



HELPING GRANDPA — Ken Beougher's grandchildren, Casey (left) and Cory Andrews, from Leavenworth County, move tractors out of storage.

Times staff photo by Casey McCormick



LARRY FIKAN is busy getting the machinery lined up for the 54th Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show.

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## Thresher show begins

By Karen Krien  
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The Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher show begins today (Thursday) at the thresher show grounds. The show will wind down Sunday with church services at 9 and 9:30 a.m. at the old church on the show grounds. Barb Beougher, lay minister, is the speaker.

Today through Saturday will find the antique steam engines in action, threshing, plowing, corn shelling and wood sawing. The parade of cars and tractors will be held each day at 1:15 p.m. Earlier, the parade of old machinery and early-day harvest equipment is held at 10:45.

The new Thresher Queen's identity will be revealed and crowned. The 2006 Thresher Queen, Agnes Burk, will retire and her doll will be displayed with the other former queen dolls. The princess, Holly Keller, will be on hand throughout the show to throw in the first bundle of wheat to be threshed.

The old-fashioned literary will be held at 7 p.m. tonight in the country schoolhouse. Everyone is encouraged to bring poems and stories to share.

On Friday, the Highway 385 Band will be entertaining at 7 p.m. The McDonald Lions Club barbecue will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Saturday. The antique tractor pull will start at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday.

### Activities

The new activity this year is kite flying. Each day at 2:30 p.m., everyone, young and old, is encouraged to bring their kite to the grounds. There

should be some great kite flying.

There are numerous other activities for the kids and adults. The kid's favorite is the tug-o'-war which starts at 1 p.m.

### Visit the buildings

The Thresher show grounds has numerous buildings fill with interesting items from the past. Building Three has antique farm machinery; Building Seven is the car museum; Building Nine is the blacksmith show; The creamery is located in Building 10; Building 11 is the Bacon steam engine building; Building 12 holds the quilt display and printing press; and Building 14 is the Dorsch/Sawyer tractor museum.

New structures added to the grounds this year are the Brubaker and Wilkens buildings. People will want to be sure and check out the contents.

One of the buildings which offers lots of history and demonstrations is the Eggers Building. It is filled with historical crafts, early-day pioneer rooms and exhibits. The caboose sits beside the building.

Dorothy Mast, Bird City, will demonstrate how to develop a memory book journal on Saturday at 10:30 a.m. Barbara Smith, Bird City, will be working in the beauty shop but, as of Tuesday, the times of the demonstrations were not known.

### Swap meet

There will be a swap meet each day from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the east side of the grounds.

For more information, contact the Janickes at 785-734-2667; or Ken Beougher, 785-734-2555.

## Crowning set for Thursday

This year's Thresher Queen will be crowned at the Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher show at noon on Thursday, July 26, on the grounds. The Thresher Show will start on Wednesday and end Sunday.

The Thresher Queen is always a secret revealed at the crowning. This year's queen was born and raised in the surrounding area in 1925.

The queen's mother raised lots of turkeys, that is what they used to control grasshoppers. Her dad would spend several hours in the evenings telling stories about her grandpa.

"Grandpa drove the stagecoach from Independence, Mo., to Salt Lake City, she said. "He didn't get married until after he retired from driving."

She said he was quite old before her dad was born which was in 1895.

All of the kids had their little jobs. Still, her parents took out time for a Sunday picnic with lots of fun and games.

"We had fun riding horses and we always went to church," she said. "Mother made sure we all learned to cook and do household jobs."

She remember the hard winters when snow was so deep it was hard to get around. Many times a blizzard would blow in quickly and her dad would hitch up his team and wagon with a tarp on top to come to get the kids at school which was only a mile from home.

"Guess this is all for now. So guess who I am," the mystery queen said.



2007 Thresher Queen



FIREMEN fight fire 5 miles south of U.S. 36 on road 31, west of the Dan Busse farm most of the day on Monday.

Times staff by Casey McCormick

## Cheyenne County 4-H'ers are busy with fair projects

By Karen Krien

Cheyenne County 4-H'ers are busy getting ready for the fair this week and many of the projects will be judged prior to the fair.

On Wednesday, the 4-H'er's arts and crafts conference judging was held at the fair building and then the items were put on display.

The archery contest was held at the gun club at 1:30 p.m.

On Monday, July 30, the fashion

revue and buymanship judging, along with Life Skill judging will be held at the Methodist Church. That evening, the fashion revue, which is open to the public, will be held at the theater in St. Francis. See related article in this issue for more information.

On Tuesday, July 31, the 4-H Dog Show will be held at 9 a.m. in Jenkins Hall at the fairgrounds. At 2 p.m., the 4-H conference foods judging will be held and those foods will be sold from

4 to 5 p.m. in the courthouse.

Wednesday, Aug. 1, open class horticulture and floriculture entries should be entered at 8 a.m. in Jenkins Hall. The flower show judging will be held at 9 a.m. Horticulture judging will start at 10 a.m. Note, the date for flower entries in the fair book open class division is wrong.

The 4-H gardening judging will also be held at 9 a.m. but will be held at the fair building.

Rabbits and poultry judging will start at 8:30 a.m.

The horse show will start at 9 a.m. in the grandstand arena.

Other 4-H, FFA and open class events and times are:

10:10 a.m. - Welding, woodworking judging, fair building.

11:30 a.m. - Electric, small engines, entomology, forestry and geology, fair building.

5-6 p.m. - Sheep and goat weigh-

in, livestock barn.

5-7 p.m. - Beef weigh-in, livestock barn.

6-7 p.m. Swine weigh-in, livestock barn.

6 p.m. - Kids Rodeo entries start.

6:30 p.m. - Kids Rodeo begins.

7:30 p.m. - Entries begin for Ranch Rodeo.

7:45 p.m. - Catch-It-Pig contest.

8 p.m. - Ranch Rodeo

7-11 p.m. - Home-owned carnival

rides and games.

Inserted in this issue of *The Saint Francis Herald* and *Bird City Times* is the Pre-Fair Special Section. The fair board has sponsored a full page of times and events; and First National Bank and Farm Credit have sponsored a page of special happenings during the fair. Be sure to check out the special section, the stories about 4-H'ers and events happening during the fair.