

Who is she?

Who is the 2012 Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show Queen? Her identity will be revealed at 1:15 p.m. on Thursday, July 26, in front of the grandstand on the show grounds. Until then, each week, the Bird City Times and The Saint Francis Herald will have clues to her identity. The first clue appeared last week.

Each year, a committee selects a woman whose identity remains a mystery until the day of her crowning, which is on the first day of the show.

People like to see if they can guess who she is, said Phyllis Wright, one of the Queen Committee.

This year's queen said she was about 13 years old when she went to work for a family who were expecting a new baby. It was harvest time, she said, and the mother wasn't very well.

And, she said, I helped cook and helped with the laundry and the care of their three children. I remember the lady of the house always insisted that they take a rest in the afternoon since they got up around 5 a.m. to prepare breakfast for the harvesters.

"I didn't argue," the queen said.

I had several jobs similar to that one, she said, and I always welcomed the opportunity to go help because it meant making money. She noted that she earned around \$3 a week.

Some of her hard-earned money was spent one time when she was allowed to go to Goodland. "I purchased my first pair of white shoes," she said.

There will be another clue located in next week's issues of the Bird City Times and The Saint Francis Herald.



The 59th Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show will be held July 26 through 28 at the thresher show grounds east of Bird City. Last year's queen, Vernetta Haack, will present a doll dressed in similar attire as what she wore at her crowning. Her doll will be among 38 dolls on display at the Eggers "8" Museum.

The week of July 23, the Thresher Show special section will be inserted in the Times Herald. will be full of information and history of the show. Be sure to check out this special section.

Doctor receives award for teaching

Dr. John Dorsch of Derby was among six University of Kansas faculty members who were honored for outstanding work in the classroom during the 2011-12 academic year with distinguished teaching awards during commencement ceremonies on May 13 in Lawrence.

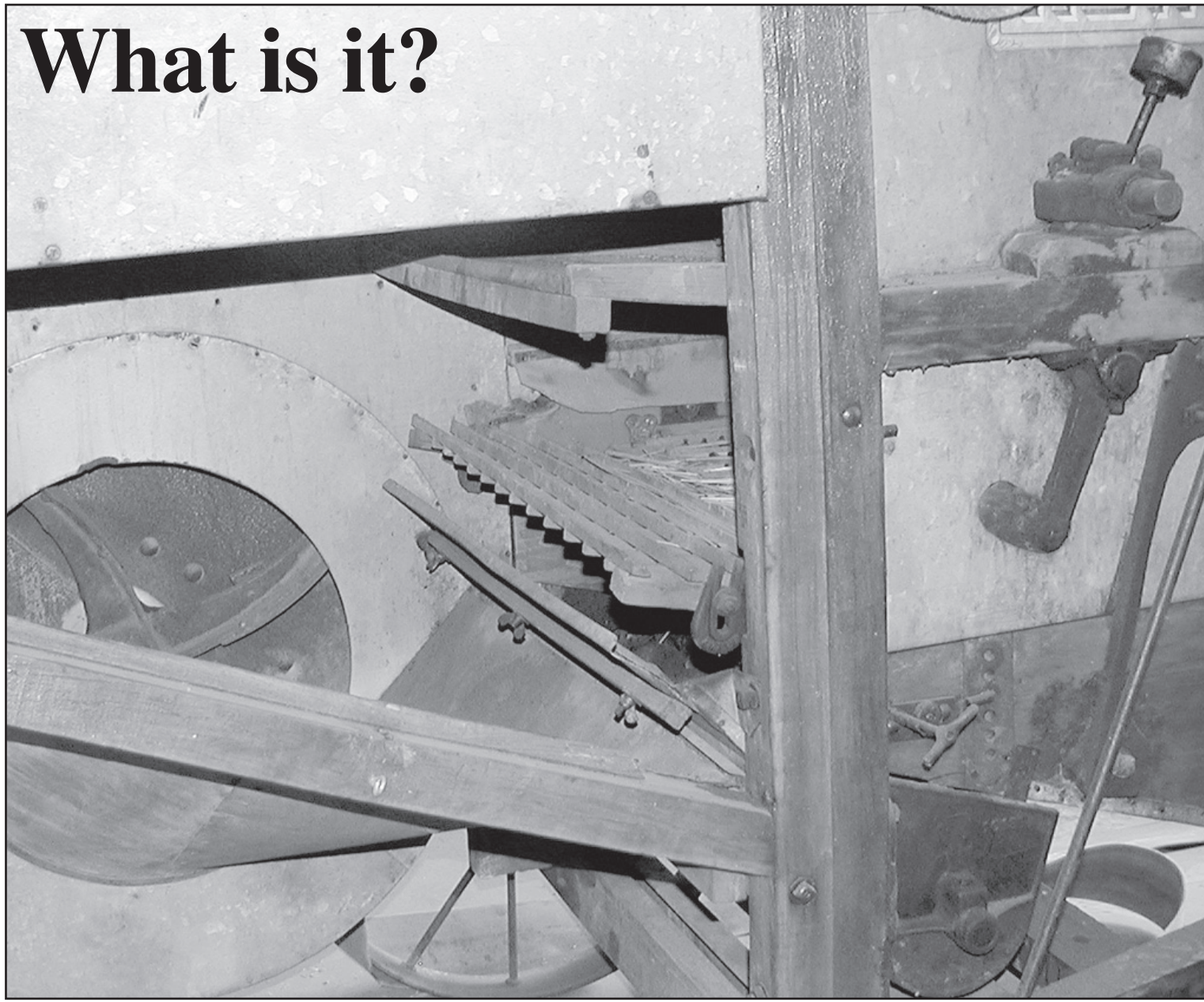
Dr. Dorsch was awarded the Chancellor's Award for Outstanding Classroom Teaching. It annually honors faculty from the KU Medical Center for excellence in teaching and two others also received the award.

Dr. Dorsch earned his medical degree at KU and completed his

family medicine residency at Wesley Medical Center in 1982. He entered private practice in Hays and as a volunteer community faculty member, he hosted KU medical students for their rural preceptor-ships.

Dr. Dorsch left private practice in 1988 to become a career medical educator at KU's School of Medicine-Wichita in the Family Medicine Residency Program at Vin Christi-St. Joseph Medical Center. Since 1999, he has been a family and community medicine associate professor, focusing on medical student education.

What is it?



WHAT IS IT? Norm Dorsch is working on it and will have it up and running in time for the 59th Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher show, set for July 26-28 at the show grounds

east of Bird City. This piece of machinery will be featured in the Thresher Show special section inserted in next week's Bird City Times.

Times staff photo by Norma Martinez.

Antique thresher show begins July 26

The Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher show begins Thursday, July 26, at the thresher show grounds east of Bird City. The show will wind down Sunday with church service at 9 a.m. at the Neville Church on the grounds.

Through Saturday visitors 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 at 1:15

on Thursday and she will be crowned. The 2011 Thresher Queen, Vernetta Haack, will retire and her doll will be displayed in the Eggers Building with the other former queen dolls. The princess, Stephanie Busse, will be on hand throughout the show to throw in the first bundle of wheat to be threshed.

On Friday, the Heart City Heart Warmers will be entertaining in the park following the Walking Taco meal at the Legion hall (see related article elsewhere). The Cheylin Golf Team will be serving a meal starting at 5 p.m. on Saturday. The antique tractor pull will start at

6:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Activities

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

People are welcome to visit the many buildings filled with articles used in the past. There will be demonstrations, new items to see and other activities. The swap meet will be held on the grounds. This is an attraction that draws collectors looking for certain items.

Visit the buildings

The Thresher Show special

section will be inserted in the Bird City Times and The Saint Francis Herald next week. It is being delivered to subscribers throughout the United States. Extra copies will be available.

The president of the Threshers Association is Lonnie Coon, vice president is Ken Beougher; Darci Schields, secretary and Rod Klepper, treasurer. They have been working with the many volunteers who make the Thresher show a success each year.

For more information, contact Lonnie at 785-890-3514 or Ken, 785-332-4822.

Blood donors needed

American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, July 25, at the Immanuel United Methodist Church,

111 W. Bressler, Bird City. Go online to redcrossblood.org or call 800-733-2767 to schedule an appointment.

Needed rain brings relief to crops, firemen

This year's dry weather brought an early harvest to Cheyenne County. Farmers were elated with the wheat crop yields. The dry hot weather was hurting the dry-land farmers and the last two week's temperatures in the 100s were stressful to those irrigating. Last Saturday's rain was welcomed not only for the crops and farmers but for the fire fighters who have been kept busy putting out fires.

This rain was just what was needed, is the talk around town.

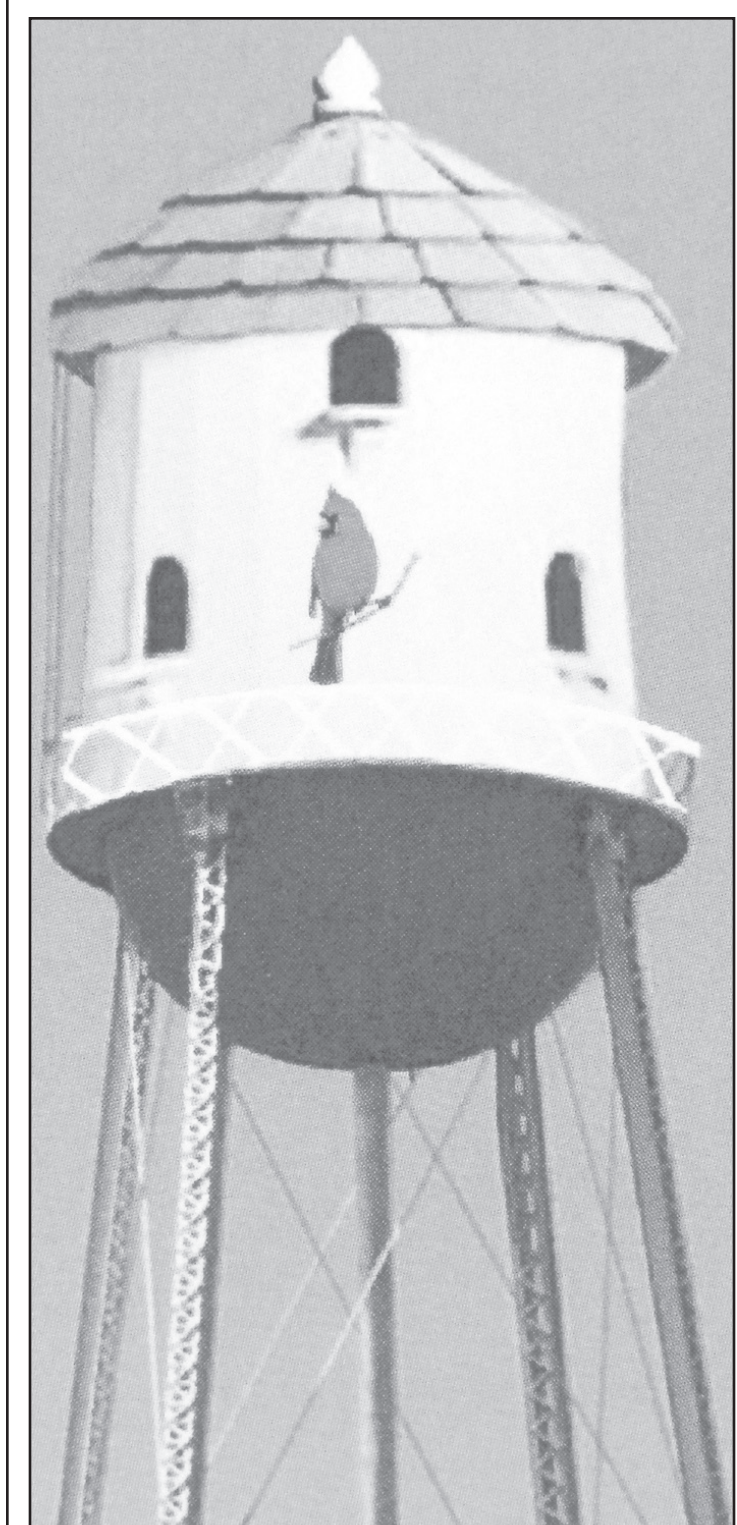
No one seems to know just when the rain first appeared in Bird City. Reports were it was raining hard in Castle Rock, Colo., at 5 p.m., in Brighton, Colo. at 8 p.m. and St. Francis at 9 p.m. At 2 a.m. the sky was lightning from all directions, the ground was still dry and the storm appeared to have passed by Bird City. However, by early Sunday morning, it was raining in a nice steady flow, enough that puddles were accumulating.

Surveying the local rural residents gave varied measurements in rain gages.

Dick Bursch from the southwest reported 3-inches rain, Robert Jensen from the southeast, 1.30 inches, Kent Voorhies from the east central part of the county had 2.7 inches, Hal Antholz from the northeast 1.20 inches, Steve Busse from the southwest 1.80 inches and Ed Carson off of East U.S. 36 had 1.5 inches. Unverified reports were Jim Banister and John Waters had 3 inches.



CAROL MARTINEZ was checking her garden from the recent rain. It was just what her watermelon needed, but drowned her cucumbers.



PICTURED is one of the proposed drawings for the Bird City water tower.