



ANNUAL THRESHER SHOW TUG-OF-WAR is enjoyed by young and old.

More thresher show stories told –

Model nears completion

Dennis Padon from Norton was displaying his 85-percent completed model of a 1913 Case steam engine in the office building. He first constructed 56 patterns from wood and then cut these pieces out of iron and copper. They are intricately screwed and bolted together just as the large scale would be.

Padon says he has spent two years in constructing the steam engine this far, and has the hardest part behind him. What he has left is to construct the boiler and parts to make the steam engine run. It will run up to 100 pounds, on regular coal just as a regular steam engine runs.

His plans are to have it completed and ready for his grandchildren to drive next year at the 60th steam engine show.

BRANDAN HAACK is looking at the copper and cast iron model Case 1913 Steam engine made by Dennis Paden.



Piano tuned up

The Gulbransen player piano located in the Eggers Building was not working last year. Rod Klepper located Jere De Backer with Jere's Player Piano Company in Denver, Colo. to rebuild the parts that were worn out.

Rod removed the layer action from the piano and took it to Jere's shop in Denver, Colo. With just the layer action Mr. De Backer was able to completely rebuild the bellows, air motor and replaced all the hoses and several gaskets.

Without even seeing the piano, he brought the parts on Wednesday evening and completely cleaned the piano parts remaining in the piano, and inserted the new parts. With a few adjustments the piano was working and Gerald and Don Wright entertained those in the area of the museum for a-half hour twice a day.

The player piano is on loan to the museum by the Maynard Wright family who originally purchased it new in the 1920s.



HAYES BRESSLER, Happy, Texas, (above) was one of the tractor pull contestants and he was determined to win. Left, Jere De Backer, repaired and tuned the old player piano owned by the Maynard Wright family.

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Bird City men selected as fair parade marshals

Norm Dorsch and Ken Beougher are the 2012 Cheyenne County Fair Parade Marshals on Saturday. The parade starts at 10 a.m. going west down St. Francis' Main Street and they will be in a 1925 Model T convertible.

Norm said he has attended the parade since 1927, missing two years, 1944 and 1945, when he was in the service. He is best known for riding in the Shriner's antique fire truck.

Ken has been going to the fair parade since 1956. He always escorted the Thresher Queen through the parade in his Model T.

The Model T was restored by Finney Jones, Ken's father-in-law. Finney gave it to his grandson, Dr. Tim Beougher but he allows Ken to use it.

They both noted that they were honored by being chosen as the parade marshals and are especially glad they will be at the head of the parade.



CHECK THEM OUT! Norm Dorsch, left, and Ken Beougher are the 2012 Cheyenne County Fair Marshals and will lead the fair parade on Saturday.