

# Thresher Queen history revealed

By DeAnza Church

Editor's note: Part of the Thresher Queen story was inadvertently omitted. The complete article is being run again.

The 2005 Thresher Show Queen was announced Thursday afternoon at the Thresher Show grounds. Eva Ann Pyle Murray, at 96 years of age, was escorted to the stage, by family members, where she accepted her crown.

Mrs. Murray was from a large family of six boys and three girls. The girls and one brother are still living.

Her parents, George William Pyle and Mary Elizabeth Kohler Pyle, took up a home-stead in the Big-Timber community. There, the family lived in a four room sod house.

After a few years, they move to a farm where Eva's brother, Floyd was born. They farmed for several years when they found out they could buy a place west of Benkelmen. So, they moved there.

Eva's brother, Leroy became ill with the scarlet fever and died at 16 years old.

The family did not want to stay there so they moved back to Kansas with her grandma Pyle, who had gone blind.

Eva's mother gave birth to another child they named Dale Leonard. Her mother didn't live for very long after this birth so her father adopted him out to Albert and Lydian Lighthill. They had no children at the time and were very good to him. He is still living.

Eva worked out in several homes before marrying John Murray in 1930. They lived at the Charley Murray farm before moving into town.

Eva and John had two daughters, Hollis DaPron lives in Bird City with her husband John. They have three children, two boys and a girl,



Murray

and three grandchildren.

Elaine, the youngest daughter, married Ed Kogl from Atwood. They had one son, Gary. He lived with another boy and took his motorcycle out for a ride. Going around a curve, he lost control and an accident. He lived only 12 more years.

Mrs. Murray's brothers are: Morris, Leroy, Olen, Leonard, Floyd and Dale. Her sisters are Velta (Pyle) Johnson and Mildred (Pyle) Ward.

Mrs. Murray is a member of the United Methodist Church, the American Legion Auxiliary, Home-Circle Club and enjoys quilting at the church.



SEVERAL STREETS in St. Francis have been repaired the last week. The crew was busy sealing the street in front of the high school.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

## Family members gather for reunion

Descendants of George and Margaretha (Eberle) Stamm gathered Saturday, July 16 at the Community Building in Benkelman, Neb. The gathering was organized and hosted by Russell and Angie Stamm of Benkelman and Sandra (Stamm) Crossland of Wray, Colo. Ninety-three members of this family gathered for a potluck dinner, socializing and picture-taking.

George and Margaretha (Eberle) Stamm emigrated from Germany in 1854 and settled in Navoo, Ill. Their five surviving children spread west to find their fortunes. John Stamm homesteaded near Benkelman; George Stamm Jr., settled in Monument, Colo.; Henry Stamm homesteaded near Haigler, Neb.; Margaret (Stamm) Lunney moved to Bloomington, Ill.; William D. Stamm settled near Shelby, Neb., and Fred Stamm farmed in Sherman County, Neb., before moving to California.

John and Maggie (Ida) Stamm had eight children: Delia, Lucy Bell, Frank C., Luella, Ernest, William, Roy and Forrest. Their descendants who gathered for the reunion included:

Frank Stamm's grandsons: Jerry Calkins and wife, Connie of Cheyenne, Wyo.; Frank Stamm and wife, Toby of Torrington, Wyo., and daughter, Danni Stamm of Laramie, Wyo.; Dee Stamm and wife, Maureen of Benkelman and son, Randy of Fort Collins, Colo.

Luella (Stamm) Hansen's children: Velma (Hansen) Case of Benkelman, her son, Elmer Case and wife, Tally and daughters, Annette, Heather and Christina of Max, Neb.; Margie (Hansen) Bartels and husband, Gus and Luella's grandsons, Wilfred and Stan Hansen of Benkelman and Duane Hansen of Wichita.

Ernest Stamm's son, Everett of Benkelman and daughter, Janice (Stamm) DeWester and husband, Gary of Wauneta, Neb.; Ernest's daughter-in-law, Inez (Mrs. Gene) Stamm and daughters, Phyllis (Stamm) Jones and husband, Stan, their son, Shawn, wife, Julie and their children, Morgan, Grant and Emily, Jackie (Stamm) Fanning and husband, Jay and Betty (Stamm) Bradley, all of Benkelman.

William Stamm's children: Gerald Stamm of Denver, Colo.; his daughter, Sandra (Stamm) Crossland and husband, Bob of

Wray, Colo., their daughters, Amanda Crossland of Windsor, Colo., and Tara Garton and grandson, Jake of Idalia, Colo., and daughter, Barbara (Stamm) Flynn of Salida, Colo., and her son, Eric Milburn of Denver; Cleo Stamm and son, Michael and grandson, Logan of Aurora, Ill.; William's grandchildren, Freedia (Stamm) Spencer and Bill Stamm of Benkelman; Williams' great-granddaughter, Im Inselman (daughter of Margaret Stamm), husband, Dan and daughter, Mary of Fremont, Neb.; Williams' daughter-in-law, June (Mrs. Harry) Stamm of Benkelman and her sons, Marlin of Longmont, Colo., and Russell Stamm and wife, Angie of Benkelman, with their son, Terry and grandson, Kohl of Wood River, Neb., and their daughters, Angie and Jody of Kansas City, Mo., June's daughter-in-law, Evelyn (Mrs. Gary) Stamm, and her sons, Shad with wife, JoLen and sons, R.J. and Garrett, and Jared with

fiancé, Lindsey, all of Benkelman.

Roy Stamm's daughter, Anna Weishapl of Atwood.

Henry and Cora (Pyers) Stamm raised nine children: Chloe, Hazel, Homer, Lester, Margaret, Ruby, Evaleen, Cora and Edrie. Their descendants who traveled to the reunion included:

Hazel (Stamm) Gleason's daughter, Dauphan Snedeker of Yuma, Colo.; granddaughter, Doris Jean Leighton of Wray; and daughter-in-law, Vera, (Mrs. Donley) Gleason of Beaver City, Neb.

Evaleen (Stamm) Tracy's family: daughter, Fern Forsythe of St. Francis; daughter, Ellen Sieders and husband, Fred of Elizabeth, Colo., and son, Rex Tracy, wife, Beverly, daughter-in-law, April Tracy and sons, Gale and Chad of Wray.

William D. and Anna (Eppler) Stamm had four children: Ralph, Amelia, Bryan and Gertrude. Descendants of this family attending were:

Ralph's son, Don Stamm and wife, Virginia of Eddyville, Neb., with children, Doug Stamm of Eddyville and friend, Kathy Campbell of Riversale, Neb., Vikki of Kearney, Neb., and Sandi (Stamm) Bentley, husband, Randy and children, Clint, Hillary and Heather of Miller, Neb.; Ralph's daughter, Irma (Stamm) Marshall of Elm Creek, Neb., and her daughter, Beth Fries of North Platte, Neb.

Fred and Mary (Egelhoff) Stamm raised four children: Carl, Earl, Walter and Lawrence. Their descendants attending the reunion included:

Earl's daughter, Mildred Norseen of Loup City, Neb., and her children, Earl Norseen and wife, Debbie of Loup City, Debbie (Norseen) Swartzell of Lingman and Gary Norseen of Gothenberg, Neb.

Walter's son, Howard Stamm with his grandson, Andrew Wenger and wife, Melissa, all of Colorado Springs.

## Plain Sense

High Plains Mental Health Center Family Moves

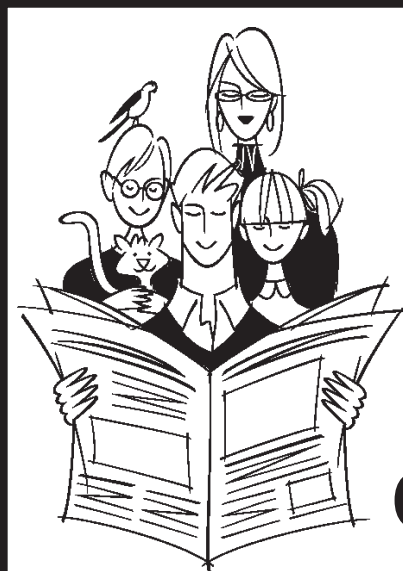
For some children the beginning of another school year also means starting classes in a new school because of a family move. Moving to a new community can be especially hard on children, and even more so if accompanied by other significant changes such as death, divorce or remarriage. Not only does a child need to adjust to a new home and neighborhood, they also have to deal with a new school schedule and different classes. Even thinking about these changes can make some children feel anxious and stressed. In addition, making new friends and becoming part of a new peer group can be even more anxiety provoking.

As compared to older children, early elementary age children may be even more hesitant to start a new school, and more clingy to their parents. They are at a stage of development where they are just beginning to learn how to deal with authority figures other than their parents, so teachers, bus drivers, principals and

other school staff can be quite intimidating. Older children will be affected by a family move primarily because they have had to leave behind their familiar peer group and friends. But most do adapt to a different school and new friends within a short time.

Some children can become overwhelmed and even depressed when dealing with such a major change in their life. Parents need to be aware, allow their children to talk about their feelings, and work together in regards to how the whole family is doing. Explain to the child why the move is necessary so that they don't think they have done something bad to cause this to happen. Include children in ongoing discussions at the level of their understanding. Even when they may not like the final decision regarding a move, having some input helps them to better understand the reasons why, and to be more accepting.

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1994 Freightliner Tractor, 350 Cummins motor, 9 spd. Rockwell trans., conventional cab w/ sleeper, a/c, 608,568 mi.; 1993 Kenworth Tractor, 350 Cummins motor, 9 spd. Eaton-Fuller trans., new wet kit, conventional cab w/ sleeper, a/c, 448,931 mi.; 2000 Jet Co. Grain Trailer, 42', new style double hoppers, rollover tarp, 295/75R22.5 tires; 1999 Jet Co. Grain Trailer, 42', double hoppers, rollover tarp, 285/75R24.5 tires; 1993 Chevrolet Kodiak Truck, 3116 Cat Engine, tandem axle, Allison automatic trans., Harsh Double Ram hoist w/ 22' Mabarr Steel box w/ 60" sides, set up with pinel hitch for pup trailer, plumbed for hyd. auger, roll over tarp, air brakes, a/c, 54,831 mi.; 1995 Dodge Ram 3500 XLT Service Truck, 5 spd. trans., 5.9 Magnum V.8 Magnum MPI engine, 4x4, power steering, power brakes, A/C,

32,904 mi, one owner with Hitchcock service bed w/ 400 gal. fuel tank, 3 oil reservoirs, grease pack, air compressor, and Stahlwart elec. crane. Detailed photos on website; 2001 Great Plains 3N-3010P No Till Drills, 30', 7 1/2" spacing, All Conditions Monitor w/ wheat, corn, sunflowers, milo, soybean plates, rolling cutters, hyd. markers, 5" & 13" press wheels; 4-10' John Deere 9300 Grain Drills, 12" spacing, bin shaft & monitor, w/ Accra Plant Points, hyd. lift, hyd. transports, steel press wheels, double hyd. markers, hyd. fold, folding hitch;

2-2003 John Deere 1710 12 row Conservation Planters w/ MaxEmerge Vacuumeter, JD Computer Track 250 monitors, hyd. makers w/ hyd. fold, insecticide boxes and planting plates, Model# A01710R; 2000 Killbros 1800 Graincart; 1997 Orthman 996 Graincart; Westfield MK130-71 Auger, 71', 13" w/ swing hopper; 1992 Sunflower Sweeps, 11x5, 55', Model 3611-55, hyd. lift pickers, hard surfaced, newer blades; 1990 Quinstar Fallowmaster, 42', 26" sweeps, hard surfaced pickers; 1988 Krause Field Cultivator, 60', Krause Harrows; 1997 Orthman Cultivator, 12 row; 1997 Sunflower 1544 Tandem Disc, 45' w/ Sunflower Harrows; 2001 Gelgelman Straw Master 7000, 70'; 1994 Orthman Parabolic Ripper, 12 row w/ row stabilizers; Bigman Brothers Dammer Diker Ripper, 12 row w/ rolling spades; Sunflower Chisel, 30', heavy duty, high clearance; 2001 Bressler Rolling Stalk Chopper, 12 row, hard surface blades; 1994 Blu-Jet Sub Tiller, 8 row, 9 shank w/ Hinkler NH, Super Cold Flow Regulator; 2001 Blu-Jet TractMaster II; 1993 John Deere Switch Plow, 8 bottom; Portable Generator, 480 volt w/ John Deere 6 cylinder motor, on trailer. **This is only a partial list of items. Visit westernauctionandrealstate.com for complete list and photos!**

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