

Sound of the whistle marks the start of the annual show

By Karen Krien

The 52nd Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show, Bird City, has arrived! People from all over the United States as well as visitors from other countries usually make their trip to the show which is never a disappointment! Last year, around 4,000 people attend the four-day show and, if cool weather holds, the Thresher Show Association is planning for the same if not more.

There are 14 buildings on the grounds along with a place for a swap meet which generally has a number of vendors. It's hard to tell which building is visited the most but the Eggers Building generally has the most going on.

Eggers Building

In the Eggers Building, rooms are set up to look like they did in the late 1800s and early 1900s. There is a kitchen, parlor, wash room and a bedroom. Maynard Wright's player piano is on display and sometimes can be heard playing those delightful tunes. Collections are displayed and demonstrations can be watched much of the show.

During the show, there will be drawings for gifts at 3:30 p.m. followed by the sing-a-long led by Martin Busse.

There is the display of antique vehicles, the caboose, the blacksmith shop, the creamery, the steam engine building, the quilt and printing press and the antique tractor museum.

On the grounds

People may tour the sod house, the country schoolhouse and church.

Dorothy Mast and Rosemary Powell are heading up programs and entertainment for the sod house and schoolhouse. The ladies will be featuring those who lived in sod houses each morning at 11 a.m. in the schoolhouse. That afternoon, there will be more talk of the past.

On Thursday evening at 7 p.m., the old fashioned literary will be held at the schoolhouse. If someone has a topic they would like to debate, it will be put on the agenda. Otherwise, people will tell stories, recite poems and sing songs. It is an easy-going program enjoyed by everyone who attends.

Regular activities during the show

Each morning, the princess and queen are introduced and the princess throws the first bundle of wheat in the antique thresher machine. Throughout the morning, there is corn shelling, Prony brake and Baker fan testing and a parade of old machinery and early-day harvest equipment. At 11:15 a.m., the pyramid stunt is performed with a huge thresher machine, and the steam engine and thresher talks are held.

Following lunch, is the kid's tug-of-war with the small steam engine. The parade of antique cars, tractors and steam engines is enjoyed by all those finding seats along the sidelines.



AL KIRMER is using a torch to heat and bend a steel rod.

At 2:30 p.m., there is threshing, plowing and straw bailing. The saw mill and shingle mill will be in action at 3:15 p.m. The race is on at 4 p.m. with the steam engines line up. There will also be the stationary engine demonstrations and the antique auto displays at that time.

Ending the afternoon activities will thrill many as they will be treated to a ride on a steam engine.



NORM DORSCH is hanging a sign in the Eggers Building. Times staff photos by DeAnza Church

County hospital employees attending X-ray training

Three Cheyenne County Hospital employees are attending X-ray classes in Kearney, Neb. Les Lacy, hospital administrator, made the announcement at the Thursday meeting.

Ryan Murray, Kary Meyer and Karla Zwegardt are taking the X-ray classes and this training will bring them to a minimum entry standard for the facility.

The Kansas Board of Healing Arts has been contacted and will grandfather Darrell Reed, lab technician, in with the new law they have set. The three students will also be grandfathered in. Administrator Lacy told the board that the CAT scan company will be coming back to St. Francis to update training on both the CAT scanner and its DEXA capability.

MRI truck

Administrator Lacy talked about the possibility of bringing the MRI truck to St. Francis but this would require a 440 plug-in. The hospital doesn't currently have MRI capability due to the lack of "shorepower."

The MRI was originally discontinued due to lack of volume but that issue has been resolved. The administrator reminded the board that the concrete was poured thicker on the west side because of the possibility of bringing in the truck but it would still be necessary to install the 440 plug.

Physical therapy area

Shawna Blanka, administrative assistant, said she had talked to Kent Carmichael, the architect. He was concerned that the proposed \$90,000 to complete the physical therapy area may not be enough money. He said he wanted to be up front and fair with the board before continuing.

Mr. Carmichael had received an estimate from his mechanical and electrical engineers of \$85,000 just for their part. He admitted that he thought this estimate was high but they told him that the hospital's subcontractors are higher in Cheyenne County.

After board discussion, they

asked the administrator and his assistant to visit with him for more clarity with the heating and air conditioning unit. The floor plan for the physical therapy area was reviewed.

Diabetic grant

Earlier, a diabetic grant had been applied for. Administrator Lacy said the hospital had received the grant for \$10,000. The grant money will assist in managing diabetic care and the hiring of a position temporarily plus it includes software and will result in bringing in more volume to the clinic.

In other business

In other business: Administrator Lacy told the board that the hospital had been notified that they were approved for the tax credit program to raise \$180,000 for the ambulance entrance. (See related article in this issue.)

Rueben Schultz, board member, asked if freight was being brought through the door on the west end like they had talked about before. If so, he wondered if space need to be left for that in the physical therapy area? The administrator said the freight comes through the southwest door where they can use the ramp and it goes down the hall to purchasing which was OK.

Administrator Lacy told the board that there had been some minor changes in the "soiled utility" room to increase its functionality in preparation of moving the chapel back upstairs.

Administrator Lacy had talked to Troy Porter, St. Francis landscaper, and reported it would cost \$872 for 12 juniper trees to conceal three sides of the oxygen on the north side of the hospital. The board thought that was a lot of money for trees that could be spent elsewhere. Other ideas were discussed but, in the end, the matter was tabled until the parking project can be completed on the east side.

The Cheyenne County Development Corporation invited the board to an Education Development 101 given by the Kansas De-

partment of Commerce on Aug. 17 in Bird City. Joy Anderegg, board member, said she would be there as she is already on the Development board.

Kim Zwegardt, anesthetist, would be able to routinely insert central venous access lines if the hospital would purchase an ultrasound system designed for line placement which would cost around \$6,000. The administrator will bring a formal proposal to the next board meeting.

The board talked about recognition within the hospital for Dr. Cram and past doctors that have practiced there. They discussed a variety of issues around selection, type of recognition, fairness and history. The matter was tabled until a later meeting.

The statistics showed Dr. Miller and Patrick Delano's numbers were up and Nadja Button was steady as were the clinic visits. The number of discharges for June was the highest for a June in the last four years. The lab numbers were strong again as were the number of CAT scans which were 71 for the month of June.

The \$5,000 that is being held from Rhoades Construction will continue to be held pending completion of some minor issues. One issue that surfaced this week is a bad odor in the snack room. Bill Wilger, maintenance supervisor, found an old sewer pipe that had not been closed off. Whether this is the problem or not, but it has been brought to Charles' attention. The administrator felt that this would fall under a warranty issue.

Executive session

The board went into executive session for 15 minutes for personnel issues and second quarter Risk Management. No decisions was made.

Next meeting

The next meeting will be at 3 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 22.

Editor's note: The above article was taken from the unapproved minutes of the July 21 meeting.

Spain mission planned

By Karen Krien

A St. Francis man will soon be going to Spain. He won't be going on a vacation or a school trip but as a missionary through Campus Crusade for Christ.

Bob Rainbolt plans to head for Spain on Aug. 17. Two years ago, he spent two months in Spain and saw the need for the people of Spain to hear the truth and see the light of God. This trip, Mr. Rainbolt plans to stay for a year and is then strongly leaning toward staying another year.

The religion in Spain is mainly Catholicism and the religion was ruled by the government until 1975. Spaniards are now allowed the freedom of religion.

"Spain has moved to a 'part-Christian' culture which is very secular in their thoughts," he said.

Mr. Rainbolt said he also sees rules and society expectations dominating many of the U.S. youth and college-aged people. He said they appear to think that they are expected to go to church, that, when they marry, they are expected to find a church and attend because that is what is expected—not that they love Jesus and want to go to church.

He sees Spain as a "dark country with a troubled past."

"I would like to be able to give the people hope," he said.

In his previous trip, Mr. Rainbolt tells about seeing two small children playing soccer. He told about how good they were, what fun they were having and how they were enjoying life. However, not far from them, in what he assumed to be their parents, he saw defeat and uncertainty in their lives.

He would like to reach out to the very young to the adults to tell them of the Gospel. Working with other Campus Crusade for Christ members, Mr. Rainbolt will work mostly in the capitol city of Madrid on the main university where there are over 300,000 college students.

Mr. Rainbolt is among 12 Campus for Crusade team members going to Spain. He has either gone to school or worked with three of them. He noted 10 of the team are from Colorado.

While in Spain, they will live in apartments with other members of the team. They will do their own cooking, washing and cleaning. It will not be a life of luxury but they are quick to point out that luxury is not their purpose but a way of life as they teach others about the love of God.

The mission trip is not free. Mr. Rainbolt has been speaking and meeting with groups and individuals raising financial support while he is in Spain. He needs financial assistance to cover his living, food and transportation ex-



THIS IS A Cathedral church in Santiago, Spain that is approximately 800 to 1000 years old.

penses. Each month, he needs \$2,453 and then there is a one-time giving of \$9,097.

He said he has found many generous givers but he still is only about halfway to his goal which must be met before he can leave for Spain.

Mr. Rainbolt believes that "God is the great Shepherd. He can use any size of gift and turn it into amazing eternal treasures."

In Malachi 3:10-12, God says, "Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it!"

For those wanting to help sponsor this missionary trip, checks can be sent to him at P.O. Box 482, St. Francis, KS 67756. For more information, he can be contacted at 785-332-2447, home; 785-650-9667, cell; or Bobby.rainbolt@uscm.org.

Mr. Rainbolt, a 2000 graduate of St. Francis Community High School, graduated from Fort Hays State University in December with a degree in health promotion.

Throughout college, Mr. Rainbolt has attended North Oak Church in Hays. On Sunday, he was commissioned by the church to go and present the gospel in Spain as a missionary from the church.


He feels strongly about becom-



Rainbolt

ing a missionary. When he returns from Spain, he hopes to work with college students in the U.S.

Mr. Rainbolt is the son of Paul and Kathy Rainbolt, St. Francis.



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