; Wano II Township-United Methodist Church.

FEDERAL OFFICE

United States Senate: Democratic: None; Republican: Tom Oyler, Pat Roberts
United States House of Representatives, 1st District: Democratic: None; Republican: Jerry Moran

STATE OFFICE

Governor/Lieutenant Governor: Democratic: Kathleen Sebelius/John Moore
Republican: Dave Bloom/Eric Bloom
Dave Kerr/Mary Birch
Bob Knight/Kent Glasscock
Tim Shallenburger/David Lindstrom

SECRETARY OF STATE

Democratic: David Haley
Republican: Ron Thornburgh

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Democratic: Chris Biggs
Republican: David Adkins
Phil Kline
Charles D. McAtee

STATE TREASURER

Democratic: Sally Finney
Republican: Lynn Jenkins
Dennis M. Wilson

COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE

Democratic: Jim Garner
Republican: David J. Powell
Sandy Praeger
Bryan Riley

STATE REPRESENTATIVE, 120th DISTRICT

Democratic: Bob Strevey
Republican: John M. Faber
Doug Sebelius

MEMBER, STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, 5th DISTRICT

Democratic: None
Republican: Connie Morris
I.B. Sonny Rundell

COUNTY OFFICE

COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 1:

Democratic: None
Republican: Sam Beeson
Jane C.W. Brubaker
Richard Bursch

PRECINCT COMMITTEEMEN AND COMMITTEEWOMEN

BIRD CITY Steven G. Carpenter, Bird City;
WANO II Rodney W. Shay, St. Francis

/s/ Terry Miller
Terry Miller
County Clerk/Election Officer

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Road and bridge report

Dave Flemming, road and bridge supervisor reporting on roads, stated that Mill and Seed had seeded the roadsides in an area. He also said that he had received a letter indicating he needed to obtain a permit for water rights when digging gravel pits and exposing ground water.

He told that there was a scraper on sale in South Dakota and he was considering making a bid for the equipment. The commissioners thought it would be wise to send a county mechanic to look at it before bidding on it.

Commissioner Ron Krien was still questioning the width of a county road west of St. Francis and the supervisor and commissioners discussed the slope of the ditches, noting that they shouldn't be too steep — that it was dangerous.

The commissioners also questioned if the supervisor knew who had loaned Riverside Recreation, St. Francis, the county water truck. The supervisor knew that it had been used and had not been refueled nor filled with water when it was returned. Gary Rogers, emergency manager and volunteer fireman, said that the truck was used sometimes to carry water to the fire sites and he knew that the watering system had broken down at Riverside.

Following a discussion on who, why and when county equipment should be loaned out, the commissioners agreed that if the equipment were loaned out, at least the supervisor should know as well as at least one of the commissioners.

In other business

In other business:
• Commissioner Raile noted that there are grants for cleaning up property including business and private.

• County Attorney Kevin Berens reported that charges had been filed in the destruction of some of the county road signs.

• Rita Koros, owner of Main Street Sweets, had written the commissioners offering the lot across the street for sale to them. After discussion, they agreed that, at this time, they were not interested in purchasing it.

• Commissioner Krien said that he was getting some materials to experiment patching the finish on the courthouse steps.

• The commissioners approved that Ranae Pilkington, road and bridge secretary, be allowed to attend a software training class.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the commissioners has been set for 8 a.m. on July 31 in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.



Fisher and Sanders

Couple announces date

Glen Allen Fisher and Theresa Ann Sanders will be married on Saturday, July 20 at the Grace Memorial Chapel on the Wichita State University campus, Wichita.

The bride is from Winfield. Her parents are the late Mary and Dale Sooter.

The groom grew up and worked in the McDonald area before moving to Winfield. His parents are the late Dale and Dorothy Fisher.

The couple will be living in Wichita where they both work at Wichita State University.

South of McDonald By Sandy Binning

Rose and Bob Bojarski of Aurora, Colo., were Sunday lunch guests of Lee and Pam Vyzourek. The Bojarskis were on their way home.

Leonard Vyzourek was a Sunday supper guest of Lee and Pam Vyzourek.

Fourth of July of company of Bethel and Lavern Goltl was their nephew, Matt Casa, who flew his homemade airplane from Orville, Calif.; and their son and his family, who flew in from Wichita, Matt and Marty Goltl, Jack and Sophie. They all flew home on Saturday.

Bethel and Lavern Goltl and their house guests were Fourth of July supper guests of Don and Sara Benda.

Elaine Johnson of Bird City was a Fourth of July afternoon caller at the

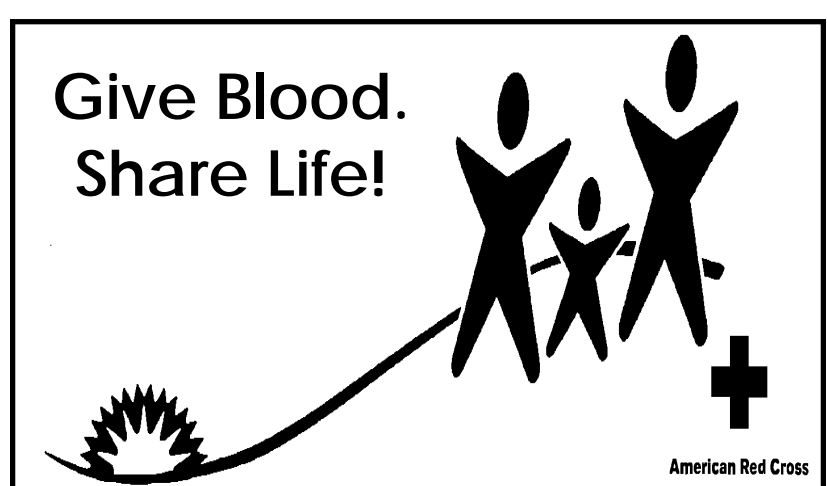
Lavern and Bethel Goltl home. Lavern and Bethel Goltl called on Lynn Officer on their return trip from Goodland Friday.

Loren White and his sons brought mulch out to Bethel and Lavern Goltl Sunday and they were lunch guests of the Goltls.

George and Kathy Banister attended a reading conference Monday through Wednesday in Colorado Springs. While there, she was a house guest of Larry and Cheryl Wilkens.

George, Kathy and Debbie Banister went on the Beardsley Beaver 4-H Project Tour Sunday afternoon.

Mark and Dawn Officer and children are visiting Lynn and Rita Officer this week until Friday.



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