

Day camp fun for all ages



The six Sherman County 4-H clubs held their annual day camp at the fairgrounds Thursday. The kids did craft projects, decorating flip-flops, painting picture frames and buckets, and making bottle rockets. They also heard presentations on foods and nutrition, emergency medical technician training and bicycle safety. The 4-H clubs held a petting zoo, a dog agility presentation and a dove release demonstration. After the dog agility presentation, Lacie Cowan (above right) watched as Jessie the dog gave Chantel Coats (above left) a few kisses. Xavier Colby (top right) and Ashley Anderson (right) enjoyed the lunch the 4-H clubs served at the day camp. Photos by Kathryn Gurfinkel The Goodland Star-News

Cyberland helps break world record

According to the "Official Video Game & Pinball Book of World Records," compiled by Twin Galaxies, it's "a significant milestone in the technological and sociological evolution of electronic gaming." Others might say some people have too much time on their hands. Whatever. Eleven Goodland players helped set a world record for the number of players online at one time in a first-person shooter game. They gathered on June 26 at Cyberland, 210 E. 17th St., to play "Joint Operations: Typhoon Rising" with 149 others from around the U.S. and Canada. This was the kick-off event for the game's tour, said Carol Bennett, iGames events operations director. iGames is an association of independent and franchised game centers. Matt Breininger, manager of Cyberland, said it was through iGames that Goodland got involved. More events are planned over the summer. Richard Breininger, owner of Cyberland, said players gathered at 16 centers throughout North America to play the game. He said a two-hour practice session was held starting at 4 p.m., after which the game started at 6 and went until 9.



Some of the 11 players at Cyberland wired into a game of "Joint Operations: Typhoon Rising" on June 26 which set a world record. Photo by Richard Breininger

Breininger said the manufacturer modified its server to allow that many players online at the same time. That is more than double the capacity of any other current first-person shooter game, he said. Each player at Cyberland received at least one prize, including one who got a copy of the game. The players were treated to pizza along

with a case of Coke donated by Coca-Cola of Goodland, which also provided two T-shirts as prizes. Breininger said from now through July 17, people can come in and play the game for an hour free.

Book preserves memories of Tri-State antique shows

By Sharon Corcoran
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A Bird City native has put together a book preserving memories from 50 years of the Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show. The book, which will go on sale in July, will be available at the 51st annual show Thursday-Sunday, July 29-Aug. 1, at Bird City. "Fifty Years, Celebrating and Preserving an American Farming Tradition," is a 134-page full-color hardback "coffee-table" book, written by Jennifer Dorsch Erickson, who grew up in Bird City and now lives in Des Moines.

Erickson, the daughter of Stan Dorsch, treasurer of the association, and his wife Delores, said she grew up around the thresher show, the biggest event of the year in Bird City. "Every summer, I grew up going there," Erickson said. "It's a special part of my childhood, the memories from that. The older guys who started it, I remember them as a kid." They're all gone, Erickson said; it's run by a second generation now, but the ones who started the show had stories that would be lost. It's important to preserve that history. She said she went to the thresher association's board with the idea for the book. They wanted to know what it would cost. After getting some figures, she said, they approved the idea and began looking for stories and pictures. Many people loaned pictures of the equipment and of their families enjoying the show, she said.

The association hired a professional photographer, who spent three days at the show last year on its 50th anniversary. The combination of professional photos and those brought in made the book. "It's a beautiful book with hundreds of colorful photos," Erickson said. "Anyone who has ever enjoyed a day at the steam engine show will love this book."

It's something you can sit down and spend an hour or more with and not get through it all, she said, or you can skim through the pictures in 10 or 15 minutes. There are more than 250 photos to explore. Erickson researched and wrote the text while collaborating with a



Jim Heiniken of Estes Park, Colo., drove the tractor as wheat was threshed at the 2003 Tri-State Antique Engine and Threshers Association Show. Photo provided by the Thresher Association

graphic designer to create an attractive book. It is being printed in Ames, Iowa, and, Erickson said, it will be delivered to Bird City in about two weeks.

The project was paid for in part by a grant from the Century II Foundation of Bird City, and profits go to the thresher association.

The text tells the history of the organization since Roy Kite first held a Case exhibition in 1950. The first official show was at the Kite farm in 1953.

"I think the show's history is a fabulous testimony to Bird City," Erickson said. "So many people mentioned during my research interviews that the steam engine show is such a treasure for the community and that they knew of many other little towns that wished they had something like it."

One town that was interested, Erickson said, was Goodland. In the late '50s, she said, several of those involved with the show were invited by the Goodland Chamber of Commerce to come to Goodland. Someone wanted to buy all the stuff and bring the show to Goodland, she said, but the owners were all from Bird City and weren't interested in selling.

The book includes memories, Erickson said, interesting equipment and activities added over the years.

The writer, who has come back from Iowa for the show in eight of the past 10 years, said her three favorite pieces of equipment are the steam engines, the Holt combine and the player piano in the museum building.

It's a tribute to the founders and those who run the show, Erickson

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