



Norman Dorsch is on a 1930 Binder, originally owned by Leo Wilkens then donated to the Thresher Association. The field just south of the Thresher grounds was cut on Wednesday, June 29.

Times photo by Darci Schields

Antique engine show approaches

The Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show, held in Bird City, is quickly coming up and the new queen is mysteriously giving clues to her identity. She will be recognized at the Thursday, July 28, program starting at 1:15 p.m. in front of the grandstand.

Pictured is the queen taken more than 80 years ago. She has lived in Cheyenne County for most of those years.

Watch for more clues and information on her identity in future issues of the *Times* and *The Herald*.

The Thresher Show will be held July 28 through 30 on the Thresher show grounds. Each day is packed with events including the old steam engines on parade. Their drivers will perform the pyramid stunt and steam engine races. There will also be steam engine and thresher talks. The kids will be playing tug-o-war with the small steam engine, there will be the introduction of the Thresher Queen and Princess, along with

the parade of antique cars.

On the grounds is the sod house, country schoolhouse and church which will be open for people to tour. There are buildings full of items from "yesteryear." Depending on the person's interest, a day can be spent in each building, whether it is antique engines, vehicles or the antique rooms of the past.

There is also food. The Country Kitchen is open each day serving hot and cold sandwiches, potato and macaroni salad, baked beans and pie. There is soda, iced tea and lemonade.

For those interested in a bargain, stop by the swap meet. Or, those wanting to bring items to the swap meet can set up a table and there is no charge.

In the July 21 issue of both papers, the Thresher Show special section will be inserted. There will be lots of interesting articles on events, items and happenings to be seen at the 2011 Thresher Show.

Holiday celebration held at park

Sunday at the park and swimming pool was Bird City's day of celebrating the Fourth of July.

Early in the afternoon found only Joseph Augusta learning to roller blade on his brand new skates, and Myron Miller riding his big wheel. Shortly after, Carol Martinez, Anamarie Crespin and Ed Garcia from Westminster Colo., were playing croquet. They were playing while the food was being set up in the picnic area with Willy Martinez, Steve Headrick, Bill and Anna Martinez, and Sabrina Garcia who was visiting from Westminster, Colo.

They just finished eating when Tim Schmid, Ron Wieck and Ian Schmid started cooking 100 hamburgers and 48 hot dogs on the park's big grill. Rhonda Born was inside the shelter house setting up the tables and food for the Living Waters annual Fourth of July picnic and fireworks.

Tia Sager had a team of players playing volleyball in the sand area. She even drew in a few of the young harvesters to help them work off the tension of waiting for the wheat to dry for cutting.

By 2 p.m. the shelter house was full and children were playing on the playground. Candy Glasco estimated around 75 were in attendance for the picnic and fireworks in the park.

After filling up on the hamburgers, hot dogs, and lots of salads, and delicious desserts, Candy Glasco and Glenn Glasco joined the pastor, Terry Glasco and Tiffany along with all the other younger picnickers in a game of dodge ball. The older members sat around and cheered them on. To add to their activity a sky parachute glider passed over the field heading for the crowd at the swimming pool.

The swimming pool was full of all ages cooling off and playing



DO YOU KNOW who the Thresher Queen is?

in the pool. Board members were set up outside the pool cooking hamburgers and hot dogs. All 87 swimmers stayed for the 9 p.m. movie, "Up". They got a late start because Jan Busse and her helpers were having problems getting the sound and projector set up.

Once given the okay to get back in the pool all the young children dived in with their swimming rings and the adults lounged around the pool in their lounge chairs to watch the movie.

While the swimmers were watching the movie, all the park picnickers gathered around the sidewalk in back of the shelter house and watched the fireworks. Living Waters has put these events on for several years and had a very nice fireworks display. There were just enough to get everyone pepped up to attend the display in St. Francis on Monday.

Cancer survivors to be honored

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The cancer survivors participating in the Cheyenne County Relay for Life on July 22 will be honored at a reception. The "survivor birthday celebration" will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Friday, July 15, at the First Christian Church. Refreshments will be served and survivors can pick up their Relay shirts at that time.

For more information about the evening, call Susie Walz at 785-332-3486.

Raise money by bowling
A fund raiser for the Relay will be sponsored by Cheyenne Bowl. A fun evening is planned for Saturday, July 16, and the cost to bowl will be donated to the Relay for Life by Dave and Jenny Wright.

They are asking that people come in for a great evening of fun and help raise money to fight cancer.

Call Pat Rose for more information, 785-332-5348.

Luminarias
There is still time to buy luminarias that will be displayed at dark on Friday, July 22, at Sawhill Park. Contact any committee member, call Tammy Grice, 785-332-2910, or fill out the form in The Saint Francis Herald and send/bring in to the office.

Basket auction
Betty Petersen is asking people to start planning their gift basket which will be auctioned at the Relay for Life walk on July 22. Call her at 785-332-2368 for



more information.

Relay for Life activities July 22

People are asked to mark July 22 on their calendar and join the activities in the park for a community barbecue starting at 6 p.m. The barbecue is sponsored by Captain Hook's and the Hobo Snack Shack, operated by Jim and Pam Bolin. The Shriners will have their Candy Wagon stocked with supplies for cotton candy, soda, popcorn and snow cones.

The survivor's lap begins at 7 p.m. followed by the caregiver's lap, and then the teams begin walking around the track through the night to the dawn. Dawn is the symbol of the awful journey cancer victims follow, by walking to the dawn and their cure.

Entertainment will be presented in the band shell, along with the local basket auction and the luminaria service which will be held at dark.

Don't miss this moving ceremony and the evening of fund raising for a cure for cancer, said Betty Loudon, committee member.

Reading program starts at library

The Summer Reading Program at the library is an exciting time for students. The theme is "One World, Many Stories."

The program is open to ages preschool to fourth grade. The four-week session will begin Monday, July 11, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

The program will end Aug. 1 with books, treats and games featuring a Mexican theme. During

the journey, countries visited will be Africa, China and Mexico.

Each week stories from the countries will be read in addition to doing crafts or playing games.

Snacks will also be enjoyed. Jessie Smith, a junior at Cheylin High School, will be the program leader and is planning a fun-filled hour for all participants.

Young students are encouraged to attend.

Swim meet results

The fourth swim meet of the season took place in Benkelman on Saturday, June 25. Three Cheylin swimmers participated with Tia Sager earning first place ribbons in both the butterfly and the backstroke.

The qualifying meet for this year will take place at Imperial, Neb., on Saturday.

The results from Benkelman follow.

Diana Garcia, 11/12 girls, backstroke, 47.83, third; breaststroke, 52.32, second; short free, 44.19, sixth.

Trent Howard, 8-and-under boys, breaststroke, 53.83, second; short free 38.44, eighth.

Tia Sager, 19-and-over girls, butterfly, 41.65, first; backstroke, 42.89, first; breaststroke, 47.02, second.



CHECKING OUT THE FIREWORKS — (l to r) Ian Smith, Kenneth Glasco and Myron Miller decide which one looks like the best one.

Times staff photo by Norma Martinez

