

Antique engine and thresher show set July 28, 29 and 30

The 58th annual meeting of the Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Association was held March 5 with approximately 30 in attendance.

This year's show dates are July 28, 29 and 30. Entertainment and a meal will be held Friday night at the American Legion Hall. The tractor pull and meal will be Saturday night at the show grounds.

Gate prices for this year's show will be \$20 for membership, \$7 for adult and \$2 children ages 6-14 daily admission. Exhibitors are entitled to one free membership.

A few improvements are planned for the show grounds this year. One project in the works is painting the old schoolhouse.

Any interested vendor can reserve a display area at the show free of charge.

Volunteers to help clean the grounds before and after the show are always welcome.

Association officers elected for this year's show are: president, Lonnie Coon; Goodland, vice president, Ken Beougher; secretary, Chad Hendricks; treasurer, Rod Klepper; all from Bird City. Directors are Norm Dorsch, Brendon Haack, Dennis Wright, Steve Busse and Gary Brubaker.

Mary Dorsch and Lucille Wright are chair people of the sod house, Phyllis and Donna Wright are on the committee. Ann and Bonnie Burr, and Vernetta Haack are thinking up things to do in the sod house.

Dee Dorsch is in charge of the quilt shop.

Church services will be 9 to 9:30 a.m. on July 31.



BRENDON HAACK and his son, Phoenix were among those attending the Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Association meeting on March 5.

Lori and Clayton Janicke will print the articles for the newsletter. The newsletter will be printed in May, so those wanting to submit an article must have them to the Janickes by April 2.

Steam show officers will decide

on who will prepare the meal and what the menu will be. This needs to be decided by April 1.

The Thresher show members are looking forward to another good show and everyone is invited to join in and help out.



AUXILIARY MEMBERS (l to r) Carol Peters, Joy Anderegg, Val Coleman and Wanda Dowdy work on neck coolers at a recent meeting. Not pictured is Hulda Dorsch.

Times staff photo by Norma Martinez.

Neck coolers help soldiers during very hot weather

On March 4, the women of the American Legion Auxiliary met at 9:30 a.m. to work on neck coolers for the Support Our Soldiers (SOS) program. These are pieces of material that are serged on the outside, with four pockets sewn individually, in which they put some magic crystals and then sew the other seam of the pocket. When the soldiers receive them, they can soak these in water until the crystals expand and the pockets bulge.

The first soaking may take as much as 10 minutes. You can then tie the neck cooler around your neck. The crystal will slowly give up their absorbed water and the evaporation of the water should cool you for hours. The neck cooler can be re-soaked and used again and again. It should last about two months before the crystals lose their ability to absorb the water.

There were five ladies who worked on these until it was time for lunch. At that time they took a break and enjoyed a casserole, salad, garlic bread and cheesecake bites and cookies, which was prepared for by Hulda Dorsch. After lunch they got back to work and by that time had finished 35 of these neck coolers.

Mary Dorsch brought some articles to tell about the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary projects in a village that is south of Mexico City. When there was a large American Legion Post there, they had built a school and this school was named after the American Legion. At one time there had been 1500 children, who were orphans, abused, blind or with any other disabilities.

The American Legions had asked for help with this school, and money came in for their many needs. Another job that this American Legion had was to take care of the National Cemetery.

Another article that Mary Dorsch shared with the group was about the YouTube presentation by Kimberly Alyn of "Up Time America." This shows that it is hopeful that good, old-fashioned common sense may just make a comeback. Here's is a small part of what she had to say:

"Ladies and gentlemen, it's time for this country to experience a little "Up" time!" The article followed by a number of phrases such as wake up, speak up, show up, etc. and near the end of the

list was: 'And Remember: DON'T GIVE UP!'"

Then Rose brought some information about Fort Dodge, which is the Soldiers' Home, which is where the American Legion sends Christmas gifts and other items.

Situated on a site once used as a camping ground by wagon trains, today the fort is utilized as a retirement community and nursing facility for retired Kansas veterans. A historic library and self-guided walking tour tell the fort's history to visitors. Many of the original buildings are still in use.

The fort was abandoned in 1882. Eight years later Fort Dodge was decided to the state for use as a soldiers home, and it still serves today as the Kansas Soldiers Home. Several buildings are open to visitors and tours.

Fort Dodge, one of the most important forts on the western frontier, is located to the east of the Caches and present day Dodge City. The fort was established on April 10, 1865 by Captain Henry Pierce, by order of Major General Grenville M. Dodge. The fort's primary purpose was to protect the wagon trains on their way to New Mexico.

In 1867 Fort Dodge was relocated and rebuilt in stone buildings. In 1868 Comanches and Kiowas attacked Fort Dodge, killing four soldiers and wounding 17. As a result, General Philip H. Sheridan came to Fort Dodge and started outfitting his command against the Indians.

The abandonment of Fort Dodge in June, 1882, created surprise among the Dodge City

people who were terrified of the Indian raids.

After its abandonment, part of the buildings were demolished, some removed. The military reservation was transferred to the Interior Department on January 12, 1885 and was converted to the Kansas Soldiers Home in 1889.

The Kansas Soldiers Home now includes a library/museum, a modern intensive nursing home, a recreation center, five residence halls, and 60 cottages. Veterans of the Mexican, Civil, Indian, Spanish-American, Philippines, Boxer Rebellion, World War I, and II, Korean and Vietnam Wars have all been occupants.

Rose also brought pictures to show us of the Home today. This was really interesting and gave us more information about Fort Dodge.

In closing, Hulda read another article by Trish Ward. It said "We need to be part of the solution. Remember how important one is - the power of one. We need to reach out to those, especially the veterans who are in need. Remember Abraham Lincoln said, "Never Say, I Can't."

At the close of the meeting, members enjoyed more cookies as they wrapped the neck coolers in baggies along with the instructions for the neck coolers. All had a feeling of accomplishment for making these today.

Our next meeting will be a luncheon meeting on April 8, with a guest, Karen, from the HUGS PROGRAM, or SOS, who will be here to show us how to make bracelets for the servicemen and women made with wire and yarn.

Couple plan May 21 wedding

Annette Forden and Ryan Schultz of Imperial, Neb., have announced their engagement and May wedding.

Parents of the couple are Randy and Jeanie Forden of Sutherland, Neb., and Larry and Carolyn Schultz of St. Francis.

Annette received her bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of Wyoming. She is employed as an internal accountant at Frenchman Valley Coop.

Ryan received his bachelor's degree in ag business at Fort Hays State University in Hays. He is employed at Frenchman Valley Coop as the grain division manager.

Annette and Ryan have planned a May 21 wedding at the Haythorn Ranch.



Ryan Schultz and Annette Forden

McDonald News By Vera Kacirek

Kenny and Phyllis Wilkinson and Greg and Cheryl Wilkinson were Sunday visitors of J.J. and Lori Denny in Colby to attend a birthday party for Claire Denny on her fourth birthday and also grandpa, Kenny Wilkinson's

birthday. Dick and Cheryl Beamgard of Northville, Mich., were visitors of Joan Tongish from Wednesday to Sunday.

Amelia Banister is still a patient at the Cheyenne County Hospital

in St. Francis.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack McKinney of Owensville, Mo., were visitors of Ray and Marlene Johnson for the Weekend.

On Saturday, 60 members of the Johnson family met at the senior center to help Marlene Johnson celebrate her 80th birthday.

Sunday supper guests of Jerry and Betty Knapp were Lynn and Rita Officer and Barbara and Laurie Krantz.

The children of Jennifer Sabatka and of Jackie Hanson were Monday afternoon visitors of Laddie and Vera Kacirek.

South of McDonald

By Sandy Binning

Ellen Waters is enjoying her spring break at the home of her grandma, Bethel Goltl. Owen Waters is spending his spring break with grandpa, Doug Flemming.

George and Kathy Banister traveled to Salina Friday afternoon and took David Banister and his roommates out to supper. Keith and Elly Anderson joined them for supper also. George and Kathy were

overnight guests of the Andersons.

On Saturday, George and Kathy Banister went on to Topeka and visited Debbie Banister. They were overnight guests of Kathy's sister and husband, Lonnie Martin and Nicole. Sunday George and Kathy drove back to Salina and took David and his roommates to the Hickory Tree for dinner. On their way home they stopped in Quinter to visit Kathy's mom, Laurene Dickman.

We make insurance simple with ONE deductible.

When you experience damage to your home, vehicles and other possessions, you pay **ONE deductible** - no matter how many items are damaged in a single occurrence. For certainty after the storm, you can rely on us.



David L. Browne III
Agent & Commercial Specialist
Farm Bureau Financial Services
550 N. Franklin, Colby, KS 67701
Phone: 785-462-3388
Cell 785-443-3449

FARM BUREAU FINANCIAL SERVICES
Insurance • Investments
www.fbfs.com

Auto | Home | Life | Business | College | Retirement
Securities & services offered through EquiTrust Marketing Services, LLC, 5400 University Ave., West Des Moines, IA 50266, 877/860-2904, Member SIPC, Farm Bureau Property & Casualty Insurance Company.
Western Agricultural Insurance Company, Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company, West Des Moines, IA. Affiliates
Company providers of Farm Bureau Financial Services. © 2010 FBL Financial Group, Inc. MC014 (5-10)

LAND AUCTION

WED., APRIL 13 • 1:30 PM MT

1,360± ACRES YUMA CO., COLO.
DRYLAND AND GRASS

Round House - Wray, Colo.
Seller: Critchfield Investments, LLC

- Tract #1 - 320± ac. Grass
- Tract #2 - 400± ac. Grass
- Tract #3 - 160± ac. Grass
- Tract #4 - 235± ac. Dryland, 5± ac. Grass
- (Buyer receives 1/3 share of 120.3± ac. growing wheat)
- Tract #5 - 80± ac. Dryland
- Tract #6 - 86.7± ac. Dryland, 73.3± ac. Grass
- (Buyer receives 1/3 share of 86.7± ac. growing wheat)

Land is located approx. 15 mi. South & 6 mi. West of Wray, Colo. or 11 mi. North of Idalia, Colo.
Check our website or call for sale bill and maps

SHAY REALTY, Inc.

Serving Colorado, Kansas & Nebraska
Reese W. Shay, Listing Broker • 970-630-5006

www.shayrealty.com

Getting Ready for Spring Sack Sale



2nd Beginnings Thrift Store

Fri., March 18, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sat., March 19, 9 a.m. - noon

309 N. Bird Ave. • Bird City

DIESEL EXHAUST FLUID (DEF)

NEW HOLLAND
AGRICULTURE

FARM RAISED™

In Stock Now

CNH ORIGINAL PARTS



YOUR KEY TO FUEL-SAVING
NEW HOLLAND SCR TECHNOLOGY
FOR TIER 4 ENGINES

Stop by for more information on this new product.

YFS YOST FARM SUPPLY

St. Francis • E. Hwy 36 • 785-332-3351 OR • 1-800-421-3914