



MONTANA RHYMES, NATASHA Gordon and Rex Weishapl muscle the heavy and dust-laden coal from the back of an 18 wheeler. Afterward each looked as if they had crawled out of a Virginia coal mine, but no one minded, except their moms.

Area youths work on old machines

By Casey McCormick

The time is here! The 50th Thresher show is this week. And this event would not be possible without countless hours of preparation and a behind-the-scenes cast of many. Some of the help has come from an unexpected group — the local youth.

Last week Gerald Wright, who heads up the effort of maintaining and coordinating the steam engines, received a load of coal to fuel the giant equipment. It was transported by Randy McDonald and Glen Berry who hauled the load from near Craig, Colo.

As the rig, loaded with 22 tons of black chunks, backed into the maintenance building at the show grounds, Gerald's crew jumped into action. Natasha Gordon, Jacob White, Montana Rymes and Rex Wieshagl crawled on the pile with shovels and pushed, shoved and drug the load of coal to the back of the trailer and into a front-end loader that would haul it to the coal bin.

Not only do the kids on summer break help with manual labor but they also take turns, under Mr. Wright's constant supervision, driving about any piece of machinery imaginable.

This is Rex Wieshagl's second season helping with the preparation.

"He is a smart worker," said Mr. Wright, "He shows up at 7 each morning (before anyone else) and always takes the initiative. He is good with hand and power tools and offers leadership for the new workers."

There is also an advantage to using the young people. As Mr. Wright looked at one of the smaller kids around he asked, "How would you like to crawl into that boiler and sand blast?" The boy hopped to it.

It is strictly volunteer duty, although the youngsters get lunch



GERALD WRIGHT AND his helpers put their backs into unloading 22 tons of coal. The black fuel for the steam engines came from near Craig, Colorado. Times staff photos by Casey McCormick

brought for them and they are attending a school, believe it or not. Many of the old veterans of the Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Association are either unable to work the machines anymore or have passed on. These

new members have the excitement and are gaining the knowledge that will keep these special machines going for generations to come.

This year's volunteers are Jacob White, Rex Wieshagl, Ty

Gilland, Joey McCormick, Natasha Gordon, Montana Rymes, Brandon Gordon, Nathan Coffman, Samantha Beeson, Caitlin Wright, James West and Danae West.

Cheylin schools enrollment next week

By Casey McCormick

It may not be welcome news to Cheylin students but the 2003-04 school year begins in less than one month. The first day of school will be Monday, Aug. 18 with a half day scheduled for kindergarten. Enrollment is set for Aug. 5 and 6.

"We won't know the exact numbers on enrollment until after (students are enrolled)," said Cheylin Schools Superintendent David Zumbahlen. Several students and families have moved from the area

but it is unsure if attendance numbers will be down until all students have registered.

Enrollment for Cheylin students will be held from 2 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 5 and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 6 at the high school library in Bird City.

For enrollment kindergarten students must have a completed physical, a certified copy of a birth certificate and immunization records. All new students to the Cheylin district must have a physical to enroll.

Also, any student wishing to participate in sports or physical education classes must have a current physical on file with the office before the first day of practice or physical education class.

Forms for physical examinations may be picked up at the office as well as applications for free and reduced lunches. If the scheduled times for enrollment are not suitable for the parent's schedules they may make arrangements by calling the office at 785-734-2341.



Fair begins on Monday

By Karen Krien

Harvest is over and the start of school is right around the corner but in between is the Cheyenne County Fair. This year's fair activities will start on Monday and last through Saturday with the final day being full of activities including the parade, pet show, mud volleyball, catch-it-contest, rocket launch, mutton bustin and calf riding, the free-will barbecue and demolition derby.

"The fair preparations are progressing and by next week, we will have everything ready for the 2003 fair," Dick Bursch, fair board president, said.

The fair wouldn't be the same without 4-H and open exhibits and booths. However, Cheyenne County is fortunate to have a home-owned carnival which opens Wednesday through Friday at 7 p.m. and on Saturday, will be open from 4 p.m. to midnight.

Grandstand shows

Each night there are activities in front of the grandstand.

At 7 p.m. on Wednesday, the Kids' Rodeo will be held. The event is coordinated by McClain's Mutton Busters and Kids Ranch Rodeo. (See related article.)

Thursday evening will find lots of laughs and sheer entertainment when Baxter Black walks onto the stage at 7:30 p.m.

"We are bringing Baxter Black to the county fair this year and we hope everyone comes out to support him and the fair," President Bursch said. (See related article for more information.)

On Friday, the fair board is bringing back the Antique Tractor Pull which will feature old tractors showing their power as they make the pull across the arena.

There is no pre-registration necessary.

"Just show up with your tractor and be ready for action," President Bursch said.

There will be no prizes — just first place ribbons for "Ugliest." See FAIR on page 8

Cowboy humor coming to fair

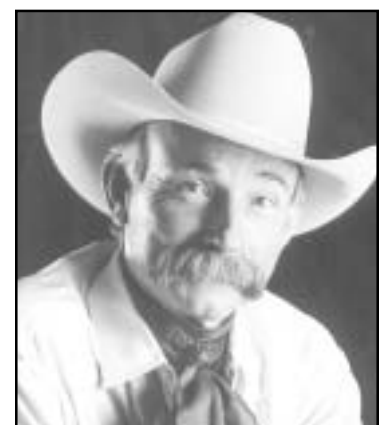
Baxter Black will be the featured entertainment at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 7, in front of the grandstands at the Cheyenne County Fair, St. Francis.

"We are happy to have Baxter Black entertain at this year's fair — we know he will provide great entertainment and enjoyment to all who attend," said Dick Bursch, fair board president.

Mr. Black can shoe a horse, string a barb wire fence and bang out a Bob Wills classic on his flat-top guitar. Cowboy poet, ex-veterinarian and sorry team roper, he has more hair around his lip than on his head.

Raised in New Mexico, he spent his workin' life in the mountain west tormenting cows. Now Mr. Black lives in Arizona and travels the country tormenting cowboys.

Since 1982, Mr. Black has been rhyming his way into the national spotlight, and now stands as the best selling cowboy poet in the known universe. He's written many books (including a rodeo novel), recorded over a dozen audio and video tapes, and achieved notoriety as a syndicated columnist and radio commentator. From the Tonight Show and Public Broadcasting System to National Public Radio, Mr. Baxter's wacko verse has been seen and heard by millions. His works are prominently displayed in both big



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city libraries and small town feed stores.

Yet Mr. Black, who still doesn't own a television, fax machine or cellular phone, hasn't changed a thing about his subject matter or his delivery. He continues to focus on the day-to-day ups and downs of everyday people who live with livestock and work the land. Driven by a left-handed sense of humor, Mr. Black evokes laughter just by being there.

"He could make a dead man sit up and laugh" - Washington Post Book World

Baxter's philosophy is simple enough - in spite of all the computerized, digitized, high-tech innovations now available to mankind, there will always be a need for someone who can "think up stuff."

4-H'ers show off clothing at revue

By Karen Krien

The 2003 Cheyenne County Fashion Revue will be held at 8 p.m. on Monday in the St. Francis Community High School auditorium. Participants in the buymanship, clothing construction and knitting divisions will be judged during the day starting at 8 a.m. at the high school. Life Skill Judging will also be held from 9 to 11 a.m.

The theme for this year's fashion revue will be "Jungle Fever." There will be 36 buymanship garments, and 10 sewing construction garments and

2 knitted garments shown.

Adam Jones and Amanda Jones will be the masters of ceremonies, introducing each division and reading the commentaries. The 2004 Junior Miss, Haley Young will be helping hand out the awards.

Superintendents will be busy working on the stage decoration this week.

The public is urged to come out and support the 4-H'ers and view their accomplishments in these projects.

Admission is free and everyone is welcome to attend.

Thresher Queen to be announced

The 2003 Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show queen attended a rural school where she said she had many good teachers and enjoyed outdoor games. They had deep snows so her father made a horse-drawn sled so they could get to school.

Her parents stressed the importance of education and encouraged her and her siblings to get good

grades. She participated in the county spelling contest. She selected a Normal Training course to qualify for the teaching profession and then taught country school.

Later she married her school day friend. After she was married she continued raising chickens and spent time working her garden and raising beautiful flowers. Can you guess who she is?

Receives Scholarship

Matthew Wilson, a 2003 graduate of Cheylin High School, will receive a \$1,500 scholarship from USA Funds, the nation's largest education-loan guarantor. These funds will help Matt pursue an information and network technology degree at Manhattan Area Technical College.

"These scholarships help students surmount financial barriers to higher education," said Carl C. Dalstrom, USA Funds president and chief executive officer. "USA Funds is pleased to support these

scholarships as part of our non-profit mission to enhance access to education."

Scholarship recipients were chosen from more than 14,000 applications from qualified students planning to enroll or currently enrolled in a full or half-time undergraduate or full-time graduate program at an



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accredited two or four-year college, university or vocational/technical school.

Students who receive awards under USA Funds Access to Education Scholarships and maintain a grade-point average of at least 2.5 percent may receive renewal awards annually until the student receives a degree or certification, or the total amount awarded reaches \$6,000. Help American Learn Scholarships are one-time awards.

Student News

University of Arkansas

The faculty of the department of animal science at the University of Arkansas Dale Bumpers College of Agriculture, Food and Life Sciences recently named Broc Sandelin the "Outstanding Graduate Student."

The faculty choose Sandelin because of his work ethic, academic performance, leadership and research expertise. He authored or co-authored nine refereed journal articles, ten refereed scientific abstracts, six non-refereed industry publications and he has presented research data at five regional scientific meetings. Because of his outstanding academic work in animal breeding, quantitative and molecular genetics, statistics, biochemistry and cell and molecular biology, he

was inducted into the American Society of Animal Science; Gamma Sigma Delta, the Honor Society of agriculture and Sigma Xi, the Scientific Research Society of North America.

Sandelin, a doctoral degree candidate in the quantitative inheritance and genetics discipline, is specializing in the molecular and biochemical aspects of feed efficiency and their relationship with mitochondria function/efficiency in ruminants. He is past president of the animal science department Graduate Student Association, assisted with departmental activities relating to the Arkansas Cattlemen's Association, 4-H and FFA judging events and student recruiting and taught undergraduate students.

Sandelin, the son of Phil and Patti Sandelin of Lewis, was the 1999 outstanding animal science student at Oklahoma Panhandle State University where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in animal science. In 2001, he completed his Master of Science degree in animal science at the University of Arkansas. His thesis was "Genotype X Environment Interactions of Mature Weight and Rate of maturing for Angus, Brahman and Reciprocal Cross Cows Grazing with Endotype Infected Tall Fescue or Common Bermuda grass."

He is married to Larae Sandelin and the currently reside in Springdale. Sandelin is the grandson of Elmira (Underwood) David, formerly of Bird City, and the late Don David, Goodland.



ALTHOUGH THE ANTIQUE steam engine they are driving out dates them by many years, Montana Rhymes and Joey McCormick enjoy a step back in time. Times staff photo by Casey McCormick

McDonald News by Vera Kacirek

Ray and Marlene Johnson spent the weekend in Garden City. On Friday they joined the Dave Johnson family in Lakin where they watched the 14-year-old All Starball games in which their grandson, Jeremy Johnson, was a catcher. On Sunday they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Stones for a tour of Garden City and for Sunday morning church services.

Amelia Banister accompanied Kent Banister to St. Francis on Sunday where they visited Violet Jones and Alvin and Marie Holzwarth.

Vance and Betty Lewis brought Lenora Spicka back to the Rawlins County Hospital, where she is a patient recovering from a broken hip surgery. Visitors of Lenora have been Vance and Betty Lewis, Phyllis and Kenny Wilkinson, Laddie and Vera Kacirek and Agnes Burk.

Vance and Betty Lewis attended the Senior Center dinner in Bird City on Monday.

Tunney and Leila Loker visited J.B. and Brenda Loker on Saturday afternoon and enjoyed the great-grandchildren, Logan and Emily Loker of McCook.

On Saturday evening Les Loker brought his grandchildren, Brittany and Alison Konitzer of Kansas City to visit Tunney and Leila Loker. Agnes Burk, Agnes Reeh, Kenny

and Phyllis Wilkinson accompanied Laddie and Vera Kacirek to Quinter on Sunday to attend the birthday open house for Bernita Beesley.

On Sunday Jim and Ruby Tracy attended the Hoyt family reunion which was held in the Minor sod house, north of Brewster, and owned by the Juenemann family.

Last Monday Phyllis Wilkinson visited Lenora Spicka at the McCook Hospital and with Flo Lorens at Willowridge Retirement Home. She took Jamie and Shalyn Harris out for dinner. Enroute home she visited Sue and Mildred Heinbigner in Culbertson.

Kasey and Jennifer Sabatka, Gracie and Tyler were Friday supper guests of Laddie and Vera Kacirek.

B.J. and Susie Sabatka spent the weekend in Manhattan as guests of their daughters, Rachel and Chanda

Fair

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"Best Restored," and for "Sportsmanship." There will be a plaque awarded for the "Best All-Around Pull."

Saturday is the ever popular Demolition Derby which fills the grandstand every time. Drivers come from around the area to compete for the prize money and just have a "bang-up" time.

Check next week's issue of *The Saint Francis Herald* and *Bird City Times* for more information on grandstand events happening Friday and Saturday.

The events are many and a complete listing of activities and the times can be found elsewhere in this issue along with the busi-

nesses supporting the fair. Briefly, some of the daily activities are listed below:

Monday
Monday is filled with mostly 4-H activities including the public fashion revue that evening plus fashion revue, Life Skill and clothing construction judging, all held at the high school in St. Francis.

Tuesday
Clean up will be done and booths will be set up in the fair building. The 4-H Dog show and Team Fitting and Showing contest will be held.

Wednesday
Wednesday is actually the first big day at the fair. The 4-H Council food stand opens. Non-livestock 4-

H entries are to be entered with the exception of conference judged projects and photography. There are also a number of 4-H and open-class events judged such as woodworking, rabbits, poultry, welding, electric, small engines, entomology, forestry, geology and foods judging. The new "Grow and Show" rabbit projects will be judged at 8:30 a.m. The 4-H horse show will start in the morning and the foods sale will start at 6 p.m.

Thursday
Open class entries will be received and much of these entries will be judged that same day. The swine and sheep shows will be held in the morning. The 4-H rocket projects will be judged in the afternoon.

Friday
The beef and bucket calf shows will start at 8 a.m. on Friday and the Round Robin contest will be held in the afternoon. The open class flower exhibits will be entered and judged that day.

The premium sale will start at 5:45 p.m. and everyone is encouraged to support the 4-H'ers.

The week is full of hard work, frustration, exhaustion, achievements and fun but, it will end, and the fairgrounds will once again be silent for another year.

South of McDonald

Lynn and Rita Officer left Tuesday for Brookfield, Wis., to attend the wedding of Michael Officer to Erin Brandt. They returned home Monday evening.

Joe and Charlene Kramer and Ryan and Diane Shay and children spent a few days in West Yellowstone, Mont., to attend the wedding of Les and Laurie Brunton, Saturday evening near the Madison River.

Bethel Goldt had lunch Friday with Irene Kehlbeck at the Good Samaritan Home in St. Francis. She also visited with Alvin and Lottie Hempler who are also residents there.

George and Kathy Banister and family spent most of this past week

at the Rawlins County Fair in Atwood.

Amanda Banister attended the Chad Simmons concert in Atwood Friday evening.

Amanda Banister left for Camp-Id-Ra-Ha-Je Sunday morning and will return home Saturday. She will enjoy a white water rafting trip.

Teryn and Ty Carmichael were Wednesday overnight and Thursday guests of their grandparents, Jim and Cheryl Banister.

Ty and Teryn Carmichael were Saturday guests of their grandparents, Jim and Cheryl Banister. They took them back to Bird City Saturday evening.

Freedom

Note from the editor: The paper is continuing to receive names of service personnel which did not make it into our special Freedom insert. As long as we continue to get them we will print them.

Alvin Arthur Bandel, Navy, 1944-46
LePard G. Burnham, Army, WWII and Korea
Donald David, Navy, WWII
Raymond David, Korea
Russell David, Army, WWII
L. Neal Hill, Navy, WWII
Ted L. Hill, Navy, 1948-53
Jerry T. Hill, Navy, 1951-54
Ronnie M. Hill, Navy, 1955-

75, Vietnam
Bill B. Hill, Navy, 1955-62
Dale L. Hill, Navy, 1960-63
Clarence R. Hill, Army, 1968-70, Vietnam
Bill Hook, Army, 1955-57
Sandy Ness Jacobs, Army, 1976-99
Mike Jacobs
Harold Kamla, Air Force, 1943-45
Harvey Lampe, Army, Korean War
Vance L. Little, Army, 1945-47
Walter Stanley Little, USAF, 1952-61
James Earnest Pettit, Army, 1965-67
Arnold LeRoy Reasoner, Army and Air Force, 1940-72

Obituary

Corella Dykens
Corella Dykens, 83, died Wednesday, July 16, in Joplin, Mo. Mrs. Dykens was born Corella Rogers on March 7, 1920, in Bird City. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Walter E. and Charles E. Dykens, two sisters, Lenora Keenan and Pearl Harris and two brothers, Ray and Dale Rogers.

Survivors include her husband Walter H. of Joplin, a son Arthur of Joplin, daughter Wauneta Graves of Joplin, brother Leonard Rogers of Bird City, sister Faye Simpson of Charleston, S.C., seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was held Tuesday, July 22, at Cedar Cemetery in Cedar, Mo.

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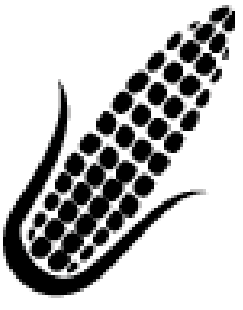
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- Nitrogen study in corn
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