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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.

Times staff photo by Casey McCormick

# **Thresher** show begins

By Karen Krien karenk@nwkansas.com

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 min-

ister, 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 har-

vest 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.

held at 7 p.m. tonight in the country schoolhouse. Everyone is encouraged to bring poems and stories to onstrate how to develop a memory

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.

The new activity this year is kite flying. Each day at 2:30 p.m., everyone, young and old, is encouraged to Janickes at 785-734-2667; or Ken

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

#### 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 Baconsteamengine 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

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

Dorthy Mast, Bird City, will dembook 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 bring their kite to the grounds. There Beougher, 785-734-2555.

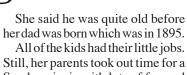
### **Crowning set for Thursday**

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 Sun-

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



Sunday picnic with lots of fun and 'We had fun riding horses and we always went to church," she said. "Mother made sure we all

learned to cook and do household

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



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.

and crafts conference judging was held at the fair building and then the items were put on display.

gun club at 1:30 p.m.

On Wednesday, the 4-H'er's arts

The archery contest was held at the Hall at the fairgrounds. At 2 p.m., the

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 should be entered at 8 a.m. in Jenkins 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 class division is wrong.

4 to 5 p.m. in the courthouse.

Wednesday, Aug. 1, open class horticulture and floriculture entries 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

The 4-H gardening judging will 4-H conference foods judging will be also be held at 9 a.m. but will be held On Monday, July 30, the fashion held and those foods will be sold from at the fair building.

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 en-

gines, entomology, forestry and ge-8 p.m. - Ranch Rodeo ology, fair building. 5-6 p.m. - Sheep and goat weigh-

Rabbits and poultry judging will in, livestock barn.

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

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

6 p.m. - Kids Rodeo entries start.

6:30 p.m. - Kids Rodeo begins. 7:30 p.m. - Entries begin for Ranch

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

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 7-11 p.m. - Home-owned carnival during the fair.

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rides and games.